

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination  
(OAHHP use only)

OAHHP1403  
Rev. 9/98

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

- Determined Eligible – National Register
- Determined Not Eligible – National Register
- Determined Eligible – State Register
- Determine Not Eligible – State Register
- Need Data
- Contributes to eligible National Register District
- Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5SM.1568/THAS.204&205**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Unknown**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Debivort House**
- 7. Building Address: **460 W. Colorado Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Lawrence and Susan Debivort  
PO BOX 3656  
Telluride, CO 81435**

Parcel number(s):

<b>456536319005</b>



<b>THLD RATING:</b>	<b>Primary - Contributing to District Sheds - Contributing to District</b>
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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**  
**SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 036**
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **252655 mE** **4202467 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 26, Block 5**  
 Addition: **West Telluride Addition** Year of addition: **1891**
13. Boundary description and justification:  
**This legally defined parcel encompasses, but does not exceed, the land historically associated with this property.**  
 Metes and bounds?: Describe:

## III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **L-Shaped Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **Length: 48 feet x Width: 25 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Weatherboard**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features:  
**Porch**  
**Chimney**  
**Balcony**
21. General architectural description:  
**The historic dwelling at 460 W. Colorado Avenue consists of three components: the original, ca. 1891, 1.5-story, rectangular-shaped, wood frame dwelling, which measures 24' N-S (deep) by 16.5' E-W (across); a circa 1906, one-story, shed-roofed addition to the rear of the original dwelling, which measures 14' E-W by 24 N-S'; and a more modern, circa 1986, one-story, shed-roofed addition built onto the rear of the earlier addition. The original house is supported by a (probably non-historic) concrete foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with painted pale green horizontal weatherboard siding, with painted dark green 1" by 4" corner boards. A painted dark green 1" by 8" board, topped by a painted burgundy color wood water table, separates the concrete foundation from the weatherboard siding. The original house is covered by a steeply-pitched front gable roof, with red metal roofing material, and with painted green boxed eaves. A distinctive gable ornament is located in the façade's upper gable end, and a red brick chimney is located on the roof ridge. Two non-historic skylights are located at the south end of the west-facing roof slope. The house features an asymmetrical façade which is set back a short distance from the front sidewalk which parallels West Colorado Avenue on the north elevation. A painted pale pink wood-paneled door, with a transom light, enters the west end of the façade from a small 2-step wood porch. The porch is flanked by low wood railings and is covered by a gable hood with knee brace supports. Two, narrow, 1/1 double-hung sash windows penetrate the façade's first story wall to the east of the entry porch. A set of paired 1/1 double-hung sash windows penetrate the upper half story on the façade. All of the façade's windows feature painted dark green wood frames and surrounds, and painted burgundy wood cornices. Another set of paired 1/1 double-hung sash windows penetrates the upper gable end of the original dwelling on the south (rear) elevation**

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(overlooking the additions). The west (side) elevation is penetrated by: a narrow single-light fixed-pane window, a small 6-light window, and a small single-light window. The east (side) elevation is penetrated by a single-light fixed-pane window. A non-historic wood deck, topped by a balcony, has been built onto the rear elevation. A glass-in-wood-frame door enters the modern addition from the deck.

22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**  
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the south side of West Colorado Avenue, in the block between Aspen and Townsend Streets.**
24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

<b>Shed (THAS #204)</b>
A gabled shed is located directly behind the dwelling. This wood-frame structure measures approximately 8' N-S by 10' E-W. It is supported by a wood timbers on grade foundation, and its exterior walls are made of unpainted vertical wood planks. It is covered by a steeply-pitched gable roof, with rusticated corrugated metal roofing material laid over 1x wood decking. Circa 1960s or 1970s era, painted white bargeboard appears in the upper gable end on the east elevation. A 6-light window with a painted green wood frame penetrates the east elevation. A 6-light window with a painted white wood frame penetrates the west elevation. A small shuttered window opening is located in the upper gable end on the west elevation.
<b>Shed (THAS 205)</b>
Another shed is located behind (south) of the gabled shed. This small utilitarian structure measures approximately 8' N-S by 10' E-W, is supported by a wood timbers on grade foundation, and has unpainted vertical wood plank walls. It is covered by a shed roof, with corrugated metal roofing material laid over plywood and 1x wood decking. A painted turquoise color wood-paneled door enters this shed on its east elevation. A vertically-oriented single-light window, with a painted turquoise wood frame, also penetrates the east elevation.

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1891** Actual:  
 Source of information: **Sanborn Insurance maps, October 1890 and February 1893; San Miguel County Assessor records; Telluride Historical Museum plaque.**
26. Architect: **Unknown**  
 Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder: **Unknown**  
 Source of information: **N/A**
28. Original owner: **Unknown**  
 Source of information: **N/A**

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29. Construction history:

**Sanborn Insurance maps indicate that the original 1.5-story front-gabled portion of this dwelling was built between 1890 and 1893. Later Sanborn maps reveal that the historic shed-roofed addition to the south elevation was built onto the rear of the original building between 1904 and 1908. San Miguel County Assessor records indicate that the more modern addition to the south (rear) elevation dates to 1986. The two sheds on this property are not depicted on the (most recent) 1922 Sanborn map - at least not in their present locations. The 1922 map does depict a shed at the rear southwest corner of the property, however, which could be either one of these two sheds. Both of the sheds appear quite old and probably date from the period of significance for the Telluride National Historic Landmark district.**

30. Original location:  Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of move(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**  
 32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**  
 33. Current use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**  
 34. Site type(s): **Single family dwelling**

35. Historical background:

**By February of 1893, only five houses had been built on this block (Block 5, West Telluride Addition) facing onto West Colorado Avenue. These were: 424 W. Colorado Avenue, on Lot 34 (5SM.1563); 430 W. Colorado Avenue, on Lot 33 (5SM.1564); a small dwelling with a deep setback on Lot 31 (no longer extant); the original portion of this dwelling at 460 W. Colorado Avenue, on Lot 26 (5SM.1568); and a small log dwelling with a deep set back on Lot 22 (also no longer extant). Information regarding the families and individuals who lived in these homes beginning in the early 1890s has not been uncovered.**

36. Sources of information:

**San Miguel County Assessor records.**

**San Miguel County Commercial Property Appraisal Record.**

**Sanborn Insurance maps, August 1886, October 1890, February 1893, December 1899, July 1904, November 1908, October 1922.**

**Simmons, Laurie and Whitacre, Christine. Historic Building Inventory Record, May 1986.**

**Telluride Museum Digital Photo Collection: <http://www.telluridemuseum.org>**

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### VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation:    Yes            No     Date of designation:

Designating authority:

38. Applicable National Register criteria:

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history;

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguished entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

Telluride Standards for Designation:

7-505.A.1.    The structure is representative of a unique historical social activity of an era

7-505.A.2.    The structure dominates the neighborhood by virtue of its mass, architecture or location

7-505.A.3.    The structure was an historically or architecturally important public building

7-505.A.4.    The structure has a unique historical significance beyond a local level

7-505.A.5.    The parcel was the site of an important historic event or activity

7-505.A.6.    The structure has a "contributing or qualified contributing" rating on the THAS

39. Area(s) of significance:                    **Architecture, Settlement**

40. Period of significance:                    **1878-1913**

41. Level of significance:    National:                        State:                    Local:

42. Statement of significance:

**This house is architecturally significant as a good representative example of an early 1890s 1½-story vernacular wood frame dwelling, albeit with a small loss of integrity. The house is also historically significant for its association with Telluride's residential development beginning in the early 1890s. Probably built in 1891 (the same year the West Telluride Addition was platted), this house is representative of Telluride's residential growth west of the downtown commercial district during the mining boom years of the 1890s. The primary structure and both sheds should be considered a "contributing" resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark district.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This property displays a reasonably high standard of physical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation - setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The integrity of the original building is somewhat impacted by a 1986 rear addition. A sense of time and place of an 1890s, late Victorian-era, wood frame dwelling remains largely in evidence, however.**

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### VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Individually Eligible**  
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible / Contributing to District**
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes  No
- Discuss: **This property is located within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.**
- If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing Noncontributing N/A:
46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing  Noncontributing N/A:

### VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

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|---------------------------|---|---------------|---|
| 47. Photograph number(s): | <b>CD #5, Images 54-63</b>                                | CDs filed at: | <b>Town of Telluride</b>                    |
| 48. Report title:         | <b>Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures</b> |               | <b>Planning and Building<br/>Department</b> |
| 49. Date(s):              | <b>06/30/2007; revised 4/10/2012</b>                      |               | <b>113 West Columbia Avenue</b>             |
| 50. Recorder(s):          | <b>Carl McWilliams<br/>Timothy Wilder</b>                 |               | <b>Telluride, CO 81435</b>                  |
| 51. Organization:         | <b>Cultural Resource Historians</b>                       |               |   |
| 52. Address:              | <b>Dogwood Court<br/>Fort Collins, CO 80525</b>           |               |   |
| 53. Phone number(s):      | <b>(970) 493-5270</b>                                     |               |   |

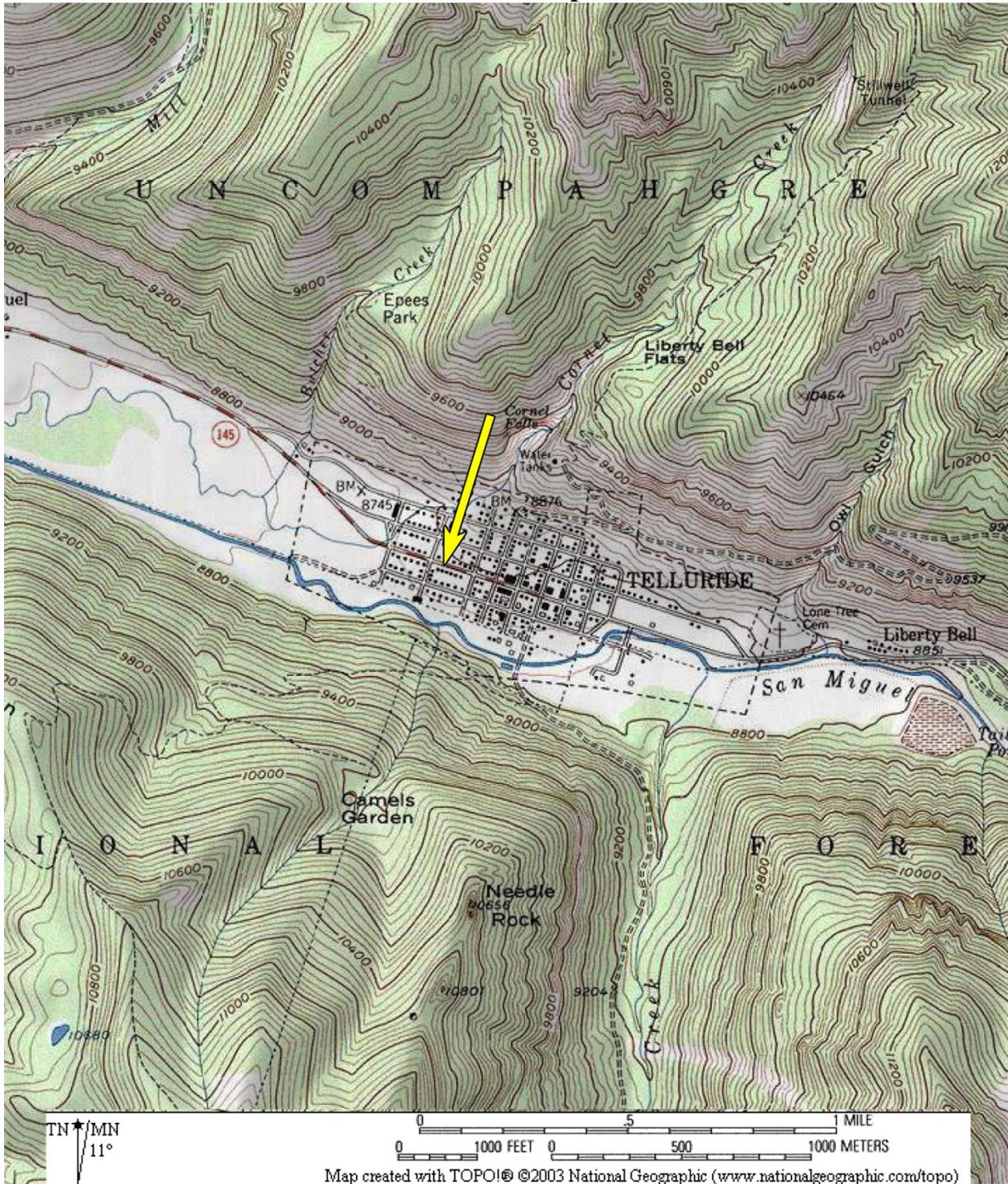
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## Sketch Map



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## Location Map



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