

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination  
(OAHF use only)

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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.1581/THAS32**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Unknown**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Schmeltz House**
- 7. Building Address: **569 W. Colorado Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Schmeltz Family Trust  
P.O. Box 3857  
Telluride, CO 81435**

Parcel number(s):

<b>456536315015</b>



THLD RATING:

Primary - Contributing to District  
Shed - Contributing to District

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### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**  
**NW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 036**
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **252492 mE** **4202590 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 17, 18, Block 9**  
 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): **Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **Length: 40 feet x Width: 23 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch**  
**Chimney**  
**Roof Treatment/Dormer**  
**Window/Segmental Arch**
21. General architectural description:  
**This 1.5-story, rectangular-shaped, brick masonry dwelling measures 45.5' N-S (deep) by 23' E-W (across). It is supported by a low coursed sandstone foundation, and its solid red brick walls are laid in running bond. The corners feature decorative brickwork, creating a quoining effect. The house is covered by a steeply-pitched hip roof, with metal roofing material, and with painted white boxed eaves. A large gable dormer, with a set of paired 9-light casement windows, overlooks the façade on the south elevation. There are two red brick chimneys: one is located near the rear of the east-facing roof slope; the other is located just below the ridge on the west-facing slope. The front entry door enters the house from the front porch near the west end of the façade. This is a painted yellow with white trim wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, a transom light, and a segmental brick arch header. The full-width front porch measures 5' N-S by 23' E-W, and is recessed under the front eave of the house's hip roof. The porch is approached by three concrete steps, and features a tongue-in-groove wood floor, an open wood railing, turned columns and engaged columns, decorative brackets, and a wooden frieze. A large single-hung sash window, with a painted white wood frame, a sandstone lugsill, and a segmental brick arch, overlooks the porch to the east of the entry door. Windows elsewhere are predominantly 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames, sandstone lugsills, and segmental brick arches. A painted yellow glass-in-wood-frame door, with a transom light and a segmental brick arch, enters the north (rear) elevation from a wood deck.**

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22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**  
 Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

**This property is located on the north side of Colorado Avenue in the block between Townsend and Davis Streets, near the west end of the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

<b>Shed (THAS #32)</b>
A shed which measures approximately 12' by 10' is located adjacent to the alley at the rear northwest corner of the property. This structure has a high stone-faced foundation, above the foundation, its exterior walls are clad with horizontal wood siding. The shed is covered by an intersecting hip and gable roof, with rolled red asphalt roofing material laid over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. Two plywood or diagonal wood plank doors are located on the east elevation. A single-light fixed-pane window penetrates the south elevation. A shuttered window opening is located on the north elevation.

## IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1902** Actual:

Source of information: **San Miguel County Assessor records; Sanborn Insurance maps.**

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**

29. Construction history:

**San Miguel County Assessor records list 1902 as this house's year of construction. This house and another brick house next door to the west were likely built at the same time and by the same builder. The shed at the rear of the property was erected by members of the Schmeltz family in the early 1970s.**

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**

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35. Historical background:

**The West Telluride Addition was platted in 1891, and by 1900, houses had been built on most lots in this block on the north side of West Colorado Avenue. Some lots near the west end of the block were not developed until after the turn of the twentieth century, however. San Miguel County Assessor records indicate that this brick residence at 571 W. Colorado Avenue, and the adjacent brick residence at 569 W. Colorado Avenue (SSM.1581) were both built in 1902. Information regarding the two dwellings was not uncovered in online issues of the *Telluride Daily Journal* from the early 1900s. Both of these residences have been owned by Herbert and Margaret Schmeltz since the 1970s.**

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>**

### 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:                    **N/A**

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

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42. Statement of significance:

**This house is historically significant for its association with Telluride's residential development beginning just after the turn of the twentieth century. It is also architecturally significant for its late Victorian-era architectural characteristics, including its brick construction, and for such details as its segmental brick arched doors and windows, its tall brick chimney, and its front porch columns, railing and frieze.. The primary residence and the shed, therefore, rates as 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. There have been no additions to the original dwelling, although the large dormer overlooking the façade may not be original. A non-historic skylight is located just below the ridge on the north-facing roof slope. Overall, a sense of time and place of an early twentieth century brick dwelling remains largely intact. As a result, this house contributes to the historic character of the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.**

## 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

47. Photograph number(s):	<b>CD #5, Images 133-137</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 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 Timothy Wilder</b>		<b>Telluride, CO 81435</b>
51. Organization:	<b>Cultural Resource Historians</b>		
52. Address:	<b>Dogwood Court 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

