

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination (OAH 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.1580/THAS.36**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Unknown**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Schmeltz Family Trust House**
- 7. Building Address: **571 W Colorado Ave**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Schmeltz Family Trust  
P.O. Box 3857  
Telluride, CO 81435**

Parcel number(s):

<b>456536315014</b>



THLD RATING:

Primary - Contributing to District  
Barn/Carriage House - 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** **252483 mE** **4202593 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 19, 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: 45 feet x Width: 22 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch**  
**Chimney**  
**Window/Segmental Arch**  
**Roof Treatment/Dormer**
21. General architectural description:  
**This 1.5-story brick masonry dwelling measures 40' N-S (deep) by 22' E-W (across). Not included in these dimensions is a one-story, 5' by 8', enclosed rear porch which covers the east end of the north elevation. The house is supported by a coursed sandstone foundation, and its solid red brick walls are laid in running bond. A belt course of two projecting stretcher courses is at the level of the first story window sills. The front-gable roof is steeply-pitched, and is covered with green metal roofing material. The eaves are boxed, with painted white wood trim, and there is a shed-roofed dormer on the east-facing roof slope. There are two brick chimneys: one, with a corbelled cap, is located near the north end of the roof ridge; the other is on the east-facing roof slope. The house features an asymmetrical façade which faces toward Colorado Avenue on the south elevation. A painted green wood-paneled front door, with one upper sash light, a transom light, a dentil course, and a floral swag, enters the house beneath a segmental brick arch. The façade also features a nearly full-width open front porch with an open wood railing with turned balusters, turned columns, a spindle frieze, and a low-pitched hip roof. A large 1/1 single-hung sash window, with a sandstone lugsill and a segmental brick arch, overlooks the porch to the east of the entry door. Windows elsewhere are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash, with sandstone lugsills, segmental brick arches, and with painted white wood frames. The enclosed single-story rear porch features painted white horizontal weatherboard walls and a hip roof. A synthetic storm door enters the enclosed porch from a wood plank 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>Barn/ Carriage House (THAS #36)</b>
<b>A historic two-story, wood-frame, barn/carriage house structure is located adjacent to the alley at the rear of the property. This building includes a main two-story section, and a low one story extension to the east elevation. The main two-story section has board-and-batten exterior walls, and a steeply-pitched front gable roof covered with green metal roofing material. A wood deck, with a balcony above, is located on the south elevation. A solid wood door, with one upper sash light, enters the building from the deck. Two vertically-oriented single-light fixed-pane windows penetrate the west elevation. A vertical wood plank, horizontal sliding, garage door (with historic hardware still intact) faces the alley on the north elevation. A non-historic single-light fixed-pane window is centered above the horizontal sliding door, where the hayloft door was traditionally located. The low shed-roofed extension to the east elevation is clad with corrugated metal.</b>

## 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. Both the house and barn/carriage house are depicted on the 1922 Sanborn Insurance map. There have been no additions to either building.**

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 (5SM.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:

**Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection. <http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>.**

***Telluride Daily Journal*, September 9, 1899, p. 2.**

**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

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39. Area(s) of significance: **Architecture**  
**Community Planning and Development**  
**Settlement**
40. Period of significance: **1902; 1902-1957**
41. Level of significance: National:  State: Local:

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, and for its brick construction, and for the fine craftsmanship shown in the details of its construction. This property may be considered individually eligible for inclusion in the National and State Registers, and both the primary and barn/carriage house rate as a "contributing" resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This property displays a 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 either the house or barn, and only minimal exterior alterations to either building as well. This property clearly contributes to the historic character of the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.**

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## VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **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:

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## VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph number(s): **CD #5, Images 125-132** CDs filed at: **Town of Telluride**
48. Report title: **Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures** **Planning and Building**  
**Department**
49. Date(s): **07/31/2007; revised 4/10/2012** **113 West Columbia Avenue**
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams** **Telluride, CO 81435**  
**Timothy Wilder**
51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**
52. Address: **Dogwood Court**  
**Fort Collins, CO 80525**
53. Phone number(s): **(970) 493-5270**

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## Sketch Map



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## Location Map

