

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: **5SM1756**
- 2. Temporary resource number:
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Western Federation of Miners Hospital**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Western Federation of Miners Hospital**
- 7. Building Address: **107 W Columbia Ave**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Nemours Owners**

Parcel number(s):	456536415014
	456536415013
	456536415012
	456536415011
	456536415010
	456536415015
	456536415019



THLD RATING:	Contributing to District
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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**
 ¼ of ¼ of ¼ of ¼ of Section **1**
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **253059 mE** **4202482 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 9, 11, Block 24**
 Addition: **Miners Union Condo Subdivision** Year of addition:
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: 53 feet x Width: 43 feet**
16. Number of stories: **2 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Wood Roof/Shingle Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Porch**
Chimney
Roof Treatment/Dormer
Roof Treatment/Decorative Cornice
Window/Segmental Arch
21. General architectural description:
The Western Federation of Miners Hospital is a prominent 2.5-story brick building located at the northwest corner of Columbia Avenue and Pine Street. The building is supported by a high unpainted coursed sandstone foundation, its walls are made of red brick laid in running bond, and it is covered by a steeply-pitched hip roof. A stained brown wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, enters the basement level four steps below grade near the north end of the east elevation. Another stained brown wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light and with a transom light, enters the basement level four steps below grade near the east end of the south elevation. The steps to this basement entry are covered by shed roof supported by short Tuscan columns. Nine concrete steps, beneath a shed-roof covering, descend to another basement-level entry door on the west elevation. The north elevation foundation wall is penetrated by two 1/1 double-hung sash basement windows; the east elevation foundation wall is penetrated by three 1/1 double-hung sash basement windows; the south elevation foundation wall is penetrated by four 1/1 double-hung sash basement windows, including two windows partially hidden behind the front porch steps; the west elevation foundation wall is penetrated by two 1/1 double-hung sash basement windows and a single-light basement window. The building's red brick walls are laid in running bond, with brick quoining at the corners, and with three projecting brick belt courses respectively located at the levels of the first and second story window sills and at the top of the wall surface just below the cornice. The steeply-pitched hipped roof is covered with wood shingles, and it is accented by a painted cream

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white wood cornice with modillions, a dentil course and recessed panels. Two hip-roofed dormers are located on the east-facing roof slope, while single hip-roofed dormers are respectively located on the south, north, and west-facing roof slopes. Each of these dormers features a set of paired 1/1 double-hung sash windows, square-cut wood shingle wall cladding, and a dentil course. A red brick chimney extends through the dormer on the north-facing roof slope. The traditional primary entry into the building faces toward Columbia Avenue on the south elevation. Here, a set of paired stained brown wood-paneled doors, each with one upper sash light and a transom light, enter the building from within an open rounded-arch front brick entryway, with a sandstone keystone and springers. These doors also feature painted cream white wood-paneled surrounds, and the transom lights are topped by a dentil course. The front entryway is located well above street level, and is accessed by an 11-step concrete porch with low sandstone knee walls, two painted cream white Tuscan columns, and a gable porch roof with a dentil course beneath the eaves. The words "MINERS UNION" in block letters appear in the porch roof's upper gable end. A shed-roofed covering adjacent to the front porch is partially supported by one other painted cream white Tuscan column. A painted cream white wood-paneled door enters the building near the south end of the west elevation. Another painted cream white wood-paneled door, topped by a transom light beneath a segmental brick arch, enters the building near the south end of the west elevation. Originally a window, this door enters the building from a 10-step wood porch with an open wood railing, slender Tuscan columns, and a gable porch roof. A black metal fire escape staircase is located on the north elevation. The building's windows are symmetrically arranged, and feature segmental brick arches with sandstone keystones and springers, painted cream white wood frames, and sandstone lugsills. Two sets of paired 1/1 double-hung sash windows and one set of paired single-light fixed-pane windows penetrate the south elevation's first story. Directly above these windows, two sets of paired 1/1 double-hung sash windows and a set of paired single-light fixed-pane windows penetrate the south elevation's second story. The north elevation wall is penetrated by three 1/1 double-hung sash first story windows and three 1/1 double-hung sash second story windows directly above. The east elevation wall is penetrated by three 1/1 double-hung sash first story windows and four 1/1 double-hung sash second story windows. The west elevation wall is penetrated by four 1/1 double-hung sash first story windows and four 1/1 double-hung sash second story windows directly above.

22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian/Italianate**
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features: **The Western Federation of Miners Hospital building is located at the northwest corner of Columbia Avenue and Pine Street in Telluride. The building occupies a large lot, with a planted grass lawn wall to the east and south sides of the building. A sandstone retaining wall parallels the sidewalks along Columbia Avenue and Pine Street, with narrow grass strips between the sidewalk and the curb. The Rebekah Hall Town Hall Annex is located to the west of this building.**
24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **N/A**

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IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

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

Source of information: ***Telluride Journal, June 26, 1902***

26. Architect: **Dr. E.D. Allen**

Source of information: ***Telluride Journal, October 16, 1902***

27. Builder: **Western Federation of Miners Union**

Source of information: ***Telluride Journal, October 16, 1902***

28. Original owner: **Western Federation of Miners**

Source of information: ***Telluride Journal, October 16, 1902***

29. Construction history:

This building was constructed by the Western Federation of Miners in 1902, at a cost of \$12,000. Excavation work for the basement was begun in early November 1901, and the building was completed during the summer of 1902.

On June 26, 1902, the *Telluride Journal* reported:

"The walls of the Miners Union Hospital are practically finished and the roof timbers are being placed today. When completed the structure will be a showy and substantial one."

On October 16, 1902, the Journal reported extensively on the newly completed building in an article which began:

"The Journal presents today a very intelligent cut of the new Miners Union Hospital." According to this article, Dr. E. D. Allen prepared the building's plans and was the moving force behind its construction. The article also intimates that the building was constructed by union personnel. The building's exterior appearance is minimally changed from its original construction.

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

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Health Care/Hospital**

32. Intermediate use(s): **Health Care/Hospital**

33. Current use(s): **Domestic/Multiple Dwelling**

34. Site type(s): **Former Western Federation of Miners "Miners Union Hospital" building.**

35. Historical background:

The Western Federation of Miners "Miners Union Hospital" building was constructed in 1902, and served primarily in that capacity until the late 1910s. The hospital and offices were located in the building's first and second stories, while the basement level was utilized as a miners' union hall. The building also reportedly housed an extensive library.

Often portrayed as a militant organization, the Western Federation of Miners (WFM) was formed in 1893, to promote the interests of workers in the Butte, Montana copper mines, Idaho lead mines, and Colorado gold mines. The organization gained extensive publicity during the Colorado Cripple Creek district labor wars beginning in 1903, and for its role in founding the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) in 1905. The WFM

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changed its name to the "International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers" in 1916, which remained a viable entity until it merged with the United Steel Workers of America in 1967.

The Miners Union Hospital building in Telluride served its original purpose until sometime in the late 1910s when it was converted to other uses. The Telluride post office was located in the first story for a time, while the second story housed the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) lodge for a time, and was later converted to apartments. Today, in 2008, the building contains eleven separate condominiums.

36. Sources of information:

Colorado Business Directory listings for Telluride, 1881-1950.

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

"Labor Conventions Complete Work and Adjourn." (Golden) *Colorado Transcript*, June 11, 1902, p. 7.

Telluride Journal, June 12, 1902, p. 3. *Telluride Journal*, June 12, 1902, p. 3.

Telluride Journal, August 7, 1902, p. 3. *Telluride Journal*, June 12, 1902, p. 5.

"Sheldon Gets Hospital." *Telluride Journal*, June 12, 1902, p. 3.

Telluride Journal, October 16, 1902, p. 1.

Telluride Journal, October 23, 1902, p. 3.

Telluride Journal, April 2, 1903, p. 5.

San Miguel County Assessor records.

San Miguel County 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.

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.

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VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph number(s):	CDs filed at:	Town of Telluride
48. Report title:	Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures	Planning and Building Dept.
49. Date(s):	08/09/2008	113 West Columbia Avenue
50. Recorder(s):	Carl McWilliams Timothy Wilder	Telluride, CO 81435
51. Organization:	Cultural Resource Historians	
52. Address:	Dogwood Court Fort Collins, CO 80525	
53. Phone number(s):	(970) 493-5270	

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Location Map

