

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination  
(OAHF use only)

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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.1782/THAS127**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Pugh House, Vigars House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **McTigue House**
- 7. Building Address: **223 E. Columbia Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Beverley G. McTigue, Jacob McTigue  
P. O. Box 1837  
Telluride, CO 814351837**

Parcel number(s):

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THLD RATING:

**Primary - Supporting to District  
Shed – Non-Contributing without Qualifications**

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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **42N** Range: **9W**  
**SE ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 036**
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **253212 mE** **4202427 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 5, 7, Block 32**  
 Addition: **Telluride Original Townsite** Year of addition: **1883**
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: **1249 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Fence**
21. General architectural description:  
**This house consists of a 1½-story front gabled section, which measures 44' N-S by 14' E-W, and a single-story shed-roofed section which forms the north end of the west elevation and measures 22' N-S by 12' E-W. The house rests on a low poured concrete foundation, while its exterior walls are clad with painted lavender color horizontal wood siding with painted brown 1" by 4" corner boards. The front gabled roof is steeply-pitched, with metal roofing material and painted brown boxed eaves. An open front porch, which measures 4' N-S by 14' E-W, faces toward Columbia Avenue on the south elevation. This porch features a wood plank floor, painted brown wood posts with brackets, and a shed roof. The original facade entry door is no longer extant, however. Instead there are two non-original entry doors on the east (side) elevation. One of these doors, at the south end of the east elevation, is a painted brown solid wood door. The other, at the north end of the east elevation is a white metal-paneled door which enters the house from a concrete stoop covered by a shed roof with knee brace supports. A band of three single-light windows overlook the front porch on the south elevation, and there is one other single-light window at the south end of the east elevation. A band of three 2-light windows penetrate the north elevation. Windows elsewhere are single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash with painted green wood frames and painted brown wood surrounds.**
22. Architectural style: **No Defined Style**  
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

**This property is located on the north side of Columbia Avenue in the block between Spruce and Willow Streets. A small front yard is enclosed by a low picket fence. An alley is to the west.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

**Shed (THAS #127)**

**A historic shed is located near the alley toward the rear northwest corner of the property. This small utilitarian structure features a rectangular shape, with board-and-batten clad exterior walls, and with a shed roof. The entry door is on the east elevation, opening into the backyard. Per the current owner, the shed features newer 2" by 4" dimensional lumber framing and a metal roof over plywood decking.**

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1896** Actual:
- Source of information: **Sanborn Insurance maps, 1893 and 1899**
26. Architect: **Unknown**
- Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder: **Unknown**
- Source of information: **N/A**
28. Original owner: **Charles Pugh (probably)**
- Source of information: **Telluride *Daily Journal*, June 27, 1899, p. 4.**

29. Construction history:

**Sanborn Insurance maps indicate that the original 1½-story front gabled section of this house was built between 1893 and 1899, and that the shed-roofed extension at the north end of the west elevation was erected between 1899 and 1904. The historic building was modified prior to 1986 with two new doors on the east elevation, and the replacement of the original front door with windows. The shed (THAS #127) is not depicted on the 1922 Sanborn Insurance map, and was, thus, evidently built after that date.**

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 Residence**

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35. Historical background:

This house was built in the mid-to-late-1890s, and was originally the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pugh. Mrs. Pugh ran a boardinghouse nearby at the corner of Columbia Avenue and Willow Street. On June 27, 1899, the *Telluride Daily Journal* reported the sale of this house from Charles Pugh to Henry Vigers. Members of the Vigers family are then listed as the home's residents in the 1900 federal census. Having arrived from their native England just a few years previously, members of the Vigers family included Henry (born in 1862), his wife Eva Caroline (born in 1864), daughter Eva Amy (born in 1889), and daughter Georgiana May (born in 1893). Another daughter, Geneva, would be born in 1902. Henry Vigers passed away sometime prior to 1920, as that year's census records Eva Caroline Vigers, a widow, and her youngest daughter, Geneva, as residents of Grand Junction. Beverly J. Garretson owned this property in the 1980s. Beverly McTigue, the current owner, purchased the property in 1998.

36. Sources of information:

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

*Telluride Daily Journal*, June 27, 1899, p. 4.

*Telluride Daily Journal*, April 24, 1922, p. 3.

McTigue, Beverly. Interview with Carl McWilliams.

"San Miguel County Assessor Data Site." <http://sanmiguel.valuwest.net>

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 Christine Whitacre. *Historic Building Inventory Record*, May 1986.

Telluride Historical Museum. [www.telluridemuseum.org](http://www.telluridemuseum.org)

Town of Telluride Building Department building permit files.

U. S. Census Records.

### 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).

xx Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

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

39. Area(s) of significance: **Architecture; Ethnic Heritage / European**
40. Period of significance: **Circa 1896**
41. Level of significance: National: State: Local: **xx**

42. Statement of significance:

**This house is historically significant for its association with Telluride's residential development, dating from the time of its construction in the 1890s. It is also architecturally significant for its representative front gabled plan and for its modest scale which is typical from when the time the house was built. With some loss of integrity, the house rates as a "supporting" resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District. The shed (THAS #127) rates as a "noncontributing without qualifications" resource because it was built after the Landmark District's period of significance.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This residence displays a reasonable 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 removal of the historic front door, replaced by non-historic entries on the east elevation, diminishes the home's integrity to some extent. However, a sense of time and place remains intact, relative to how this building appeared during the late nineteenth century and the early decades of the twentieth century.**

### VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Individually Eligible / Contributing to District**  
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible / Supporting 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

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| 47. Photograph number(s): | <b>CD #7, Images 278-281</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>August 8, 2011; revised April 11, 2013</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

