

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.1783/THAS128**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Munchiando House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Geetter House**
- 7. Building Address: **229 E. Columbia Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Geoffrey and Carloine Scott  
12930 Morehead  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517**

Parcel number(s): **456536420013**

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THLD RATING:

Primary - Contributing to District  
Shed - Contributing to District

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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **42N** Range: **9W**  
 ¼ of ¼ of ¼ of ¼ of Section 1
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** 253223 mE 4202423 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): **L-Shaped Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **1816 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof / Cross Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch**
21. General architectural description:  
**This dwelling consists of: an original (circa 1892), two-story, T-shaped, cross gabled dwelling; an early (pre 1899) single-story shed-roofed addition to the north end of the east elevation; a (post 1922) single-story enclosed rear porch addition to the north elevation, which measures 8' N-S by 28' E-W' an open full-width front porch on the south elevation (facade). The entire building measures 52' N-S (deep) by 28' E-W (across). The house is supported by a low painted white poured concrete foundation, while its exterior walls are clad with painted light blue horizontal wood siding with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. The main cross gabled roof is moderately pitched, with brown metal roofing material and with painted white boxed eaves. Three non-historic skylights penetrate the west-facing roof slope. The facade faces Columbia Avenue on the south elevation. Two wood-paneled doors, painted green with light blue trim, and each with an upper sash light, enter the facade from the full-width front porch. This porch is approached by three wood steps, and features a tongue-in-groove wood floor, an open wood railing, painted black and white chamfered wood posts, and a hipped and shed porch roof. A wood lattice encloses the area beneath the porch floor. The enclosed shed-roofed rear porch features entry doors on its north and west elevations. Windows are predominantly 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted green wood frames and painted black wood surrounds.**
22. Architectural style: **No Defined Style**  
 Building type: **Gabled-T Plan**

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

**Located on the north side of E. Columbia Avenue, this is the second property west of Willow Street. A small gravel parking lot is in front of the dwelling, while a gravel driveway extends along its west side.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

**Shed (THAS #128)**

**A historic shed (THAS #128) is located at the rear of the property. This is an L-shaped structure made up of two abutting shed-roofed sections. It is supported by a wood timbers on grade foundation, and its exterior walls are made of vertical wood planks, with some of the planks clad with corrugated metal. The shed roofs are covered with corrugated metal and the eaves are closed. Two non-historic skylights penetrate the west-facing roof slope. A white glass-in-metal-frame door enters the west end of the south elevation.**

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1892** Actual:
- Source of information: **Sanborn Insurance maps, October 1890 and February 1893**
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:
- Sanborn Insurance maps reveal that the original two-story gabled-T section of this dwelling was constructed between October 1890 and February 1893. Later Sanborn maps indicate that the shed roofed extension to the north end of the east elevation was erected between 1893 and 1899, and that the enclosed shed-roofed rear porch postdates 1922.**
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 / Multiple Dwelling**
34. Site type(s): **Historically a single family residence**

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35. Historical background:

Sanborn Insurance maps reveal that this house was built in the early 1890s, while U. S. census records and Telluride *Daily Journal* articles indicate it was associated with the Louis and Celestina Munchiando family through the early decades of the twentieth century. Louis and Celestina were Italian immigrants, having been born in that country, respectively in September 1863 and February 1867. They were married circa 1884, and in March of 1886 a son named Secondo (Secundo?) was born. Two years later, in November of 1888, a daughter, named Madalena, was born. The Munchiando family immigrated to America in the late 1880s and were residents of Telluride by the fall of 1890. Census records indicate that Louis immigrated first, in 1888, followed by Celestina and the children in 1889. In Telluride, three more children would be born to the couple: Doro (sp?), a daughter born in September 1890, Dofo (sp.?) a son born in May 1894, and Albert, a son born in February 1896. The Munchiando family is listed at this address in the 1900 census and in the 1930 census, indicating a long association with the property. The family was not found in the 1910 census, however, while the 1920 census records the family's place of residence on Fir Street. Also according to the census, Louis Munchiando worked variously as an "ore miner" and as a "boiler man" at a stamp mill. The Munchiandos were members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. On June 2, 1910, Madalena Munchiando was wed to Bartlemeo Vacari, also an Italian immigrant, in a ceremony held in the family home here at 229 E. Columbia Avenue. By 1930, Madalena had been widowed and had returned to her childhood home to live with her aging parents. She was employed at that time as Telluride's Assistant Postmaster. Secondo Munchiando, the eldest son, moved to Salt Lake City in the 1910s where he was in the grocery business for many years. He then moved to Los Angeles where he became a reporter and writer for an Italian newspaper.

36. Sources of information:

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

"Italians Make Merry in Celebration of Marriage." Telluride *Daily Journal*, June 2, 1910, p. 6.

"Munchiando Now in the Newspaper Game." Telluride *Daily Journal*, March 21, 1923, p. 1.

"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.

Town of Telluride Planning Department files.

Trommer, Wahtola. Telluride's Victorian Vernacular: A Walking Tour. Telluride: Telluride Historical Museum, 2001.

U. S. Census records:

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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).

**xx** 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

**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 1892; Circa 1892-1940**

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

42. Statement of significance:

**This property is historically significant for its association with Telluride's residential development, dating from the time of its construction circa 1892, and for its long association with the Italian immigrant family of Louis and Celestina Munchiando. Italian immigrants and their descendants settled primarily in this northeast Telluride neighborhood, and contributed significantly to the town's socioeconomic fabric. The house is also architecturally significant for its representative L-shaped cross gabled plan. The primary residence and shed both rate as a "contributing" resources within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.**

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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. Modest additions to the original dwelling are well over fifty years of age, are to the side and rear, and are compatible with and subservient to the original construction. A sense of time and place remains intact, relative to how this property appeared during the late nineteenth century and the early decades of the twentieth century. The historic shed at the rear of the property enhances the integrity of setting.**

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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:

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### VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

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|---------------------------|---|---------------|---|
| 47. Photograph number(s): | <b>CD #7, Images 282-285</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</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

