

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.1704**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Unknown**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Specker House**
- 7. Building Address: **320 W. Columbia Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Pamela A. Specker
P. O. Box 818
Telluride, CO 814350818**

Parcel number(s):

456536410006



THLD RATING:

Contributing to District

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**
SW ¼ of SW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 036
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **252838 mE** **4202509 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 4, Block 1**
 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: **1173 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, Decorative Shingles**
21. General architectural description:
This is a 1½-story, front gabled, wood frame dwelling with a single-story shed-roofed extension to the south (rear) elevation and another single-story addition to the west (side) elevation. The house is supported by a low stone or poured concrete foundation, while its exterior walls are clad with painted yellow horizontal wood siding with 1" by 4" corner boards. Painted yellow variegated wood shingles appear in the facade's upper gable end. The main front gabled roof is steeply-pitched and is covered with metal roofing material. The facade is asymmetrical and faces toward Columbia Avenue on the north elevation. A wood-paneled door with one upper sash light enters the west end of the facade from an open front porch. The porch features a wood floor, bracketed turned columns, and a shed roof with a prominent intersecting gable. A rear door enters the shed-roofed extension from a redwood deck on the north elevation. Windows are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash, although a 4/4 double-hung sash window penetrates the facade's upper gable end.
22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features:
This house is located on the south side of W. Columbia Avenue in the block between Aspen and Oak Streets. A picket fence encloses the front yard. An alley borders the east property line.

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24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **N/A**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1886**

Source of information: **Sanborn Insurance map, August 1886**

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 indicate that this property was first developed in 1886. The dwelling at this location is depicted on that year's Sanborn map with the notation "B. C." indicating it was being constructed at that time. The dwelling's footprint appears the same on subsequent Sanborn maps published in 1890, 1893, 1899, 1904, 1908, and 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 / Single Dwelling**

34. Site type(s): **Single Family Residence**

35. Historical background:

Sanborn Insurance maps and San Miguel County Assessor records reveal that this lot was originally developed in 1886 with the construction of a 1½-story dwelling. Biographical information about the families and individuals who lived here during the late 1800s and early 1900s has not been uncovered. Gary and Rhonda Beardsworth of Montpelier, Vermont purchased the property in 1981 and owned it for the next several years. Pamela Specker, the current owner as of 2011, acquired the property in 1988.

36. Sources of information:

"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

Town of Telluride Building Department building permit files.

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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**

40. Period of significance: **1886**

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

42. Statement of significance:

This dwelling is historically significant for its association with Telluride's residential development during the late 1800s and early 1900s. The dwelling is also architecturally significant as a relatively intact late nineteenth century front gabled house with Victorian detailing. These details include the turned porch columns with brackets, decorative shingles in the upper gable end, and the narrow double-hung sash windows. This property qualifies as a "contributing" resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This dwelling displays an overall 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. A sense of time and place remains intact, relative to how this dwelling appeared during the late nineteenth century and the early decades of the twentieth century.

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VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Individually Eligible**
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **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

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|---------------------------|---|---------------|---|
| 47. Photograph number(s): | CD #7, Images 26-28 | CDs filed at: | Town of Telluride |
| 48. Report title: | Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures | | Planning and Building
Department |
| 49. Date(s): | June 14, 2011 | | 113 West Columbia Avenue |
| 50. Recorder(s): | Carl McWilliams
Karen McWilliams | | 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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Sketch Map



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Location Map

