

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.1800**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **N/A**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Betts House**
- 7. Building Address: **326 E. Columbia Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Richard T. Betts  
P. O Box 2823  
Telluride, CO 814352823**

Parcel number(s):

<b>477901114008</b>



THLD RATING:

Primary - Non-Designated – New Construction  
Garage- Non-Designated – New Construction

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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** **253288 mE** **4202351 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Parcel C, Block 11**  
 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): **Irregular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **2338 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Weatherboard**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof / Gable-on-Hip Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Dormer, Fence**
21. General architectural description:  
**Constructed in 1998-1999, this is a two-story residence of wood frame construction. It is supported by a poured concrete foundation, with the foundation walls above grade covered with corrugated metal skirting. The exterior walls are clad with painted cream yellow horizontal weatherboard siding, with painted green 1" by 4" corner boards. The gable-on-hip roof is moderately-pitched, with corrugated metal roofing material and with metal-clad boxed eaves. A small gabled dormer is on the west-facing roof slope. The home's windows are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash and casement type windows. The asymmetrical facade faces Columbia Avenue on the north elevation. A painted salmon color wood-paneled door enters the west half of the facade from a cutaway front porch beneath an intersecting gable. A side entry door and porch, with a basement-level entry beneath it, is located on the west elevation. A set of paired glass-in-wood-frame atrium doors open onto the roof of a flat-roofed single-story section from the second story on the east elevation.**
22. Architectural style: **Modern Movements**  
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features:  
**This is the second property west of Alder Street on the south side of Columbia Avenue. A metal fence encloses a planted grass front yard which displays mature landscaping features. The property appears well maintained.**

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24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

**Garage / Secondary Residence**

A garage / secondary residence is located adjacent to the alley at the south end of the property. This 1½-story building rests on a poured concrete foundation, with a garage in the ground floor level and residential space in the upper half story. The exterior walls are made of stained brown board-and-batten, while the steeply-pitched gabled roof is covered with wood shingles. The eaves are closed. A shed-roofed dormer, with a band of four single-light casement windows, is on the east-facing roof slope. A set of paired 1/1 double-hung sash windows is in the south elevation's upper gable end. Two rusticated corrugated metal-clad garage doors open toward the alley on the south elevation. A set of metal steps along the west elevation ascend to a shed-roofed entry into the residential portion on the west elevation.

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction:      Estimate:                      Actual:      **1998-1999**  
 Source of information:      **Town of Telluride building permit #s 983246, 983261, 983354**
26. Architect:                      **Cal Wilbourne**  
 Source of information:      **Town of Telluride building permit #s 983246, 983261, 983354**
27. Builder:                        **Berkus Construction**  
 Source of information:      **Town of Telluride building permit #s 983246, 983261, 983354**
28. Original owner:                **Richard Betts**  
 Source of information:      **Town of Telluride building permit #s 983246, 983261, 983354; San Miguel County Assessor records.**
29. Construction history:  
**Sanborn Insurance maps reveal that this property was first developed in the years between 1900 and 1904 with the construction of a wood frame dwelling. The historic dwelling was razed in 1998 under Town of Telluride building permit #983246. A historic shed (THAS #133) was either razed or moved to another location. The extant dwelling and the garage / secondary residence were constructed for owner Richard Betts in 1998-1999, under Town of Telluride building permits 983261 and 983354. Architect Cal Wilbourne designed both buildings, while Berkus Construction served as the general contractor.**
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 property was first developed with the construction of a wood frame residence between December 1899 and July 1904. Harry and Nellie Servis, and a son named Frederick, resided in the house at the turn of the twentieth century, according to U. S. census records. Mr. Servis was the San Miguel County Clerk at that time. He had been born in New York in April of 1865, while Nellie (maiden name unknown) was born in Illinois in September 1870. They were married in 1894, and son Frederick was born in July of the following year. Further biographical information pertaining to individuals and families associated with that residence during the early decades of the twentieth century has not been uncovered. The extant dwelling and an accompanying garage / secondary residence were built in 1998-1999. Richard Betts has owned the property from that time to the present (2011).**

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](http://www.telluridemuseum.org)**

**Town of Telluride Building Department building permit files.**

**Town of Telluride Planning Department files.**

### 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

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: **N/A**
40. Period of significance: **N/A**
41. Level of significance: National: State: Local: **xx**

42. Statement of significance:

**Constructed in 1998-1999, this residence and accompanying garage / secondary residence are well under fifty years of age. As such, they are not associated with any historic themes dating from the Telluride National Historic Landmark District's period of significance. This property is ineligible for inclusion in the National and State Registers, and both the Primary Residence and the garage are non-designated structures within the 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. The primary dwelling and garage / secondary residence are little changed from their original construction in 1998-1999. The property's historic residence, built between 1900 and 1904, was razed in 1998.**

### VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Individually Eligible**  
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Noncontributing Without Qualifications**
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

47. Photograph number(s): **CD #7, Images 333-335** CDs filed at: **Town of Telluride**
48. Report title: **Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures** **Planning and Building Department**
49. Date(s): **August 10, 2011** **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

