

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.1735/THAS15**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Gray House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Gould House**
- 7. Building Address: **501 W. Columbia Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Mary Melissa Gould
12296 County Road 33
Mancos, CO 81328**

Parcel number(s):

456536312019



THLD RATING:

Primary - Supporting to District
Garage - Supporting to District

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**
NW ¼ of SE ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 036
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **252650 mE** **4202632 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 0, Block 10**
 Addition: **West Telluride Addition** Year of addition: **1891**
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: **1169 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: **Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Dormers**
21. General architectural description:
This 1½-story wood frame residence rests on what appears to be a modern poured concrete foundation. The foundation walls above grade are clad with painted grey vertical wood planks and are penetrated by single-light basement windows. The home's exterior walls are clad with painted yellow horizontal wood siding with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. The front gabled roof is steeply-pitched, with black asphalt shingles and painted white boxed eaves. Three non-historic gabled dormers, each with a 1/1 double-hung sash window, are on the east-facing roof slope. Windows elsewhere are also predominantly single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash with painted white wood frames and surrounds. The house features an asymmetrical facade which faces Columbia Avenue on the south elevation. A painted green wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, enters the east end of the facade from a 7-step open front porch. The porch has a wood plank floor, a painted white open wood railing, painted white chamfered 4" by 4" wood posts, and a shed roof with an intersecting gable. A set of stone and concrete steps descend to a basement-level entry door located beneath the front porch. A painted white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, enters the north (rear) elevation from an open flagstone porch. This porch is covered by a shed roof with knee brace supports.
22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

This well-maintained property is located at the northwest corner of W. Columbia Avenue and N. Townsend Street. The planted grass front yard is nicely landscaped and features a low stone retaining wall which parallels the front sidewalk. Wildflowers are planted in a narrow strip between the sidewalk and the curb along Columbia Avenue. A small planted grass backyard and a garage are at the rear of the property.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

Garage (THAS #15)

A single-stall garage (THAS #15) is located adjacent to the alley at the rear of the property. This structure measures approximately 14' N-S by 20' E-W. It is supported by a low poured concrete foundation, clad above grade with corrugated metal skirting. The garage's exterior walls are clad with painted yellow horizontal wood siding, with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. The roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, with green corrugated metal roofing material and painted white boxed eaves. A painted yellow and white wood-paneled overhead garage door opens toward Townsend Street on the east elevation. A painted white wood-paneled door, with an upper sash light, enters the east end of the south elevation. Two window openings also penetrate the south elevation. In 2013, it was converted into a guest house.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1899** Actual:
- Source of information: **Sanborn Insurance maps; San Miguel County Assessor records**
26. Architect: **Unknown**
- Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder: **Unknown**
- Source of information: **N/A**
- Original Owner: **William E. and Mary R. Gray (probably)**
- Source of information: **U. S. Census, 1900. West Telluride Precinct, San Miguel County, Colorado.**

29. Construction history:

Sanborn Insurance maps reveal that this dwelling was erected between February 1893 and December 1899. The house was rehabilitated and modestly remodeled in the years following 1986. It was placed on a new poured concrete foundation, with a new basement level excavated beneath the historic home. Three gabled dormers were also installed on the east-facing roof slope. The garage was also rehabilitated, perhaps with a new foundation. Both buildings now appear in very good condition.

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:

Sanborn Insurance maps and San Miguel County Assessor records indicate that this house was built during the latter half of the 1890s. Telluride boomed as a gold mining town during that time period, following the national financial panic and repeal of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act in 1893. This house was one of numerous residences constructed in Telluride in association with the mining boom. By 1900, the dwelling was home to William E. and Mary Reeves Gray. A bookkeeper in Telluride, Mr. Gray had been born in Iowa in January 1865, while Mary had been born in Pennsylvania in July 1877. They were married circa 1895. A son, William Carey Gray, was born in July 1897. Biographical information about other families and individuals associated with this property during the early 1900s has not been uncovered. Karl and Donna Kyle owned the property during the 1980s.

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.

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.

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

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39. Area(s) of significance: **Architecture**
40. Period of significance: **Circa 1899**
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 through the early 1900s, and it is architecturally significant for its Late Victorian era form and features. With some loss of integrity, both the primary residence and the garage/guesthouse rate as a "supporting" resources within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house 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. The house's integrity is somewhat diminished by three gabled dormers on the east-facing roof slope and by modest modifications to the front porch. A sense of time and place relative to how this property appeared during the late 1800s and early 1900s remains mostly intact.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

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

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph number(s): **CD #7, Images 152-156** 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 5, 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

