

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.1730/THAS.5&6** Parcel number(s): **456536312013**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Unknown**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Abelow House**
- 7. Building Address: **545 W. Columbia Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Abelow Bradley and Murray Carolyn
P. O. Box 8020
Garden City, NY 11530**



THLD RATING:	Primary - Supporting to District Secondary Residence - Supporting to District Garage - Contributing to District
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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**
SE ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 036
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **252569 mE** **4202661 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 10-12, 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: **3335 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, Chimney, Fence**
21. General architectural description:
This 1½-story wood frame dwelling is supported by a poured concrete foundation with the foundation walls faced with stone above grade. The exterior walls are clad with painted yellow horizontal wood siding, with painted pale green 1" by 4" corner boards. The house is covered by a steeply-pitched front gabled roof with metal roofing material and painted pale green boxed eaves. A small intersecting gable and two non-historic skylights are on the west elevation. Another small intersecting gable and one non-historic skylight are on the east elevation. Painted beige fish scale and square-cut wood shingles, and a pierced gable ornament appear in the facade's upper gable end on the south elevation. There are two red brick chimneys with corbelled caps. One chimney is located on the roof ridge, the other is a fireplace chimney located on the east elevation. An L-shaped wraparound front porch covers the west end of the south elevation (facade) and the south end of the west elevation. The porch features a painted grey wood plank floor, an open wood railing, turned columns, and a low-pitched hipped roof with an intersecting gable over the corner entry stairs. A canted hipped-roof oriel type window, with a large 4-light window and flanking 1/1 double-hung sash windows, overlooks the front porch from the facade's upper half story. A canted hipped-roof bay, with three 1/1 double-hung sash windows, is on the east elevation. Windows elsewhere are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash with painted pale green wood surrounds. A rear addition, completed in 1996, featured gabled and shed roof forms and primarily 1/1 double-hung sash windows.
22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

This well-maintained property is located on the north side of W. Columbia Avenue, the second house east of Cornet Creek and seven houses west of Townsend Street. A planted grass front yard and a wide side yard west of the house are enclosed by a painted white picket fence. The grounds are nicely landscaped with native plants and flowers and a spruce tree.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

<u>Garage (THAS #5)</u>
A historic garage (THAS #5) is located at the rear northeast corner of the property. The garage measures approximately 30' N-S by 14' E-W, and rests on a wood timbers on grade foundation. Its exterior walls are clad with rusted corrugated metal, and it is covered by a gabled roof, also covered with rusted corrugated metal laid over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters which are exposed beneath the eaves. A painted white wood-paneled door is near the north end of the east elevation. A set of paired diagonal plank garage doors on the south elevation open onto a driveway which extends to Columbia Avenue.
<u>Secondary Residence (THAS #6)</u>
A 1½-story wood frame secondary residence, which measures approximately 14' N-S by 20' E-W, is located near the rear of the property. This building rests on an unpainted poured concrete foundation, and its exterior walls are made of board-and-batten. A steeply-pitched gabled roof is covered with rusted corrugated metal laid over 1x wood decking. A 2-story canted bay is on the east elevation. An exterior wood staircase at the southwest corner ascends to an elevated wood deck with an open wood railing on the west elevation. A wood-paneled door, covered by a screen door, opens onto the deck from the upper half story. A ground level entry door, covered by a wood screen door, is covered by a shed roof on the south elevation.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1901**
 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**
28. Original owner: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**
29. Construction history:
Sanborn Insurance maps and San Miguel County Assessor records indicate that this residence was built in 1901. A 1996 rear addition was planned by Bercovitz Design architects and built by Boyd Construction, according to Town of Telluride building permit files.
30. Original location: Moved: Date of move(s):

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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 indicate that the original part of this house was built in 1901. Biographical information pertaining to families and individuals associated with the property during the early decades of the twentieth century has not been uncovered. W. R. Bingham owned the property in the mid-1980s. Bradley Abelow and Carolyn Murray, of Garden City, New York, have owned the property since 2006, according to county assessor files.

36. Sources of information:

"San Miguel County Assessor Data Site." <http://sanmiguel.valuewest.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.

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

42. Statement of significance:

This property is historically significant for its association with residential development in Telluride dating from the time of its construction in 1901. The house is also architecturally significant for its Late Victorian era form and details. These include decorative wood shingles and a pierced gable ornament in the facade's upper gable end, red brick chimneys with corbelled caps, and canted bay windows. The primary residence and the secondary residence both rate as "supporting" resources within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District. The garage rates as a contributing structure within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays a somewhat below average 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. Alterations to the historic dwelling include the oriel window which overlooks the front porch (installed prior to 1986), and alterations to the front porch along with a rear addition (completed in 1996). These alterations are quite well executed, however, so that a sense of time and place remains relative to how this property appeared during the early decades of the twentieth century. The presence of two historic secondary buildings at the rear of the property enhances the integrity of setting.

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 130-134** 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

