

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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Official Eligibility Determination
(OAHP 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.1725**
2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
3. County: **San Miguel**
4. City: **Telluride**
5. Historic Building Name: **Cappis House**
6. Current Building Name: **Miller House**
7. Building Address: **546 W. Columbia Avenue**
8. Owner Name and Address: **Philip S. And Linda J. Miller
P. O. Box 883
Telluride, CO 814350883**

Parcel number(s):

456536315008

**THLD RATING:**

Noncontributing Without Qualifications to District

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**
NE ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 036
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **252537 mE** **4202614 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 28, Block 9**
 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): **L-Shaped Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **1744 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
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, Chimney, Decorative Shingles**
21. General architectural description:
This 1½-story wood frame dwelling features an L-shaped cross-gabled plan. It is supported by a concrete block foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with painted beige horizontal wood siding with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. Painted white fish scale shingles appear in the facade's upper gable end, facing toward Columbia Avenue on the north elevation. The cross-gabled roof is steeply-pitched, with metal roofing material and painted white and red boxed eaves. A short boxed chimney is centered on the roof ridge. Non-historic skylights are on the south-facing roof slope. A wood-paneled front door is painted beige with orange and red trim. This door has a slender oval-shaped light, and enters the facade from an open front porch. This porch is approached by four wood steps, and features a wood plank floor, a painted white open wood railing, and painted beige turned columns with orange and red trim. A painted beige glass-in-wood-frame atrium door enters the east end of the south elevation from an elevated wood porch. This porch is approached by seven wood steps, and has a wood plank floor and an open wood railing. A non-historic hipped roof oriel type window, with three single-light fixed-pane windows, penetrates the facade wall, east of the entry porch. Another hipped-roof oriel window is located on the south elevation. Windows elsewhere are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash with painted white wood frames and surrounds.
22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

This is the ninth house west of Townsend Street on the south side of W. Columbia Avenue. The dwelling is set well back from the street. The long planted grass front yard and narrow side yards are landscaped with native plants, flowers, and aspen trees. A vegetable and herb garden is also in the front yard.

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1900** Actual:

Source of information: **Field Estimate**

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 depict this property as undeveloped through October of 1922. This house reportedly was originally located on the Valley Floor west of Telluride where it served as a farmhouse during its early years. George Capps reportedly moved the building onto this vacant lot in 1973. Oriel windows were on the north and south elevations were installed after the house was moved to this location.

30. Original location: Moved: ☒ Date of move(s): **Circa 1941**

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 Dwelling**

35. Historical background:

This house was originally located in the Valley Floor area west of Telluride, perhaps near the historic settlement of San Miguel. It was reportedly moved here to its current location at 546 W. Columbia Avenue, reportedly by George Capps in 1973. Philip and Linda Miller, who live nearby at 513 W. Columbia Avenue, have owned this property since January 1977.

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36. Sources of information:**Miller, Linda. Interview with Carl McWilliams****"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.**

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

39. Area(s) of significance: **Architecture****40. Period of significance:** **Circa 1900****41. Level of significance:** National: State: Local: **xx**

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42. Statement of significance:

Because it was moved here from its original location, this house It rates as a “noncontributing without qualifications” resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District. This category is described in part as applying "...to a small number of historic buildings that are noncontributing because they either fall outside the historic district boundaries, or are within the district but fail to meet the National Historic Landmark District criteria, i.e., built outside the period of significance or moved into Telluride from outside the town limits." A review of National Register Bulletin 4, which relates to "Contributions of Moved Buildings to Historic Districts" does not appear to be relevant to this building because it was moved here from outside the historic district and was never a part of Telluride's historic fabric. The house is architecturally notable, however, for its gabled-L plan and late architectural details which are representative of the Late Victorian era.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house lost its original integrity of location and setting when it was moved from its original location. The building's basic form, and elements of its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association remain partially intact.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Individually Eligible / Noncontributing to District**

Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible / Noncontributing With Qualifications 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 110-112	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 4, 2011; revised April 14, 2013		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

