

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.1726/THAS27**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Unknown**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Olson House**
- 7. Building Address: **552 W. Columbia Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Craig L. Olson  
7628-4 Rio Grande Blvd NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87107**

Parcel number(s):

<b>456536315009</b>



THLD RATING:

Primary - Contributing to District  
Barn – Non-Contributing with Qualifications

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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**  
**NW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 036**
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **252529 mE** **4202620 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 27, 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): **Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **1618 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Weatherboard**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Chimney, Decorative Shingles, Stained Glass**
21. General architectural description:  
**This wood frame dwelling consists of a main 1½-story front gabled section, which measures 30' N-S (deep) by 25½' E-W (across), and a gabled addition to the south (rear) elevation, which measures 16' N-S by 19½' E-W. The house is supported by an unpainted concrete block foundation, while its exterior walls are clad with painted white horizontal weatherboard siding with 1" by 6" corner boards. The front gabled roof is steeply-pitched, with metal roofing material and with painted white boxed eaves. Painted white fish scale shingles appear in the facade's upper gable end, while a red brick chimney is located on the roof ridge. The home's symmetrical facade faces toward Columbia Avenue on the north elevation. Here, a painted white wood-paneled front door, with one upper sash light and a transom light, enters the center of the facade from a full-width front porch. This porch measures 5' N-S by 25½' E-W, and features a tongue-in-groove wood floor, painted white turned columns, and a low-pitched hipped roof. The entry door is flanked on either side by a single-hung sash window with multiple stained glass and leaded glass upper sash lights. Windows elsewhere are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash with painted white wood frames and surrounds and simple wood cornices. A painted cream white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light and a transom light, enters the addition's west elevation from a 4-step wood porch.**
22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**  
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

**This is the tenth house west of Townsend Street on the south side of W. Columbia Avenue. The dwelling has a minimal set back from the street, relative to other houses in this block. An aspen tree is located in the front yard.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

**Barn (THAS #27)**

**A barn (THAS #27) is located adjacent to the alley at the rear of the property. This structure measures approximately 14' N-S by 16' E-W. It rests on a wood timbers on grade foundation, and its exterior walls are made of horizontal wood planks, partially covered with rusted corrugated metal. The barn roof is a steeply-pitched front gable, with rusted corrugated metal roofing material laid over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. The east upper gable end is open. A painted white wood-paneled door enters the east end of the north elevation. This barn is built of full dimension lumber.**

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction:      Estimate:                      Actual: **1903**  
 Source of information:      **Sanborn Insurance maps; San Miguel County Assessor files**
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:

**San Miguel County Assessor records list 1903 as this house's year of construction. Sanborn Insurance maps for Telluride provide corroborating evidence that the house was built between December 1899 and July 1904. The Sanborn maps also indicate that the barn (THAS #27) was built after 1904. Craig Olson, the building's current (2013) owner related that the barn was for a time connected to, or part of, a larger structure, adjacent to the east**

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:

**San Miguel County Assessor records and Sanborn Insurance maps indicate that this dwelling was constructed in 1903. Biographical information pertaining to families and individuals associated with the house during the early decades of the twentieth century has not been uncovered. Craig L. Olson, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has owned the property from 1985 to the present, according to county assessor files.**

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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.**

### 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;

**xx** 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).

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:    **1903**

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

42. Statement of significance:

**This property is historically significant for its association with Telluride's residential development, dating from the time of its construction in 1903. The house is also architecturally significant for its representative front gabled plan and Late Victorian era architectural details. These include the turned porch columns, decorative shingles in the facade's upper gable end, and stained glass window panes. Displaying a high standard of integrity, this residence rates as a "contributing" resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District. The barn (THAS#27) rates as Non-contributing with qualifications.**

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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. With the exception of a modest rear addition, the house appears minimally altered from its original construction. The addition is well-executed. Its size, scale and massing is subservient to that of the original dwelling, while its exterior wall and roof materials complement those of the original. The barn at the rear of the property displays excellent integrity, although it is in somewhat deteriorated condition.**

### VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Individually Eligible / Contributing to District**  
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible / 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

- |                           |   |               |   |
|---------------------------|---|---------------|---|
| 47. Photograph number(s): | <b>CD #7, Images 113-117</b>                              | CDs filed at: | <b>Town of Telluride</b>                    |
| 48. Report title:         | <b>Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures</b> |               | <b>Planning and Building<br/>Department</b> |
| 49. Date(s):              | <b>August 4, 2011; revised April 10, 2013</b>             |               | <b>113 West Columbia Avenue</b>             |
| 50. Recorder(s):          | <b>Carl McWilliams<br/>Timothy Wilder</b>                 |               | <b>Telluride, CO 81435</b>                  |
| 51. Organization:         | <b>Cultural Resource Historians</b>                       |               |   |
| 52. Address:              | <b>Dogwood Court<br/>Fort Collins, CO 80525</b>           |               |   |
| 53. Phone number(s):      | <b>(970) 493-5270</b>                                     |               |   |

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## Sketch Map



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## Location Map

