

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination
(OAHF use only)

OAHF1403

Rev. 9/98

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.1728/THAS34**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Johnson House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Low House**
- 7. Building Address: **566 W. Columbia Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Patricia Yi Low
P. O. Box 1074
Telluride, CO 814351074**

Parcel number(s):

456536315011

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THLD RATING:

Primary - Contributing to District

Secondary Residence - Contributing to District

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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** **252508 mE** **4202626 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 23, 24, 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: **1113 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**
21. General architectural description:
This wood frame residence consists of a main 1½-story front gabled section, which measures 36½' N-S (deep) by 14½' E-W (across), and a shed-roofed extension to the south (rear) elevation, which measures 7½' N-S by 13½' E-W. The house's foundation is covered above grade by a corrugated metal skirting, while the exterior walls are clad with painted cream yellow horizontal weatherboard siding with 1" by 4" corner boards. The front gabled roof is steeply-pitched, with corrugated metal roofing material and painted green boxed eaves. A red brick chimney with a corbelled cap is located on the roof ridge. The narrow asymmetrical facade faces toward Columbia Avenue on the north elevation. A stained brown wood-paneled front door, with one upper sash light, enters the west end of the facade from a full-width open front porch. The porch measures 4½' N-S by 14½' E-W, and features a carpeted wood floor, an open wood railing, painted cream yellow chamfered square wood posts, and a shed roof. The shed-roofed extension to the south elevation has a small intersecting gable. A painted cream yellow glass-in-wood-frame door enters the south elevation from an uncovered wood deck. A 4x4 horizontal sliding window and a multi-paned awning type window are located on the east elevation. Windows elsewhere are primarily single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash with painted cream yellow wood frames and painted green wood surrounds.
22. Architectural style: **No Defined Style**
 Building type: **Shotgun**

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

Located on the south side of W. Columbia Avenue, this is the twelfth house west of Townsend Avenue. Cornet Creek flows northeast to southwest a short distance west of this property. A small planted grass front yard, narrow side yards, and a large backyard, display mature landscaping features with native plants, flowers, and large cottonwood trees. This house is set back a shorter distance from the street relative to most other houses in this block.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

Secondary Residence (THAS #34)

A secondary residence (THAS #34) is located adjacent to the alley at the rear of the property. This building, from west to east, consists of three components: a single-story shed-roofed section which measures 16½' N-S by 17' E-W; a 1½-story gabled section which measures 12½' N-S by 13' E-W; a lower single-story offset gabled section which measures 10' N-S by 4' E-W. The entire building is supported by a poured concrete foundation, while its exterior walls are made of stained brown horizontal weatherboard and vertical wood planks. The gable and shed roofs are covered with corrugated metal, laid over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. A vertical wood plank door, with two 1x1 horizontal sliding upper sash lights, opens toward the alley on the south elevation.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1898** Actual:
- Source of information: **Sanborn Insurance maps, February 1893 and December 1899**
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 document that this dwelling and secondary residence (originally a barn) were both constructed between February of 1893 and December of 1899.**
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 reveal that this house and an accompanying barn were constructed between 1893 and 1899. Abraham and Fannie Johnson are listed as the home's residents in the 1920 federal census. Abraham Johnson was born in Finland circa 1872. Fannie Johnson (maiden name unknown) was also born in Sweden, circa 1880. They immigrated to America, apparently separately, during the very early 1900s. They were married in 1904, and both attained their United States citizenship that same year. The 1910 census records their place of residence on W. Colorado Avenue in Telluride, at which time Mr. Johnson's occupation was listed as "miner, gold mine." The 1920 census records their place of residence here at 566 W. Columbia Avenue, at which time Mr. Johnson's occupation was listed as "tram man, stamp mill." Biographical information about other families associated with this property during the early 1900s has not been uncovered. Minnie Porterfield owned this house in the mid-1980s. It has been owned by Patricia Yi Low from July 2003 to the present, according to San Miguel County Assessor records.

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.

U. S. Census Records.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No Date of designation:

Designating authority:

38. Applicable National Register criteria:

xx 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.

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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, Ethnic Heritage / European**
40. Period of significance: **Circa 1898**
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 circa 1898, and for its association with the family of Abraham and Fannie Johnson who were Finnish immigrants. Persons of Scandinavian descent, particularly from Finland and Sweden, represented Telluride's largest ethnic population, and contributed significantly to the town's social and economic fabric. The house is also architecturally significant for its representative front gabled plan. Displaying an overall high standard of integrity, this property is individually eligible for the NRHP and both the primary and secondary residences rates as "contributing" resources within the Telluride National Historic 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. Apart from a historic shed-roofed rear extension there are no additions or notable adverse alterations to the original dwelling. A historic barn at the rear of the property has been adaptively remodeled into a secondary residence. It displays a reasonably high level of integrity. A sense of time and place relative to how this property appeared in the very late 1800s and early 1900s remains intact.

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VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Individually Eligible**
 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

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|---------------------------|---|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 47. Photograph number(s): | CD #7, Images 122-125 | CDs filed at: | Town of Telluride |
| 48. Report title: | Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures | | Planning and Building Dept. |
| 49. Date(s): | August 4, 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



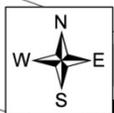
Legend

- Parcels (with Address Numbers)
- Structures
- Creek or River

1 inch equals 100 feet

0 25 50 100 Feet

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Location Map

