

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination  
(OAHHP 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.1745**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Jarvis House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **The Cornerhouse Grille**
- 7. Building Address: **131 N. Fir Street**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Thomas E. Wirth  
P. O. Box 1826  
Telluride, CO 814351826**

Parcel number(s):

**456536411001**

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THLD RATING:

Supporting to District

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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**  
**SE ¼ of SW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 036**
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **252952 mE** **4202479 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 1, 3, Block 3**  
 Addition: **Telluride Original Townsite** Year of addition: **1883**
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: **3475 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **2**
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**
21. General architectural description:  
**This building is composed of an original 1½-story front gabled section, which measures 23½' N-S by 31½' E-W, and a two-story gabled addition to the west (rear) elevation. The addition measures 23' N-S by 31½' E-W, and is slightly offset of the original. The building is supported by a poured concrete and stone foundation, while its exterior walls are clad with painted blue horizontal wood siding with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. The gabled roof is low-to-moderately pitched, with metal roofing material and painted cream white boxed eaves. The building's asymmetrical facade faces toward Fir Street on the east elevation. A painted red, 15-light, glass-in-wood-frame door enters the south end of the facade from a 10-step open wood porch. The porch features a wood plank floor, a painted white open wood railing, painted white turned columns, and a gabled roof. A canted hipped-roof bay, with four 1/1 double-hung sash windows, is on the original south elevation. Windows on the original section are otherwise 1/1 double-hung sash with painted white wood frames and surrounds. Two wood-paneled doors, each with one upper sash light, enter the north end of the addition's west elevation from a small hipped-roof porch which wraps around the addition's northwest corner. Another wood-paneled door enters the west end of the north elevation from the wraparound porch. On the addition's south elevation, two wood-paneled doors open onto an outdoor dining area, below a second story porch. A glass-in-wood-frame atrium door opens onto the second story porch.**
22. Architectural style: **No Defined Style**  
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

**This well-maintained property is located at the southwest corner of N. Fir Street and Columbia Avenue. A planted grass lawn, with mature landscaping, flanks the building. A stone retaining wall parallels the sidewalks along Fir and Columbia.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

**Shed (5SM.1997)**

A shed, which measures 20' N-S by 12' E-W, is located at the west end of the property. The shed is supported by a wood timbers on grade foundation, and its exterior walls are made of board and batten, with faded blue paint. A shed roof form is covered with corrugated metal, laid over 1x wood decking. A set of paired board and batten doors, side-hinged with metal strap hinges, open toward Columbia Avenue on the north elevation. A single wood-paneled door is at the north end of the east elevation. A 4/1 double-hung sash window penetrates the east elevation. A single-light window overlooks the alley on the west elevation.

**Note: This shed was recorded previously, in 1987 and 1994, and assigned an independent site no. (5SM.1997)**

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction:      Estimate:    **1886**      Actual:
- Source of information:    **Sanborn Insurance map, August 1886.**
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 reveal that the original part of this building was constructed prior to August of 1886. As depicted on the 1886, 1890, and 1893 Sanborn maps, the building then consisted of the 1½-story front gabled section, with an extension to the west (rear) elevation. A small extension was added to the west end of the south elevation between 1893 and 1899. The extant two-story addition postdates 1886, and encompasses the rear portion of the historic building.**

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**  
    **Domestic / Multiple Dwelling (Rooming House)**
33. Current use(s):              **Commerce/Trade / Restaurant**
34. Site type(s):                 **Historically a single family dwelling and a rooming house; presently a restaurant**

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35. Historical background:

**Sanborn Insurance maps indicate that the original part of this building was constructed prior to August 1886. The 1900 U.S. census lists James E. Jarvis as the head of household at this address. According to the census, Mr. Jarvis had been born in Missouri in February 1849, and earned his living in Telluride as a saloonkeeper. Esther Horton and J. Russell Jarvis are also listed at this address in the 1900 U. S. census. Born in March 1890, J. Russell is listed as Mr. Jarvis' ten year old son. Born in 1868, Esther Horton is listed as a widow, and as Mr. Jarvis' niece. Members of the Jarvis family were not located in the 1910 and 1920 federal census records. According to a previous survey completed in 1986, this property was originally owned by Marie O'Bryan, and was later the home of "One-Armed" Watts Sampson, the employment agent for the Tomboy Gold Mine, followed by Don O'Rourke, a San Miguel County Treasurer. An entity known as Buckwheat Enterprises, of Lodi, California, owned this property in the 1980s. Thomas E. Wirth has owned the property from August of 1989 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](http://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.

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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**
40. Period of significance: **ca. 1886**
41. Level of significance: National: State: Local: **xx**
42. Statement of significance:  
**This building is historically significant for its association with Telluride's residential development during the late 1800s and early 1900s. The building is also architecturally significant for its representative angular front gabled plan. The structure qualifies as a "supporting" resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:  
**This building 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. A rear addition has replaced the rear portion of the original building. The addition is architecturally compatible with the original building. A sense of time and place remains for the most part intact.**

## VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

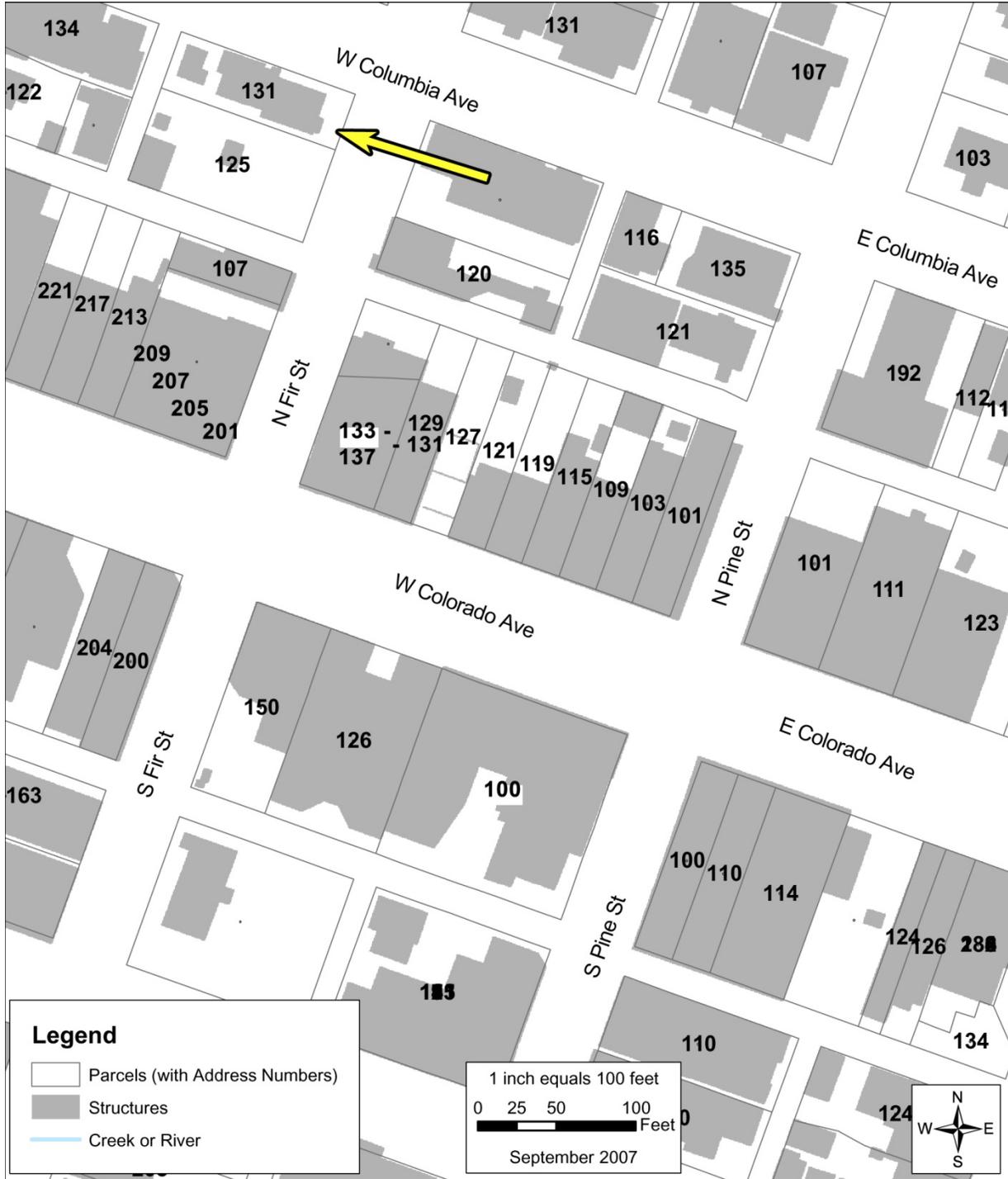
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Individually Eligible**  
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible / Supporting to District**
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes  No
- Discuss: **This property is located within the Telluride National Historic 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 188-192** 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**
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

