

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.1744**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Painter House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **San Miguel Valley Corp. House**
- 7. Building Address: **211 N. Fir Street**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **San Miguel Valley Corp.
7800 East Dorado Place, Suite 250
Englewood, CO 801112306**

Parcel number(s):

456536412010



THLD RATING:

Noncontributing Without Qualifications

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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** **252965 mE** **4202516 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 5, 7, Block 19**
 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): **Irregular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **4253 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: **Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Chimneys, Decorative Shingles, Balcony**
21. General architectural description:
This expansive 1½-story home is supported by a poured concrete and sandstone foundation. Its exterior walls are clad with beige color horizontal wood siding with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards, with brown fish scale shingles in some upper gable ends. A gable ornament appears in the south elevation's upper gable end. The house is covered by multiple intersecting gabled roofs, with black asphalt composition shingles and painted white boxed eaves. A non-historic skylight is on an east-facing roof slope, and there are two brick chimneys, with corbelled caps. The home's facade faces Fir Street on the east elevation. A stained natural brown wood-paneled front door, with a leaded glass oval-shaped light, and with a leaded glass transom light, enters the east elevation from a 9-step open wood porch. This porch covers the south end of the east elevation and wraps around to cover the east end of the south elevation. The porch features a tongue-on-groove wood floor, an open wood railing with turned balusters, turned columns with brackets, a pierced frieze, and a gabled roof over its north end. The south end of the porch where it wraps to cover the south elevation is uncovered. Two large, non-historic, canted hipped roof bays face Columbia Avenue on the south elevation. Each of these bays feature glass-in-wood-frame entry door with flanking windows. Non-historic fixed-pane octagon windows appear in the upper gable ends on the north and south elevations.
22. Architectural style: **Modern Movements / Neo-Victorian**
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

This well-maintained property is located at the northwest corner of N. Fir Street and Columbia Avenue. A nicely-landscaped, spacious, planted grass lawn extends south and east of the house. Sandstone retaining walls flank the sidewalks along Fir Street and Columbia Avenue. The house was extensively remodeled in the years prior to 1986.

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1886**
 Source of information: **Sanborn Insurance map, August 1886; San Miguel County Assessor records**
26. Architect: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**
28. Original owner: **Charles F. Painter (probably)**
 Source of information: **San Miguel County Assessor records; U. S. Census records**

29. Construction history:

Sanborn Insurance maps and San Miguel County Assessor records indicate that the original part of this house was built in 1886. The house was extensively remodeled in the years prior to 1986.

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:

The original part of this house was built in 1886, and by 1900 it was the home to the family of Charles F. and Elise C. Painter. Charles F. "Dad" Painter was among Telluride's leading citizens during the late 1800s and early 1900s. He arrived in the San Miguel Valley in 1880, and the following year he established the region's first newspaper, the *Daily Journal*. Charles and Elise (maiden name unknown) were married circa 1882. Mr. Painter remained the *Journal's* publisher and business manager, well into the twentieth century, while also maintaining an insurance and abstract business, known in some years as the San Miguel County Abstract Office. Members of the Painter family listed at this address in the 1900 U. S. census include: Charles F. (born in Ohio in June 1855); his wife Elise C. (born in Germany in 1861); daughter, Ertella M. (born in California in May 1885); son, David S. (born in Colorado in October 1885); son, George (born in Colorado in February 1890); daughter Elise (born in Colorado in October 1892. Only the 1900 census lists the Painter family at this address. The 1910 U.S. census lists the Painter

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residence as located on Pacific Avenue, while the 1920 and 1930 U. S. census records indicate that Charles and Elise lived on Colorado Avenue. David S. Lavender (1910-2003), the noted western historian and author, was the grandson of Charles F. Painter. In the early-to-mid-1980s, this property was owned by the Stockton Savings Association of Dallas, Texas. The San Miguel Valley Corporation, of Englewood, Colorado, has owned the property from 1987 to the present, according to San Miguel County Assessor records.

36. Sources of information:

Barbour, Elizabeth. *Telluride Images of America*. Charleston, SC, et. al.: Arcadia Publishing, 2006.

Colorado Business Directory listings for Telluride, 1881-1950.

Pera, Davine (comp.). *Conversations at 9,000 Feet A Collection of Oral Histories From Telluride, Colorado*. Ouray: Western Reflections Publishing Company, 2000.

"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.

Town of Telluride Planning Department files.

Trommer, Wahtola. *Telluride's Victorian Vernacular: A Walking Tour*. Telluride: Telluride Historical Museum, 2001.

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.

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

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39. Area(s) of significance: **N/A**
40. Period of significance: **N/A**
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 1886, and for its association with Charles F. "Dad" Painter. Due to a substantial loss of integrity, though, the structure rates as a "noncontributing without qualifications" resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building displays a 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. The dwelling has been substantially altered from its historic appearance. A sense of its historic and/or architectural significance is no longer in evidence.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Individually Eligible**
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Noncontributing Without Qualifications**
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 184-187** 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

