

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.1755**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Rieck House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Hess House**
- 7. Building Address: **222 N. Fir Street**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **H. Michael Hess  
P. O. Box 1231  
Telluride, CO 814351231**

Parcel number(s):

<b>456536415007</b>



THLD RATING:

Primary - Supporting to District  
Secondary Residence – Non-Designated – New Construction

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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** **253017 mE** **4202523 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 10, Tract A, Block 24**  
 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: **2496 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, Dormer, Fence**
21. General architectural description:  
**This residence consists of an original (circa 1886), single-story, L-shaped dwelling, remodeled with a large addition and new basement level in the early 1990s. The house is supported by a poured concrete foundation, faced with sandstone above grade. The exterior walls are clad with painted beige horizontal wood siding, with painted cream white 1" by 4" corner boards. A non-historic gable ornament is in the facade's upper gable ends. The original cross gabled roof is moderately-pitched, with black asphalt composition shingles and with painted cream white boxed eaves. A non-historic shed-roofed dormer is on the north-facing roof slope. The house's asymmetrical facade faces toward Fir Street on the west elevation. A wood-paneled front door, covered by a wood storm door, enters the north half of the facade from a non-historic 3-step wood porch. The porch features a wood plank floor, turned columns with decorative brackets, and a low-pitched hipped roof with a small intersecting gable over the porch stairs. The home's historic windows are primarily 3/1 (ribbon-style) double-hung sash with painted purple wood frames and painted cream white wood surrounds.**
22. Architectural style: **Neo Victorian**  
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features:  
**This well-maintained property is located on the east side of N. Fir Street in the block north of Columbia Avenue. A painted white picket fence encloses a planted grass front yard. The yard is nicely landscaped with low native plants and flowers which flank the perimeter of the house.**

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24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

**Secondary Residence (222½ N. Fir Street)**

A large modern secondary residence, with the address 222½ N. Fir Street, is at the rear of the property. This building is supported by a poured concrete foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with painted brown horizontal wood siding. The roof is a moderately-pitched cross gable, with lower hipped roof sections as well. The roof is covered with wood shingles, and the eaves are boxed. A wood-paneled door, with a leaded glass oval-shaped upper sash light, enters the south end of the east elevation at basement level, from beneath an elevated wood deck

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction:      Estimate: **1886**      Actual:
- Source of information:      **Sanborn Insurance map, August 1886**
26. Architect:                      **Original: Unknown**                      **1993 addition: George Greenbank**
- Source of information:      **Original: N/A**                      **1993 addition: Mike Hess (owner)**
27. Builder:                          **Original: Unknown**                      **1993 addition: Bill Boyd**
- Source of information:      **Original: N/A**                      **1993 addition: Mike Hess (owner)**
28. Original owner:              **Unknown**
- Source of information:      **N/A**
29. Construction history:
- Sanborn Insurance maps reveal that the original portion of this residence was in existence by August 1886. As built, it was a modest single-story, cross gabled,, L-shaped home. The dwelling stood largely as originally built for over a century, but it had deteriorated over the years and the foundation was beginning to fail. In 1992, owner Mike Hess contracted with architect George Greenbank and builder Bill Boyd to construct a new basement level, and rebuild the house on a new foundation with an addition.**
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 Dwelling**
35. Historical background:
- Sanborn Insurance maps and San Miguel County Assessor records reveal that the original part of this house was built prior to August of 1886. Andrew and Alice Rieck [Reick?] are listed as the home's residents in the 1900 and 1910 federal census records. According to the census, Andrew was born in Wyoming in February 1869, while Alice (maiden name unknown) was born in Colorado in April 1872. They were married circa 1864, and had no children as of 1910. Mr. Rieck worked as a hardware clerk in Telluride. Biographical information about other families associated with the property during the early 1900s has not been uncovered. Dennis Duggan owned property in the 1980s, followed by the Hess family from 1990 to the present (2011).**

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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.

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

**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 house is historically significant for its association with residential development in Telluride dating from the time of its construction in the 1880s. It is also architecturally significant for its gabled-L plan. Due to some loss of integrity, the primary residence is not individually eligible for listing in the National or State Registers. It retains sufficient integrity to qualify as a supporting resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District. The secondary residence is non-designated.**

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43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This property displays a less than ideal 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 integrity of the historic house is diminished by a large addition. A large modern secondary residence further diminishes the integrity of setting. The addition to the historic dwelling, apart from its size, is well executed. It is to the rear of the historic building, and its exterior materials complement those of the original. Despite its size, the addition is minimally visible from the street.**

### 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

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|---------------------------|---|---------------|---|
| 47. Photograph number(s): | <b>CD #5, Images 10-15</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 8, 2011</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

