

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination
(OAHHP use only)

OAHHP1403

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.1816**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Dennis House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Rosenblum House**
- 7. Building Address: **231 E. Galena Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Rosenblum Mort in care of Bateau Almeri
3 Port Des Champs Elysees75008
Paris France, XX 0**

Parcel number(s):

456536419011



THLD RATING:

Contributing to District

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**
SW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 036
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **253258 mE** **4202511 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot C, Block 33**
 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): **T-Shaped Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **565 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof / Cross Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Chimney**
21. General architectural description:
This is a single-story, T-shaped, wood frame dwelling, with a shed-roofed extension at the west end of the north (rear) elevation. The front-gabled, east, wing of the T-shaped section measures 24' N-S by 12' E-W. The side-gabled, west, wing of the T-shaped section measures 12' N-S by 10' E-W. The shed-roofed extension measures 13½' N-S by 13½' E-W. The house rests on a poured concrete foundation, or possibly on a stone foundation covered with concrete pargeting. The exterior walls are clad with painted yellow horizontal wood siding with painted green 1" by 4" corner boards, while the roof is covered with metal. The eaves are boxed, with painted green wood trim, and a red brick chimney is located on the ridge. The asymmetrical facade faces Galena Avenue on the south elevation. A distinctive painted brown wood-paneled door, with Queen Anne lights and with a transom light, enters the west half of the facade from an uncovered wood plank porch which measures 6' by 8'. A wood deck extends from the porch. A painted green and yellow wood-paneled door enters the west elevation from a 5-step wood porch which is covered by a shed roof. The home's original windows are entirely paired 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white or green wood frames and painted green wood surrounds.
22. Architectural style: **No Defined Style**
 Building type: **Gabled-T**

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

This house is located on a hill slope above the north side of Galena Avenue in the block west of Willow Street. A long flight of wooden steps, with a wood railing and broken by two landings, ascends from Galena to the front porch. A small planted grass front yard is landscaped with native plants, flowers, and aspen trees. The slope below the yard, as well as behind the house to the north features natural vegetation.

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1896** 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 reveal that this house was built between February 1893 and December 1899. The small T-shaped dwelling is depicted on Sanborn maps published in 1899, 1904, 1908, and 1922, without the extant shed-roofed extension at the west end of the north elevation. The extension appears quite old, however, and likely dates from the late 1920s or 1930s. There are no recent additions or notable alterations to the historic dwelling.

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:

Sanborn Insurance maps reveal that this house was built between February 1893 and December 1899. James F. Dennis, his wife, Kate, and a daughter named L. Marie, are listed as the home's residents in the 1900 federal census. According to the census, James Dennis had been born in Pennsylvania in April 1872, while Kate (maiden name unknown) was also born in the Keystone State, in January 1873. They were married circa 1895, and L. Marie, their eldest child, was born in November 1896. The census lists Mr. Dennis' occupation as "ore miner." Telluride *Daily Journal* articles, though, indicate that the family turned to ranching during the early 1900s. The Dennis family moved to the Montrose area circa 1906, due to the poor health of one of their children who needed to be a lower altitude. Mr. Dennis continued to maintain a presence in Telluride, however, and the family was recorded as residents of San Miguel in the 1910 census. Members of the family were not located in the 1920 or

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1930 federal census records. Biographical information about other families associated with the property through the early decades of the twentieth century has not been uncovered.

36. Sources of information:

Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection. <http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>.

Telluride *Daily Journal*, April 7, 1902, p. 3.

"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.

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.

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; Settlement**

40. Period of significance: **Circa 1896**

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

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42. Statement of significance:

This dwelling is historically significant for its association with Telluride's residential development, dating from the time of its construction in the mid-to-late 1890s. The house is also architecturally significant for its representative T-shaped cross gabled plan, and for its modest size and scale which is typical of working-class houses built in Telluride during the late 1800s and early 1900s. This property may be considered individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and it rates as a "contributing" resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This dwelling 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. There have been no additions and no notable adverse alterations to the historic residence.

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 385-387 | 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 3, 2011 | | 113 West Columbia Avenue |
| 50. Recorder(s): | Carl McWilliams
Timothy Wilder | | 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

