

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination  
(OAHHP use only)

OAHHP1403

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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.1815**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Unknown**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Mayer House**
- 7. Building Address: **239 E. Galena Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Virginia Mayer  
P. O. Box 390  
Telluride, CO 81435**

Parcel number(s):

**456536419003**



THLD RATING:

**Noncontributing With Qualifications**

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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** **253267 mE** **4202508 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 1, 3, 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): **Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **1724 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Weatherboard**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof / Gable-on-Hipped Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch**
21. General architectural description:  
**This 1½-story wood frame dwelling appears to have been raised and placed on a non-original lower level, with a walkout basement on the south elevation. The home's exterior walls are clad with painted cream white horizontal weatherboard siding, with painted green 1" by 4" corner boards. The gabled and hipped roof is moderately-pitched with metal roofing material and with painted cream white and green boxed eaves. An intersecting shed roof covers the front (south) part of the building including the open front porch. A stained brown wood-paneled door, covered by a painted green wood screen door, enters the east end of the south elevation from the open front porch. This porch is approached by six wood steps, and features a wood plank floor, an open wood railing, and painted green and white turned columns which support the shed roof. A stained brown wood-paneled door, covered by a gabled hood with knee brace supports, enters the north elevation. Three vertically-oriented single-light fixed-pane windows penetrate the facade wall west of the porch. A band of three 6-light windows are at the north end of the east elevation, facing Willow Street. Windows elsewhere are primarily single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted cream white wood frames and painted green wood surrounds.**
22. Architectural style: **No Defined Style**  
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

**This property is located at the northwest corner of E. Galena Avenue and Willow Street. The house is sited on a slope above Galena Avenue to the south, with Willow Street ascending the steep slope to the east. A set of concrete and flagstone steps ascend past a high stone retaining wall in the front yard to the residence. A small concrete parking area is at street level in front of the property. The grounds are landscaped with fir and aspen trees.**

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

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1922** Actual:

Source of information: **Sanborn Insurance maps**

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 indicate that this residence was likely built after 1922. The dwelling was extensively renovated in the years prior to 1987 when it was raised onto a new lower level with a walkout basement on the south elevation. The existing shed-roofed front portion of the house was also constructed during that time period.**

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:

**Biographical information pertaining to individuals and families associated with that residence during the early decades of the twentieth century has not been uncovered.**

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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.**

## 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

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 residence is historically significant, to a limited extent for its association with residential development in Telluride during the early-to-mid-1900s. Due to a rather substantial loss of integrity, though, the residence is no longer able to convey a strong sense of its significance.**

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43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This well-maintained residence 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. Renovations completed prior to 1987 have significantly altered the historic building. As a result, this property no longer conveys a sense of historic and architectural significance.**

### VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Individually Eligible**  
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Noncontributing With 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

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|---------------------------|---|---------------|--|
| 47. Photograph number(s): | <b>CD #6, Images 185-188</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<br/>113 West Columbia Avenue<br/>Telluride, CO 81435</b> |
| 49. Date(s):              | <b>June 1, 2011</b>                                       |               |  |
| 50. Recorder(s):          | <b>Carl McWilliams<br/>Timothy Wilder</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

