

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.1738/THAS.1**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Waite House (possibly)**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Miller House**
- 7. Building Address: **503/507 W. Galena Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Christopher D. Miller Trust  
P. O. Box 2160  
Telluride, CO 81435**

Parcel number(s):

<b>456536303028</b>



THLD RATING:

**Primary - Supporting to District  
Shed Complex - Contributing to District**

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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**  
**SW ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 036**
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **252663 mE** **4202727 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot B, Block 11 (Replat of Lots 0-3)**  
 Addition: **West Telluride Addition** Year of addition: **1891**
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): **L-Shaped Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **2843 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Weatherboard**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof / Cross Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Wood Roof / Shingle Roof**
20. Special features: **Porches, Dormers, Chimney**
21. General architectural description:  
**This 1½-story L-shaped dwelling is supported by a stone or concrete foundation covered by corrugated metal skirting. The exterior walls are clad with painted green horizontal weatherboard siding with painted cream white 1" by 4" corner boards. The cross-gabled roof is steeply-pitched, with wood shingles and painted cream white boxed eaves. Gabled wall dormers, with 1/1 double hung sash windows, are on the west and east elevations. A red brick chimney with a corbelled cap is on the ridge. Original windows appear to be entirely single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash with painted cream white wood frames and surrounds. The entry into 503 W. Galena Avenue is a painted cream white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, which enters the south end of the east elevation from an open porch. This porch has a wood plank floor, two painted cream white turned columns, pierced brackets, and a shed roof with an intersecting gable. The entry into 507 W. Galena Avenue is a painted cream white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, which enters the south end of the west elevation from an open porch. This porch is approached by three metal steps and features a wood plank floor, painted cream white turned columns, pierced brackets, and a shed roof. A shed-roofed addition to the north (rear) elevation measures approximately 18' N-S by 20' E-W. The addition's foundation is covered with corrugated metal skirting, while its exterior walls are made of stained brown board and batten. The roof is covered with corrugated metal, and there is a large gabled dormer on the north elevation with three single-light awning windows. Two other single-light awning windows penetrate the addition's north elevation. A painted cream white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, enters the addition's east elevation from a 4-step wood stoop.**

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22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

**This well-maintained property is located northwest of the intersection of Galena Avenue and Townsend Street, and is accessed via a footbridge which crosses Cornet Creek. The dwelling is surrounded by a professionally-landscaped planted grass lawn with native plants, flowers, spruce trees and aspen trees.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

**Shed Complex (THAS #1)**

Located near the rear of the property, this complex appears to be composed of four separate structures which abut each other. From west-to-east, these are:

1.) A low shed-roofed structure which measures approximately 8' N-S by 6' E-W, supported by a poured concrete foundation, and with corrugated metal exterior walls over wood frame construction. This structure is covered by a shed roof with corrugated metal roofing material laid over 1x wood decking. A narrow vertical wood plank door enters the south elevation from a flagstone stoop. A single-light window penetrates the west elevation.

2.) A 1½-story small gabled barn which measures approximately 10' N-S by 16' E-W. The barn's exterior walls are clad with rusted corrugated metal, over wood frame construction, and its roof is also covered with rusted corrugated metal laid over 1x wood decking. A vertical wood plank door enters the south elevation. Two window openings on the north elevation are covered by vertical wood plank shutters, side-hinged with metal strap hinges. A single-light window penetrates the upper gable end on the west elevation.

3.) A gabled shed which measures approximately 10' N-S by 12' E-W. This structure's north wall is made of unpainted horizontal wood planks, while its south wall is made of unpainted vertical wood planks. A horizontal sliding door on the north elevation is penetrated by two single-light windows. The gabled roof is covered with corrugated metal.

4.) A gabled shed which measures approximately 10' by 16', with board and batten walls, and a low-pitched gabled roof with corrugated metal laid over 1x wood decking. A wood-paneled door enters the north elevation.

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1900** Actual:
- Source of information: **San Miguel County Assessor records**
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**

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29. Construction history:

**San Miguel County Assessor records list 1900 as this dwelling's year of construction. This date seems plausible given the building's Late Victorian architectural form and details. Sanborn maps unfortunately do not depict this block north of Galena Avenue and west of Townsend Street. A rear addition (as described above in section 21) predates 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 / Multiple Family Dwelling**

34. Site type(s): **Historically a single family dwelling; presently it appears to be a duplex**

35. Historical background:

**San Miguel County Assessor records indicate that this house was built at about the turn of the twentieth century. Telluride's mining boom was at its peak in the late 1890s, and this was one of numerous residences constructed as the town's population swelled as a result of the mining activities. Biographical information about the families and individuals who lived here during the early 1900s has not been uncovered. Small news items published in the Telluride *Daily Journal* indicate this may have been the home of Frank M. Waite which was built in 1896. This remains unconfirmed, however. Dale Weisbrod and others owned this property in the mid-1980s.**

36. Sources of information:

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

**Telluride *Daily Journal*, April 30, 1896, p. 4.**

**Telluride *Daily Journal*, March 27, 1905, p. 3.**

**"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.**

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## 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:    **Circa 1900**

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, circa 1900. The dwelling is also architecturally significant for its 1½-story, angular, gabled-L plan, and for its Late Victorian era details. This property's house rates as a "supporting" resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District. The shed complex (THAS #1) rates as a "contributing resource within the Landmark District.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This property 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 is architecturally subservient to the historic dwelling.**

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### 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): | <b>CD #7, Images 163-164</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 5, 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

