

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

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5SM.3395/THAS165**
- 2. Temporary resource no.: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Larson House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **520 W. Galena LLC House**
- 7. Building Address: **520 W. Galena Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **520 W. Galena LLC  
498 Rosetree Lane  
Moab, UT 84532**

Parcel number(s):	<b>456536312034</b>



<b>THLD RATING:</b>	<b>Primary - Supporting Secondary Building - Supporting</b>
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### GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**  
**SE ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 036**
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **252608 mE** **4202689 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 33, Block 10**  
 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:

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Rectangular-Shaped Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **980 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Weatherboard**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch**
21. General architectural description:  
**This is a single-story, front-gabled, rectangular-shaped dwelling of wood frame construction. It measures approximately 36' N-S (deep) by 16' E-W (across), not including a shed-roofed side porch on the west elevation which measures approximately 20' N-S by 5' E-W, and also not including a shed-roofed extension to the south (rear) elevation. The dwelling is supported by an unpainted poured concrete foundation, while its exterior walls are clad with painted cream white horizontal weatherboard siding with painted teal color 1" by 4" corner boards. A distinctive gable ornament is located in the façade's upper gable end. The front-gabled roof is covered with brown metal roofing material, and the eaves are boxed with painted teal color wood trim. The house's asymmetrical façade faces Galena Street on the north elevation. A wood-paneled front door, with four upper sash lights, enters the west end of the façade from a full-width open front porch. This porch features a wood plank floor, a painted white open wood railing with turned balusters, painted white bracketed columns and engaged columns, and a hipped roof with a small intersecting gable. The shed-roofed side porch on the west elevation is approached by four steps, and features a painted white wood railing with turned balusters and turned columns with brackets. A solid wood door with one upper sash light enters the house from this porch. The home's windows are primarily single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash.**
22. Architectural style: **No Defined Style**  
 Building type: **Front Gabled Wood Frame Dwelling**

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

**This property is located on the south side of Galena Avenue in the block west of Townsend Street.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

**(THAS 165)**

### ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1896** Actual:

Source of information: **Sanborn Insurance Maps; 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**

29. Construction history:

**This dwelling was reportedly built circa 1896 and was originally located near the southeast corner of W. San Juan Avenue and S. Oak Street, where it was addressed as 224 W. San Juan Avenue. The dwelling and associated secondary building (THAS #165) existed at their original location for nearly a century before they were moved to 520 W. Galena, in the early-to-mid-1990s. The buildings' original site was then developed as the Camels Garden complex between 1995 and 1997.**

30. Original location: Moved:  Date of move(s): **Circa 1994**

### 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:

**This dwelling was built circa 1896 and was originally located at the southeast corner of W. San Juan Avenue and S. Oak Street. The previous survey for the property (completed in May 1986) indicates that Walter Larson owned the dwelling at that location, and that the side and rear additions date from the 1940s. According to the book *Conversations at 9,000 Feet A Collection of Oral Histories From Telluride, Colorado*, Walter "Shorty" Larson was born in Telluride on November 3, 1910. He was the son of Finnish immigrants John and Sophia (Johnson Peterson) Larson. John Larson worked as a miner in the Smuggler, Tomboy, and Liberty Bell mines. He died in 1914 before Walter had reached his fourth birthday. Sophia Larson, John's widow, died in 1947. She and John are interred at Lone Tree Cemetery. According to San Miguel County Assessor records, recent owners of this property on W. Galena include J. P. and D.J. Gaby (1986-1992), Drake Ewing Taylor (1992-2007), and 520 W. Galena LLC (2007- present (2013)).**

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36. Sources of information:

**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 map, October 1922.**

**Simmons, Laurie and Christine Whitacre. *Historic Building Inventory Record*, May 1986.**

**Town of Telluride Building Department building permit files.**

### 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 1896**

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

42. Statement of significance:

**This dwelling is architecturally significant for its representative late nineteenth century front gabled plan and Late Victorian era architectural details. These include a distinctive gable ornament in the upper gable end and elements of the front porch and side porch (as described above in section 21). Although moved from their original location, the dwelling and secondary building are also historically significant for their association with the Larson family who were members of Telluride's Finnish immigrant population. Because the buildings have been moved, but otherwise display reasonably high standards of integrity, this property rates as a “supporting” resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.**

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43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This dwelling and associated secondary building lost their integrity of location when they were moved circa 1994. However, they display a relatively high standard of physical integrity, relative to the other six aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and History Colorado, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation - setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.**

### NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Individually Eligible**

Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Supporting**

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:

### RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph number(s):	<b>CD #!!!</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 Department</b>
49. Date(s):	<b>July 28, 2013</b>		<b>113 West Columbia Avenue</b>
50. Recorder(s):	<b>Carl McWilliams</b>		<b>Telluride, CO 81435</b>
51. Organization:	<b>Cultural Resource Historians</b>		
52. Address:	<b>Dogwood Court</b>		
	<b>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

