

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination  
(OAHF 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.1749/THAS.88**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Miners' Hospital; Dr. Hall's Hospital; Hadley Hospital; American Legion Hospital; Community Hospital; San Miguel County Historical Museum**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Telluride Historical Museum**
- 7. Building Address: **201 W. Gregory Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Town of Telluride  
P. O. Box 397  
Telluride, CO 814350397**

Parcel number(s):

**456536406019**



THLD RATING:

Primary - Contributing to District  
Shed (THAS88) - 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 SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 036**
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **253043 mE** **4202654 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 11-14, Block A**  
 Addition: **Halls Subdivision** Year of addition:
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: **46' by 50'**
16. Number of stories: **2½**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stone / Sandstone**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Wood Roof /Shingle Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Chimney, Dormers, Roof Cresting, Decorative Shingles**
21. General architectural description:

The Telluride Historical Museum building is a prominent 2½ edifice of sandstone masonry construction. It features a rectangular plan which measures 50' N-S (deep) by 46' E-W (across), and is covered by a steeply-pitched truncated hipped roof. The building is supported by a heavy sandstone foundation, with coursed sandstone forming the façade wall (south elevation) and uncoursed sandstone forming the side and rear elevation walls. The hipped roof is covered with wood shingles while the eaves are boxed with painted red wood trim. An open wood railing of turned balusters encloses the truncated roof peak. An intersecting gable, with decorative painted red and peach color variegated wood shingles and an oculus window, is centered on the south-facing roof slope overlooking the façade. Two gabled dormers, each with a 1/1 double-hung sash window, are also located on the south-facing roof slope. There are four tall brick chimneys with corbelled caps, two located respectively on the east and west facing roof slopes, and the other two near the base of the north-facing roof slope. The façade is symmetrical. A painted red wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light and a transom light, enters the center of the façade from a full-width 6' by 46' front porch which wraps around to cover the south end of the east elevation. The porch features a wood plank floor, a red metal railing, and painted red with peach trim turned columns which support a low-pitched hipped porch roof. A short set of metal steps approach the porch's east end. A concrete handicap-accessible ramp provides access to the porch's west end. A painted red wood-paneled door with a transom light enters the south end of the west elevation. Two other painted red wood-paneled doors with transom lights enter the main level on the north elevation. A metal staircase on the north elevation leads to a metal second story porch and yet another painted red wood-paneled door which enters the second story. Windows are entirely single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash with painted red wood frames and painted peach color wood surrounds.

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22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

**The Telluride Historical Museum is located on the north side of Gregory Avenue at the north (top) end of Fir Street. Tomboy Road ascends the mountain behind the building to the north.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

**Shed (THAS #88)**

**A shed (THAS #88) is located directly behind the museum. This single-story building measures 12' by 10', and has uncoursed sandstone walls with concrete mortar. It is covered by a shed roof with metal roofing material and closed eaves. An unpainted vertical wood plank door, side-hinged with metal strap hinges, enters the south elevation.**

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1895** Actual:
- Source of information: **Barbour, Elizabeth. *Telluride Images of America*; "Trommer, Wahtola. *Telluride's Victorian Vernacular: A Walking Tour*"; Simmons, Laurie and Christine Whitacre. *Historic Building Inventory Record*, May 1986.**
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:

**Multiple secondary sources list either 1893 or 1895 as this building's year of construction, and Sanborn Insurance maps confirm that it was built sometime between 1893 and 1899. Serving initially as the Miners' Hospital, its construction was spearheaded by Dr. Harry C. Hall, a prominent Telluride physician in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Mine owners and community business leaders contributed to the construction costs. The building served as a hospital until 1964 and then sat vacant for two years before reopening as the San Miguel County Historical Society Museum in 1966. Extensive restoration work was completed in the late 1990s, paid for in part by two State Historic Fund grants (project #s 97-01-162 and 99-01-073).**

30. Original location:  Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of move(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Health Care / Hospital**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Health Care / Hospital; Recreation and Culture / Museum**
33. Current use(s): **Recreation and Culture / Museum**
34. Site type(s): **Historically a hospital, presently the Telluride Historical Museum**

35. Historical background:

**This building was constructed as a hospital in the early-to-mid-1890s, and served in that capacity until its closure in 1964. Through the years, the hospital was known variously as the Miners' Hospital, Dr. Hall's Hospital, Dr. Hadley's Hospital, the American Legion Hospital, and the Community Hospital. Its construction was spearheaded by Dr. Harry C. Hall, a prominent Telluride physician in the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century. The 1900 U. S. federal census reveals that Dr. Hall and his wife Rose Marie lived near the hospital on north Oak Street. He was born in Kentucky in April of 1860, while Rose Marie was born in Iowa in September of 1871. They were married in Telluride in 1893. By 1909, the hospital was principally operated by Dr. Edgar Hadley, and was thus known for a time as Dr. Hadley's Hospital. By 1930 it had become the American Legion Hospital and remained so until its closure in 1964. On Independence Day in 1966, the building reopened as the San Miguel County Historical Museum, operated by the recently-formed San Miguel County Historical Society. The Town of Telluride acquired the property in the late 1990s, and it has been known as the Telluride Historical Museum since that time. Extensive restoration work was completed in the late 1990s, paid for in part by two State Historic Fund grants (project #s 97-01-162 and 99-01-073).**

36. Sources of information:

**Barbour, Elizabeth. *Telluride Images of America*. Charleston, SC, et. al.: Arcadia Publishing, 2006.**

**Colorado Business Directory listings for Telluride, 1881-1950.**

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

***Telluride Journal*, April 15, 1899, p. 3.**

**Denver Public Library, Western History and Genealogy, DPL Western History Photos database.**

**<http://www.photoswest.org>**

**Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900, San Miguel, County, Colorado, Central Telluride precinct.**

**"San Miguel County Assessor Data Site." <http://sanmiguel.valuwest.net/>**

**San Miguel County Property Appraisal Record.**

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Sanborn Insurance maps, August 1886, October 1890, February 1893, December 1899, July 1904, November 1908, October 1922.

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

Telluride Historical Museum. [www.telluridemesuem.org](http://www.telluridemesuem.org)

Town of Telluride Building Department building permit files.

Town of Telluride Planning Department files.

Trommer, Wahtola. *Telluride's Victorian Vernacular: A Walking Tour*. Telluride: Telluride Historical Museum, 2001.

## 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:

- xx** 7-505.A.1. The structure is representative of a unique historical social activity of an era  
**xx** 7-505.A.2. The structure dominates the neighborhood by virtue of its mass, architecture or location  
**xx** 7-505.A.3. The structure was an historically or architecturally important public building  
**xx** 7-505.A.4. The structure has a unique historical significance beyond a local level  
**xx** 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, Health/Medicine**

40. Period of significance: **ca. 1895; ca. 1895-1964**

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

42. Statement of significance:

**This building is historically significant for its long historic use as a hospital in Telluride. It is also architecturally significant for the fine craftsmanship shown in its stone masonry construction, and for its Late Victorian era elements and details. Notable features include: roof cresting with turned balusters, narrow gabled dormers, corbelled brick chimneys, narrow double-hung sash windows, transom lights, and turned porch columns. Displaying a high standard of integrity, the building is individually eligible for inclusion in the National and State Registers, and for local landmark designation by the Town of Telluride. It is a contributing resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District. Shed (THAS #88) also rates as a contributing resource within the Landmark District.**

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43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This building 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. Following restoration work completed in the late 1990s, the building appears much the same as it did when originally built a century earlier.**

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### 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:

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### VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph number(s):	<b>CD #8; Images 1-5</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>August 5, 2011</b>		<b>113 West Columbia Avenue</b>
50. Recorder(s):	<b>Carl McWilliams Timothy Wilder</b>		<b>Telluride, CO 81435</b>
51. Organization:	<b>Cultural Resource Historians</b>		
52. Address:	<b>Dogwood Court 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

