

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: **5SM1702**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **First Methodist Episcopal Church**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Oak Street Inn**
- 7. Building Address: **134 N. Oak St. / 220 W. Columbia Ave.**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Oak Street Inn Ventures LLC
P.O. Box 2675
Telluride, CO 814352675**

Parcel number(s): **456536411002**

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**
SW ¼ of SW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 36
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **252914 mE** **4202490 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 4, Block 3**
 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): **Irregular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **11,795**
16. Number of stories: **2½**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding**
Wood/Shingle
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Tower, Porch, Decorative Shingles, Dormers, Attached Garage**

21. General architectural description:

The main front section of this building, which fronts onto Oak Street, was erected in 1902 as the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The rear section, joined to the original by a connecting element to the east elevation, is an early 2000s addition. The main front section is addressed as 134 N. Oak Street. The addition is addressed as 220 W. Columbia Avenue. The main front section is 2½-stories in height with a 2-story tower at the front northwest corner. This section of the building is supported by an unpainted coursed sandstone foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with painted beige horizontal wood siding with painted chocolate brown 1" by 4" corner boards. Painted beige variegated wood shingles appear in the upper gable ends on the west, north and south elevations. The main section is covered by a gable roof, with prominent lower intersecting gables on the north and south elevations. The corner tower is also covered by a front-facing gable roof. Shed-roofed dormers are located on the north, east and south elevations. The roof is covered with metal roofing material, while the eaves are boxed with painted chocolate brown wood trim. Large multi-paned Gothic-arched windows, with painted chocolate brown wood frames and surrounds, penetrate the north and west elevations. Windows elsewhere are predominantly double-hung sash, also with painted chocolate brown wood frames and surrounds. A painted red wood-paneled door, with five cross-panels, enters into the south side of the corner tower from a 9-step wood porch which extends across the west elevation (façade). This porch features a wood plank floor and a metal railing. A shed roof covers the south end of the porch and the steps. A non-historic glass-in-wood-frame door, with flanking sidelights, enters a walkout basement level near the west end of the south elevation. A glass-in-wood frame door enters the second floor from a second story porch on the south elevation. A painted red wood-paneled door

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enters the north elevation from a 5-step wood porch which features a wood plank floor, a metal railing, and a shed roof with knee brace supports.

The addition to the east elevation is 1½-stories in height. It is supported by a rock-faced concrete foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with painted green horizontal wood siding, with painted dark green 1" by 4" corner boards. The addition is covered by a gable roof oriented toward Columbia Avenue to the north, with two intersecting gables on the east-facing roof slope. The roof is covered with metal roofing material, while the eaves are boxed with painted green wood trim. Variegated wood shingles appear in the upper gable ends. A painted white 8-light glass-in-metal-frame door enters the east end of the north elevation from a 5-step wood porch. This porch features a tongue-in-groove wood floor, a stained brown wood railing, a 4" by 4" wood post, and a shed roof. The addition's windows are primarily paired 2/2 double-hung sash with white metal frames and surrounds. A 2-stall garage is incorporated into the addition's basement level, accommodated by the grade which slopes gently upward from south to north. A painted green wood-paneled roll-away garage door enters the basement-level garage from the alley on the east elevation. A glass-in-white-metal-frame atrium door enters the main level above the garage on the south elevation. A horizontal-sliding glass bypass door enters the upper half story from an elevated porch on the south elevation.

22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian/Gothic Revival**

Building type: **N/A**

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This property is located at the southeast corner of North Oak Street and West Columbia Avenue. The building's west elevation fronts directly onto the concrete sidewalk paralleling Oak Street. The property's northern perimeter, fronting toward Columbia Avenue, is nicely landscaped with native plants, shrubs, and small aspen trees.

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1902**

Source of information: ***Telluride Journal*, March 27, 1902, p. 1.**

26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of information: **N/A**

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of information: **N/A**

28. Original owner: **First Methodist Episcopal Church of Telluride**

Source of information: **"The Churches of Telluride, *Telluride Journal*, December 30, 1899, p. 9.**

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29. Construction history:

This building was constructed between 1900 and 1902 as the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The First M. E. Church in Telluride was organized in the spring of 1899, and that fall a building committee was formed to acquire property and to plan and oversee construction of a new church building. Members of the building committee included F. B. Roberts, F. C. Graham, L. C. Kinikin, J. M. Wardlaw, and F. J. Barbee. Lot 4 of Block 3 in Telluride's Original Townsite, at the southeast corner of Oak Street and Columbia Avenue was purchased from Charles Watson in late September 1899, and construction began soon afterwards. The church was not completed until April of 1902, however. It was dedicated on April 6, 1902. The original church building has undergone numerous alterations and renovations over the years during its conversions to other uses. Circa 1915, it was acquired by the local school board and converted into a recreation hall and community center. The building became a restaurant and tavern during the latter half of the 1900s, and it was later converted into residential use. The building was extensively rehabilitated circa 2004-2006, with the construction of some building elements which are sympathetic with its original use as a church. An addition to the east (rear) elevation also dates to circa 2004-2006.

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

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): Religion/Church
32. Intermediate use(s): Education Related
Social/Clubhouse
Commerce and Trade/Restaurant
33. Current use(s): Domestic/Multiple Dwelling
34. Site type(s): Former First Methodist Episcopal Church

35. Historical background:

The First Methodist Episcopal Church in Telluride was founded in the spring of 1899. Local citizens, including Miss Marion Knight, A. E. Barrick, and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Barbee met on April 27th of that year with an eye toward organizing a new church. A month later, a letter which lobbied for the establishment of a Methodist Episcopal Church in Telluride was sent to Rev. S. H. Kirkbride, presiding elder of the M. E. Church for the Rio Grande district. Independent of local efforts, the formation of an M. E. Church in Telluride also came under consideration at the Church's district conference which convened in Leadville in late May of 1899. Rev. Kirkbride arrived in Telluride on June 10th, and two days later he presided over an organizational meeting held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Barbee. Charter members of the First M. E. Church of Telluride who attended the meeting included F.J. Barbee, Kate A. Barbee, A. E. Barrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wardlaw, Mrs. Hattie Hopkirk, and Mrs. S. C. Carpenter. The newly-formed church held its first services just over a week later, as reported by the *Telluride Journal* under the headline "A New Church Organization."

Inasmuch as there is a broad field here for those who love to work for Christ, the Methodist Episcopal church, under the personal direction of Presiding Elder S.H. Kirkbride, on last Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Barbee, organized the First M. E. Church of Telluride. The goodly number interested in this movement have been actively engaged all week and feel greatly encouraged. They have rented the vacant store room on the ground floor of the Robson building on West Colorado avenue, and will have the same fitted up for services Sunday, June 18th. ..Preaching

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services at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. by Rev. S. C. Elwell. Also, beginning Sunday June 24th [*sic*], the additional service of the Epworth League, 7 p.m., A. E. Barrick, president.

On August 19, 1899, the newly-formed church appointed a building committee, tasked with acquiring property and seeing to the construction of a permanent church building. Members of the building committee included F. B. Roberts, F. C. Graham, L. C. Kinikin, J. M. Wardlaw, and F. J. Barbee. Just over a month later, on September 23, 1899, the *Telluride Journal* reported:

The Methodist Church association have [*sic*] purchased from Chas. Watson the lots on the south-east corner of Columbia avenue and Oak street, diagonally across from E.L. Davis' new brick residence and are having plans prepared with a view to erecting a church thereon.

Subsequent *Telluride Journal* articles indicate that the First M. E. Church was not completed until the spring of 1902. Rev. Kirkbride presided over a dedication ceremony held on April 6, 1902, with the new carpet, rostrum, and steps of the new church building provided courtesy of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and three new chandeliers presented as a gift from people of Montrose. In the meantime, Rev. F. M. Mobley, the church's first pastor had passed away of pneumonia, and had been replaced by a new pastor, Rev. J.M. McDonald.

Circa 1915, the First Methodist Episcopal Church building was acquired by the local school board and subsequently used as a recreation hall, basketball court, a ballroom, for theatrical performances, and for other school and community related events. The building reportedly also was used for a time as the Christ Presbyterian Church. The building was converted to private use during the latter half of the twentieth century. It was known as the Oak Street Inn and Tavern for a number of years, and was later converted into a private residence.

36. Sources of information:

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

Telluride Museum Digital Photo Collection: <http://www.telluridemuseum.org>

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VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No Date of designation:

Designating authority: **N/A**

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:

xx 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

xx 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: **N/A**

40. Period of significance: **N/A**

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

42. Statement of significance:

Completed in 1902 as the First Methodist Episcopal Church, this building is historically significant for its original use as a church and its later use as community center, including as a recreation hall, ballroom, theatre for school plays, and other community activities. The building is also architecturally significant to a modest extent for its Gothic Revival style elements.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays a less than optimal standard of 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. Completed in 1902 as the First Methodist Episcopal Church, the building has been altered and renovated at numerous points in time throughout its history. Most recently renovated circa 2004-2006, the building presently evokes a moderately strong sense of its original use as a church. A relatively large rear addition is reasonably compatible with the original building in terms of its size, materials, scale and design, but is exposed due to the property's prominent corner location. The original corner tower which featured a pyramidal roof with flared eaves has been replaced by

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a lower corner tower with a gable roof. A large, historic, brick chimney is no longer extant, and porches, doors, and windows have been modified from their original appearance. Overall, this building possesses sufficient significance and integrity to rate as a "supporting" building within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.

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:
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VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

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| 47. Photograph number(s): | CD #5, Images 357-359 | CDs filed at: | Town of Telluride |
| 48. Report title: | Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures | | Planning and Building
Department |
| 49. Date(s): | December 20, 2010 | | 113 West Columbia Avenue |
| 50. Recorder(s): | Carl McWilliams, Karen McWilliams | | Telluride, CO 81435 |
| 51. Organization: | Cultural Resource Historians | | |
| 52. Address: | 1607 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

