

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination (OAHHP use only)

OAHHP1403 Rev. 9/98

- 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.1689/THAS.62**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Unknown**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Thornton House**
- 7. Building Address: **323 N. Oak Street**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Thornton, Stuart and Thornton, Elizabeth
P. O. Box 4230
Telluride, CO 81435**

Parcel number(s):	456536407006



THLD RATING:	Primary - Supporting to District Shed - Supporting to District Garage/Secondary Residence – Non-Designated – New Construction
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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**
SW ¼ of NW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 036
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **252920 mE** **4202661 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 11, Block 3**
 Addition: **Dakota Addition** Year of addition: **1901**
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: **Length: 60 feet x Width: 22 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
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: **Porch**
Chimney
21. General architectural description:
This is a historic, circa 1906, single-story wood frame dwelling, with a large 1.5-story, 2002, addition to its original west (rear) elevation. The historic (front) portion of the house measures approximately 23' N-S (across) by 35' E-W (deep), while the entire building, with the addition, now measures approximately 22' N-S by 60' E-W. The original house is supported by a non-historic concrete foundation which is faced with rock. The building is sited on a fairly steep slope, and thus is able to feature a walk-out basement level on the south elevation. The dwelling's walls are clad with painted beige horizontal weatherboard siding, with painted cream white 1" by 4" corner boards; however, octagon pattern wood shingles appear in the façade's upper gable end. The steeply-pitched cross gable roof is covered with wood shingles, and the eaves are boxed with painted cream white and burgundy wood trim. A red brick chimney is located just below the ridge on the north-facing roof slope. Two painted cream white, with burgundy trim, wood-paneled doors, each with an upper sash light, enter the south end of the façade from the front porch. This porch is approached by eight stone steps and eight wooden steps, and features a tongue-in-groove wood floor, an open wood railing, turned columns, and a low-pitched hip porch roof. A prominent canted bay, with a single-hung sash window with latticed upper sash lights, and with flanking 1/1 double-hung sash windows, dominates the façade wall to the north of the porch. Windows elsewhere are primarily a combination of non-historic single light casements and the original 1/1 double-hung sashes. The windows typically display painted burgundy wood frames and painted cream white wood surrounds.
22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

This property is located on the west side of N. Oak Street in the block north of Galena Avenue. The small front yard is nicely-landscaped, with a stone retaining wall paralleling the front sidewalk along Oak Street.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

Shed (THAS#62)
A historic shed is located to the side of the residence near the garage/secondary residence.

Garage/Secondary Residence
A garage, with living space above in the upper half story, is located near the rear of the property. Built in 2002, this 1.5-story wood frame building measures 22' by 12', and is supported by a concrete slab foundation. Its exterior walls and steeply-pitched gable roof are clad with rusticated corrugated metal and the roof eaves are boxed. Two gabled dormers, each with two single-light windows, are located on the north-facing roof slope. A corrugated metal clad garage door opens toward the alley on the west elevation. Two single-light windows penetrate the south elevation, while a single 1/1 double-hung sash window is located at the east end of the north elevation. A metal spiral staircase on the south elevation leads to a small wood balcony where a painted burgundy glass-in-wood-frame door enters the upper half story.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1906** Actual:
- Source of information: **Sanborn Insurance maps, July 1904 and August 1908.**
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 provide documentation that the original portion of this dwelling was erected between 1904 and 1908. A large addition, and a detached garage were erected in 2002.**
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 dwelling**
35. Historical background:

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San Miguel County Assessor records and Sanborn Insurance maps indicate that this dwelling was erected between 1904 and 1908. Biographical information about the families and individuals who lived here through the early 1900s has not been uncovered.

36. Sources of information:

San Miguel County Assessor records.

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 Whitacre, Christine. Historic Building Inventory Record, May 1986.

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).

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, Settlement**

40. Period of significance: **1878-1913**

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

42. Statement of significance:

This property is historically significant for its association with Telluride's residential development beginning in the early 1900s. With some loss of integrity to the house, the primary residence and the shed rate as "supporting" resources within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District. The garage/secondary residence is non-designated.

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43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building displays a somewhat 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. A large rear addition is compatible with the historic house in terms of its materials; however, its roof line extends well above and extends over the original roof line. As a result, this building no longer clearly contributes to the historic character of 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:

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

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| 47. Photograph number(s): | CD #7, #s169-171, 191-193 | CDs filed at: | Town of Telluride |
| 48. Report title: | Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures | | Planning and Building Dept. |
| 49. Date(s): | 10/15/2007; revised 4/10/2012 | | 113 West Columbia Avenue |
| 50. Recorder(s): | Carl McWilliams
Timothy Wilder | | Telluride, CO 81435 |
| 51. Organization: | Cultural Resource Historians | | |
| 52. Address: | 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

