

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination  
(OAHF use only)

OAHF1403  
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.1612**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **"Female Boardinghouse"**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Sheridan House**
- 7. Building Address: **125/27 E Pacific Ave**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Christian McConnell and Arguelles Jess  
P. O. Box 3767  
Telluride, CO 81435**

Parcel number(s):	<b>477901123015</b>



<p><b>Primary - Contributing to District</b> <b>Privy – No THAS#</b></p>
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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **42N** Range: **9W**  
 ¼ of ¼ of ¼ of ¼ of Section 1
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **252987 mE** **4202304 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 1A, Block 6; Lots 5, 7, Block 8**  
 Addition: **Diamond Tooth Building Subdivision; Popcorn Alley 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: **Unknown**
16. Number of stories: **1**
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: **Chimney**
21. General architectural description:  
**This small wood frame dwelling features a basic rectangular plan, with a front-gabled roof. The façade is set back approximately four feet from the concrete sidewalk which parallels Pacific Avenue on the south elevation. The building is supported by a non-historic concrete foundation, with a single-light basement window penetrating the foundation wall on the west elevation. The exterior walls are clad with painted green horizontal weatherboard siding, or board-and-batten, with painted burgundy color 1" by 4" corner boards. The front gabled roof is moderately-pitched, and is covered with metal roofing material. The eaves are boxed with painted burgundy and green wood trim, and two red brick chimneys with corbelled caps are located on the ridge. Two, painted purple with red trim, wood-paneled doors respectively enter either end of the façade. Each of these doors has an upper sash light. Two 1/1 double-hung sash windows, with painted purple wood frames and painted burgundy wood surrounds, penetrate the façade wall between the two doors. Wood-paneled doors are also located at either end of the north (rear) elevation.**
22. Architectural style: **No Defined Style**  
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features: **This small building, and other similar related buildings, are located on the north side of Pacific Avenue, in the block between Spruce and Pine Streets. The Silver Bell building is located immediately to the east of this building at the northwest corner of Spruce Street and Pacific Avenue. A small yard, shared with 121, 121 1/2, and 123 E. Pacific Avenue is located behind the building to the north.**

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24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

<p><b>Privy</b></p> <p>A small building (historically a two-hole privy) is located in the yard behind the house. Measuring approximately 4' by 6', the privy has a concrete slab foundation and floor, and painted cream yellow horizontal weatherboard walls with painted purple 1" by 4" corner boards. It is covered by a side-gable roof covered with green asphalt composition shingles. The eaves are boxed with painted purple and cream yellow wood trim. Two painted cream yellow wood-paneled doors are located on the south elevation.</p>
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## IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: 1896 Actual:
- Source of information: Sanborn Insurance maps, February 1893 and December 1899.
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 small wood frame building was probably built in the 1890s. It was one of several bordello cribs erected along the north side of Pacific Avenue in an area that became known as "the line." Sanborn Insurance maps show that at least twenty such cribs were erected on Pacific Avenue, in the two blocks between Pine and Willow Streets alone, during the period between 1893 and 1899. This crib was moved to its current site circa 1925. This location was previously occupied by the back of the Silver Bell building, until it burned in July of 1923.**
30. Original location: Moved:  Date of move(s): 1925

## V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): Commerce and Trade/Brothel
32. Intermediate use(s): Commerce and Trade/Brothel
33. Current use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling
34. Site type(s): Historically a bordello crib in Telluride's Red Light District
35. Historical background:
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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

7-505.A.6.    The structure has a "contributing or qualified contributing" rating on the THAS

39. Area(s) of significance:                    **Architecture, Commerce, Social History**

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

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

42. Statement of significance:

**This building is historically significant for its early use as a bordello crib located along "the line" on Pacific Avenue, in the heart of Telluride's red light district. This and the few other bordello cribs which have been preserved, played an integral role in a significant, if in many ways undesirable, aspect of Telluride's society.**

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43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This building 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. Although precise details of the building's historic appearance are unknown, its early use as a bordello crib is well-documented, and it still clearly conveys a sense of its history as a contributing resource 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 / 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:

### VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 47. Photograph number(s): | <b>CD #5, Images 417-421</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 Dept.</b> |
| 49. Date(s):              | <b>08/31/2007; revised 4/10/2012</b>                      |               | <b>113 West Columbia Avenue</b>    |
| 50. Recorder(s):          | <b>Carl McWilliams</b><br><b>Timothy Wilder</b>           |               | <b>Telluride, CO 81435</b>         |
| 51. Organization:         | <b>Cultural Resource Historians</b>                       |               |                                    |
| 52. Address:              | <b>Dogwood Court</b><br><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

