

# Architectural Inventory Form

## Official Eligibility Determination (for OAHP use only)

- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_
- Determined Eligible - National Register
  - Determined Not Eligible - National Register
  - Determined Eligible - State Register
  - Determined Not Eligible - State Register
  - Need Data
  - Contributes to eligible National Register District
  - Noncontributing to eligible NR District

### I. Identification

1. Resource number: 5HN68.54
2. Temporary resource number: 3
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Gentry Cabins
6. Current building name: Gentry Cabins
7. Building address: 116 Bluff Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Gentry Family, 8620 Heron Drive, Fort Worth TX 76108

### II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R999

9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W NE4 of NW4 of NW4 of Section 34
10. UTM reference  
Zone 13 296540 mE 4211170 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' 15'
12. Block(s): 72 Lot(s): 22-25 Legal:  
Addition: Year of Addition:

13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

### III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Rectangular
15. Dimensions: 425 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Log
18. Roof configuration: Front gabled
19. Roof material: Metal
20. Special features:
21. General architectural description:  
One-story, front-gabled dwelling of "lock logs." Metal roof with exposed rafter tails; gable end clad in horizontal wood siding. Small, four-lite windows. Off-center entrance has paneled door and screen door. Concrete foundation.
22. Architectural style/Building type: Rustic
23. Landscaping or special setting:  
Large corner lot

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Secondary dwelling (112 Bluff), 1966

One-story, front-gabled log dwelling clad in manufactured log. Metal roof with exposed rafter tails. Windows are small aluminum sliders. Small deck on front has plain wood balusters. Concrete foundation.

Privy, 1952

Shed-roofed frame building with composition roofing. Walls are clad in boards; board door.

Pump house, 1952

Small, shed-roofed structure clad in boards.

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: 1952 Actual: \_\_\_\_\_ Source of info: James Gentry

26. Architect: None Source of info:

27. Builder/contractor: Cline Shaver Source of info: James Gentry

28. Original owner: Walter Lee Patrick Source of info: James Gentry

29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):

Unaltered

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

V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Seasonal dwelling

32. Intermediate use(s):

33. Current use(s): Seasonal dwelling

34. Site type(s):

35. Historical background:

Lake City's post-World War II economy was marked by increased speculation in town lots within the historic townsite, together with a steady increase in the construction of tourist-related summer homes, motels, and businesses. In the early 1950s, Texas resident Walter Lee Patrick acquired at county tax sale the nine lots on the southwest corner of Block 72 near the entrance to Henson Creek Canyon.

In 1952, he completed the first cabin, 116 Bluff, of what was envisioned to be a tourist court located on the nine lots. The front-gabled structure was built with milled "lock logs" which were hauled from Gunnison and assembled by local carpenter Cline Shaver. Patrick never completed other portions of the planned resort complex, although he did proceed to use the single cabin for his own use and as a rental to friends. He sold the cabin and property to its present owner, James Gentry, a co-worker at the General Dynamics plant in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1956. Gentry built the adjacent cabin, 112 Bluff, in 1966.

When purchased from Patrick, the original 1952 cabin at 116 Bluff relied on water from a pump in a frame wellhouse located toward the front of the lots. The bathroom consisted of the extant frame privy located on the alley behind 116 Bluff. It was a memorable experience for Gentry, when he first bought the property, to shoo away herds of deer as he made his way from the cabin to the alley privy

36. Sources of information:

Telephone interview with James Gentry, Fort Worth, Texas by Grant Houston, November 10, 2002.

## VI. Significance

37. Local landmark: Yes  No  Date of design.: \_\_\_\_\_ Design. authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Within Lake City Historic District (local historic district)

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 distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria

39. Area(s) of significance: Social history, entertainment and recreation, architecture

40. Period of significance: 1952 -1952

41. Level of significance: National  State  Local

42. Statement of significance:

This property is associated with the growth and development of recreation and tourism in Lake City from 1915 through the 1960s, following the local decline of hard rock mining. It is also is a good example of the Rustic style cabin built in Lake City, as reflected by its small size, low gabled roof, log materials, and modest porch.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance:

The architectural integrity of this dwelling is intact, as evidenced by minimal alterations to its character-defining features.

## VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:  Eligible  Not Eligible  Need Data

45. Is there National Register district potential?  Yes  No

Discuss \_\_\_\_\_

If there is National Register district potential, is this building  Contributing  Noncontributing

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district is it?  Contributing  Noncontributing  
(Lake City National Historic District)

## VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: Roll 1, frames 15-18 Negatives filed at: Lake City Town Hall

48. Report title: 2003 Architectural Survey of Lake City, Colorado

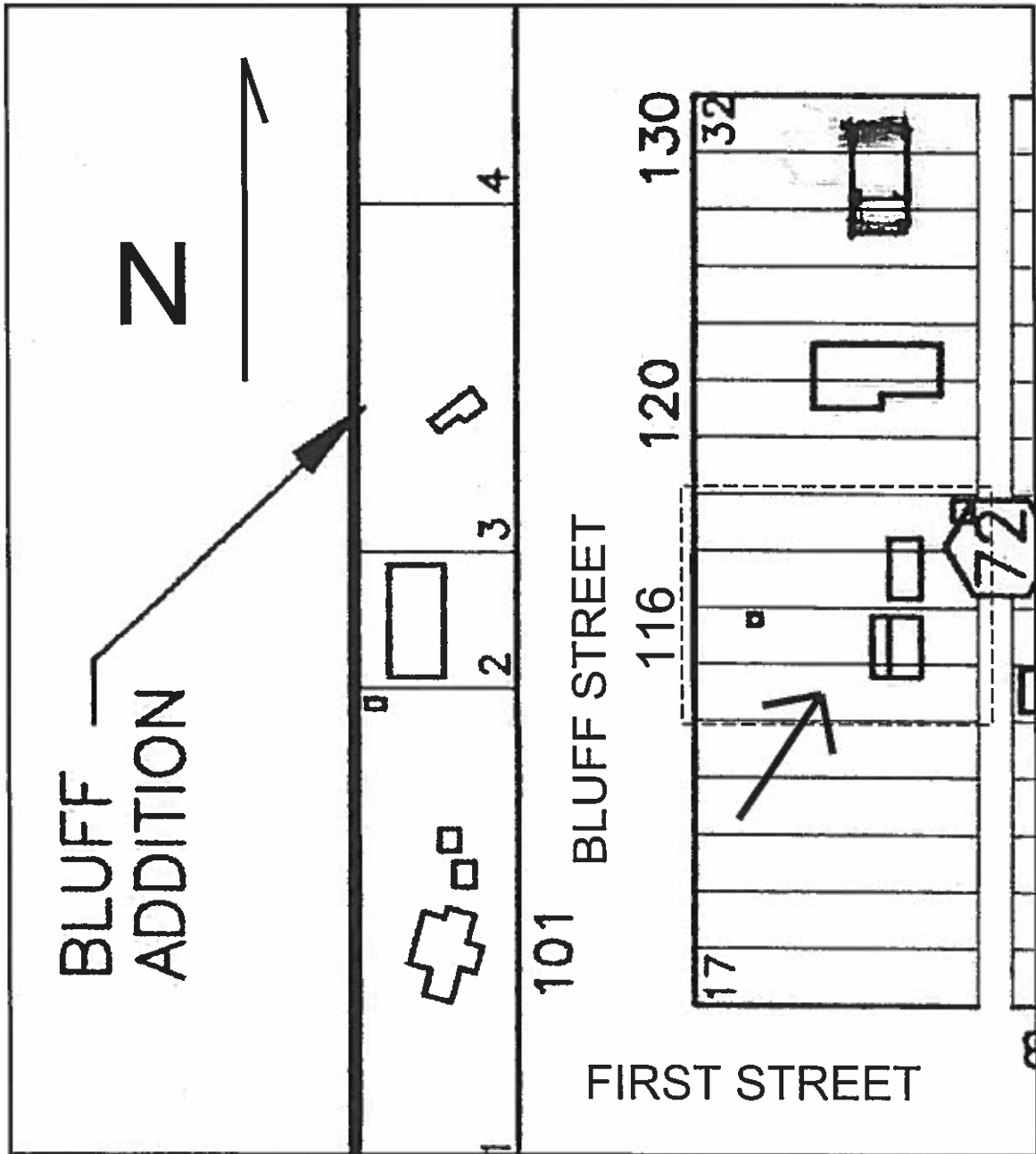
49. Date(s): September 2002 - June 2003

50. Recorders Cathleen M. Norman and Grant E. Houston

51. Organization: Town of Lake City

52. Address: 230 Bluff Street, Lake City CO 81235 53. Phone no. (970) 944-2333

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