

# 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: 5HN68.111
2. Temporary resource number: 80
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: G & M Cabin Laundry House/Ice House
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 330 Silver Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Daniel and Nancy Milski, P.O. Box 546 , Lake City CO 81235

## II. Geographic Information

- County Property No.: R
9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W SE4 of NE4 of SW4 of SW4 of Section 27
  10. UTM reference  
Zone 13 296770 mE 4211450 mN
  11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' \_\_\_ 15'
  12. Block(s): 55 Lot(s): 28-32 Legal: Block 55, E 50' of 28-32  
Addition: Year of Addition:
  13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

## III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Rectangular
15. Dimensions: 430 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Log
18. Roof configuration: Shed
19. Roof material: Asphalt
20. Special features:
21. General architectural description:  
Long, one-story, shed-roofed building of squared log. Roofed in rolled asphalt with projecting rafter beams. Entrances in north elevation: paneled door with doorway covered in spaced horizontal boards. Windows are historic, 4/4 woodframe sliders. Log foundation.
22. Architectural style/Building type: No style
23. Landscaping or special setting:

24. Associated building, features or objects:

#### IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual: 1948 Source of info: telephone interviews with Fort Worth, Texas, residents Wayland Moody and Gemma Evans, February 16, 2003
26. Architect: None Source of info:
27. Builder/contractor: Source of info:
28. Original owner: Source of info:
29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):
30. Original location:  Moved  Date of move(s) \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Shed
32. Intermediate use(s):
33. Current use(s): Shed
34. Site type(s):
35. Historical background:

Glen Hersinger and Max Hersinger, two World War II Veterans from Pueblo, Colorado, purchased the Grant Cabins and adjoining vacant property on the southwest corner of Gunnison Avenue and Fourth Street in February, 1946. The brothers engaged local builders to construct four log tourist cabins and owners' residence/office, joining the prior-existing Occidental Cabins to form a new tourist court named the G & M Cabins. The Hersingers also acquired land across the alley at 330 Silver Street and used salvaged materials to constructed this squared-log outbuilding as a service structure for the tourist cabins. According to Wayland Moody, who owned the G & M Cabins in the 1990s, the log shed was built from reused bridge timbers and was aligned with three compartments, the alley end being used as a laundry for the G & M Cabins.

The central compartment was used for storage, while the interior of the west end compartment was insulated and lined with timbers for use as an ice house. Prior to readily available electric power, a majority of Lake City businesses and residents relied on ice to keep food cold during the summer months. Max Hersinger was among those going to Lake San Cristobal in January and February each year to cut large blocks of ice; the ice was then transported back to Lake City and, in Hersinger's case, packed in sawdust in the west end of the alley building.

The outside of the log building was for years clad in old automobile license plates dating from the 1950s, 60s, and 70s, although these were removed by a collector in the early 1980s. Verification of use of the log shed as a combined laundry and ice storage house is also confirmed by Fort Worth, Texas, resident Gemma Evans who first stayed at the G & M Cabins in 1954. At that date, according to Mrs. Evans, Max Hersinger and his wife, Ima, used an electric washing machine with wringer which was located in the shed

36. Sources of information:

Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., February 21, 1946, page 7; Lake City TRIBUNE, Thurs., October 2, 1947, page 5; telephone conversations with Wayland Moody and Gemma Evans, Fort Worth, Texas, February 16, 2003.

## 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: Entertainment and recreation
40. Period of significance: 1948 - 1953
41. Level of significance: National  State  Local
42. Statement of significance:  
This building is associated with the growth and development of recreation and tourism at Lake City from 1915 through the 1960s, following the local decline of hard rock mining. This log building is associated with the G&M Cabin tourist court. It also reflects the local tradition of reusing materials, employing logs from a railroad bridge.
43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance:  
The architectural integrity of this building is intact, as evidenced by minimal alterations to its character-defining features.

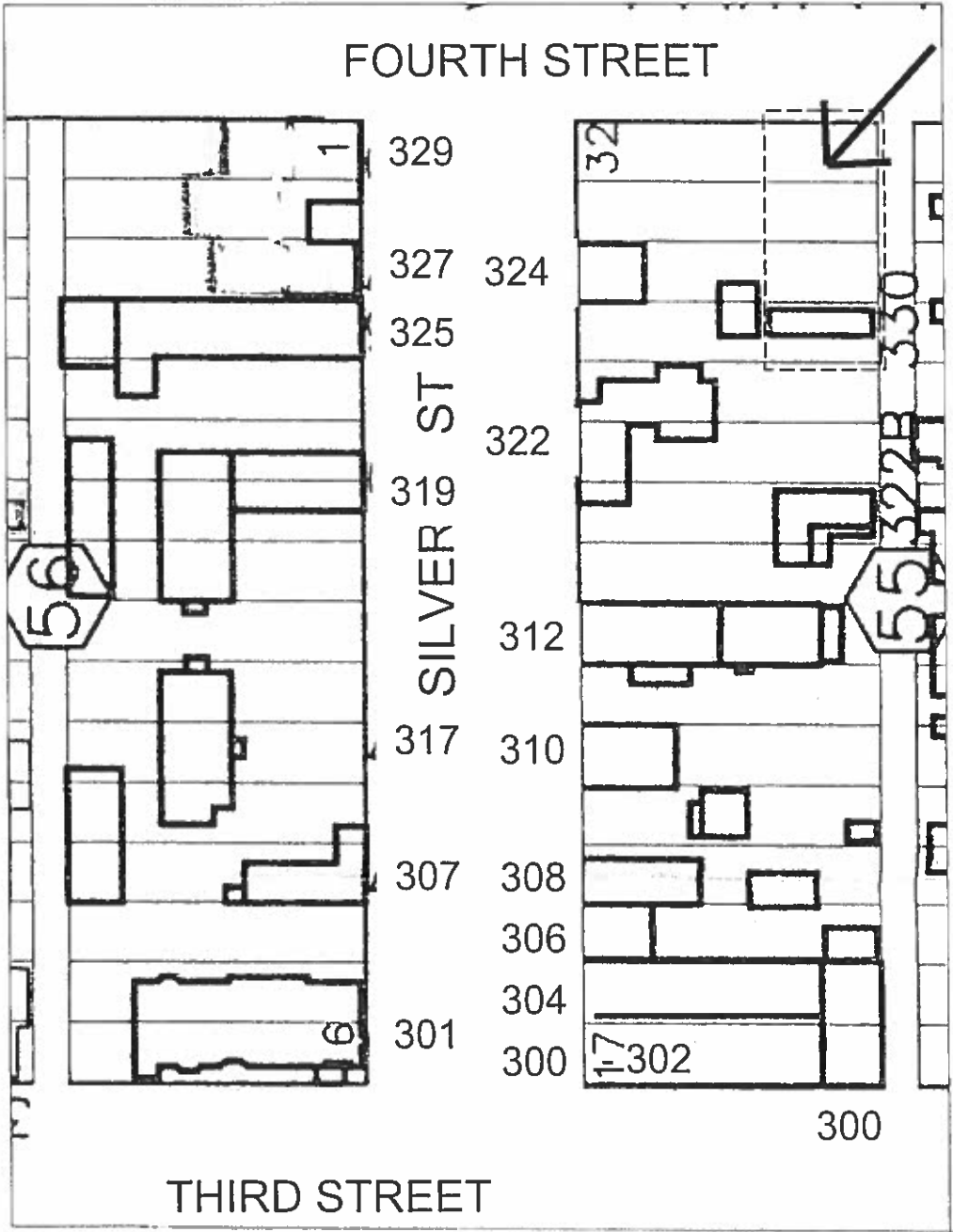
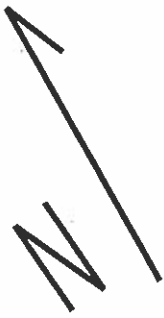
## VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

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 15, frames 3A-7A 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. Recordors Cathleen M. Norman and Grant E. Houston
51. Organization: Town of Lake City
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