

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: 5HN68.184
2. Temporary resource number: 168
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Green Garage
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 401B Gunnison Avenue, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Robert and Gail Frick, P.O. Box 820 , Lake City CO 81235

II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R1105

9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W SE4 of NE4 of SW4 of Section 34
10. UTM reference
Zone 13 296830 mE 4211480 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' ___ 15'
12. Block(s): 42 Lot(s): 14-16 Legal: Block 42, W 9/10 of lots 14-16
Addition: Year of Addition:
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Rectangular
15. Dimensions: 1652 square feet
16. Number of stories: 2
17. External wall material(s): Brick
18. Roof configuration: Flat
19. Roof material: Asphalt
20. Special features: Segmental arch windows, garage
21. General architectural description:
Two-story, long, narrow brick building with flat roof that slopes slightly toward the rear. Row of dogtooth corbels at roof edge. Building is constructed at the alley with entrance facing Fourth Street. Windows are 4-over-4 segmental arch with stone or clay sills. Entrance, at left, has 3-lite transom; paneled door and screen door on left; on right are two stacked 8-lite windows with base of vertical boards. Masonry foundation.
22. Architectural style/Building type: Twentieth-century Commercial
23. Landscaping or special setting:

24. Associated building, features or objects:
401A Gunnison Avenue

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: _____ Actual: 1917 Source of info: Lake City SILVER WORLD., Fri., May 30, 1986, page 4.
26. Architect: None Source of info:
27. Builder/contractor: Hunt brothers Source of info: Lake City SILVER WORLD., Fri., May 30, 1986, page 4.
28. Original owner: William F. "Billy" Green Source of info: Lake City SILVER WORLD., Fri., May 30, 1986, page 4.
29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):
The upstairs portion of the garage was extended back the full length of the garage in 1918. The garage building was expanded with a 20' two-story brick addition in 1982. Garage opening was converted to a storefront, circa 1980.
30. Original location: Moved Date of move(s) _____

V. Historical Associations

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

In addition to his duties at Hinsdale County Treasurer, William F. "Billy" Green was an inveterate tinkerer and early automobile enthusiast. He traveled to Denver in 1916 to purchase an automobile and returned with a "Metz." The auto, relatively unknown even at that date, had a large metal disc which was turned by the engine. To drive the car, it was necessary to press a fiber-covered wheel against the disc, the resulting friction propelling the vehicle. According to Green's son, David, the Metz's top speed was about 20 miles per hour, "although it really shined going down hill." Green's stock of automobiles was increased in 1922 with the addition of a Willys Knight and Hupmobile.

As an offshoot of his early enthusiasm for automobiles, Billy Green discovered he needed a garage to store and maintain his new-fangled driving machine. In 1917 he contracted with the Hunt brothers, well known brick masons, to construct a garage building on the rear of his lots adjoining the Green residence, 401 Gunnison. The ground floor of the garage was designed to hold two automobiles, together with grease pit and other garage equipment. One of Green's first tasks was using the garage to rebore the Metz's cylinders and add pistons in an attempt to increase the engine's efficiency. A partial second story was added to the front of the garage, furnishing Green a much-needed office accessed by a steep set of stairs which led up from the garage.

The upstairs portion of the garage was extended back the full length of the garage in 1918. "W.F. Green is having difficulties by the unfriendliness of the weather in getting the second story of his brick garage finished, the Lake City SILVER WORLD wrote in November, 1918, "but when completed it is now plain that it will be a decided improvement to the perspective of Fourth Street." The Greens realized the mistake of having a flat roof on the garage, according to David Green, and in later years spent many winters shoveling snow off the roof. Billy Green utilized his enlarged upstairs office to mirror his versatile interests, including darkroom for photography and assay office in conjunction with his Gold Quartz Mining & Milling Co. Green's garage remained relatively intact following his death in 1950 and was at last emptied during garage-cleaning efforts in the 1960s. Several of Green's 1920s-era automobiles were taken from the garage and sold at that time.

James and Dot Main acquired the Green family property, including two-story brick garage, in 1972. The garage building was expanded with a 20' two-story brick addition in 1982 as part of the Mains' continuing business, Slumgullion Gift Gallery, which occupies the building. Exterior inspection of the building provides clues to its evolution, slightly different-hued bricks highlighting the dimensions of the original

ground-floor garage and the first portion of the upstairs office. Bricks of a slightly different color denote the expansion of the upstairs in 1918, together with the 1982 rear addition.

36. Sources of information:

Lake City SILVER WORLD., Thurs., November 21, 1918, page 3, Fri., May 30, 1986, page 4; telephone conversation with Jim Main, April 18, 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: Social history, architecture

40. Period of significance: 1917 - 1953

41. Level of significance: National State Local

42. Statement of significance:

This garage reflects the rise of automobile use in Lake City. It is also a good example of early twentieth-century commercial design.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance:

Although slightly altered by an addition, this building retains sufficient architectural integrity to contribute to the Lake City Historic District..

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 11, frames 11A-15A 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

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