

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination (for OAHF 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: 5HN68.8
2. Temporary resource number: 31
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Kennedy-Williams House
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 505 Bluff Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Harvey Thomas and Midgie Lee Murphy, P.O. Box 500 , Lake City CO 81235

II. Geographic Information

- County Property No.: R1144
9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W SW4 of SE4 of NW4 of SW4 of Section 27
 10. UTM reference
Zone 13 296690 mE 4211690 mN
 11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' ___ 15'
 12. Block(s): 0 Lot(s): 2 Legal:
Addition: West Lake Addition Year of Addition: 1883
 13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Irregular
15. Dimensions: 2126 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1, 1-1/2
17. External wall material(s): Wood horizontal siding
18. Roof configuration: Gabled
19. Roof material: Wood shingle
20. Special features: Porch, chimney, decorative shingles, stained glass, roof cresting, dormer, fence
21. General architectural description:
1-1/2 story and one-story, gabled frame dwelling. Wood-shingled roof with brick chimney in south roof ridge. Walls clad in clapboards and trimmed in cornerboards and friezeboard. Prominent two-story bay window in east gable wall has 1-over-1 windows with colored glass in upper panes, elaborate decorative shingling, a flared mansard roof, decorative brackets, and elaborate roof cresting. Gabled dormer in south roof slope. Most windows are 2-over-2 double hungs with pedimented window hoods. Hipped-roof section on south elevation contains small porch accessed by a wood walkway. Porch shelters the front entrance that consists of a paneled and glazed door with colored glass. Porch has paired stick supports and decorative trim. Gabled and shed-roofed sections/additions on the rear have a second entrance with a paneled and glazed door.
22. Architectural style/Building type: Late Victorian
23. Landscaping or special setting:
Picket fence along yard edge and wood walkway extending to Bluff Street.

24. Associated building, features or objects:
Coal shed, circa 1910
One-story, building of saddle notched log. Metal roof with two coal chute openings. Raised stone foundation.

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: _____ Actual: 1881 Source of info: SILVER WORLD
26. Architect: None Source of info:
27. Builder/contractor: Unknown Source of info:
28. Original owner: Peter P. Kennedy Source of info: SILVER WORLD
29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):
Two-story bay window on front and two-story addition at rear, 1892. Source: Lake City TIMES, June 9, 1892.
30. Original location: Moved Date of move(s) _____

V. Historical Associations

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

Businessman Peter P. Kennedy (1834-1904) is responsible for this home which, architecturally, represents a succession of building styles and mirrors Kennedy's economic standing in the community. A native of Ohio, Kennedy came to Lake City in 1876 by way of Illinois and Kansas. He was a shoemaker by trade and in 1885 acquired Samuel Wendell's Miners Boot & Shoe Store on Silver Street. He also acquired Wendell's shares in the virtually worthless Golden Fleece Mine at Lake San Cristobal which unexpectedly boomed in the 1890s and made Kennedy a wealthy man.

The Kennedy home started out as a relatively spare Greek Revival style, 1-1/2-story front-gabled frame house built in 1882 in an area which was then outside the Town of Lake City. It later entered the town when West Lake Addition was absorbed into the town boundaries. With the Golden Fleece Mine making rich strikes, Kennedy began to materially expand the home in 1891 with Queen Anne-style elements, including a two-story bay window with stained and frosted glass which partially obscured the front gable facing the street. These materials reflect greater availability of materials due to 1889 completion of railroad.

A large two-story addition was also completed to the rear of the original house, the Lake City TIMES noting in June, 1892, the result "is as handsome as any in Lake City." Known as one of the town's finest residences, the Kennedy home grew to contain 13 rooms, including music room, library, and formal study.

Following the death of his wife, Mildred, in 1898, Kennedy sold the residence to Charles and Belle Sweet. As an indication of Lake City's economy following the collapse of mining, the once fine residence passed to Miners & Merchants Bank and was owned by the bank until acquired by Lee and Ruth Williams in 1919. The home's current owners, Tom and Midge Murphy, completed a thorough renovation of the home in the 1980s

36. Sources of information:

PORTRAIT & BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, Chapman Publishing Co., Chicago, 1899; CEMETERIES OF HINSDALE COUNTY, COLORADO, 1874-1996, Decorah, Iowa: Anundsen Publishing Co., 1996, page 21; SILVER WORLD, March 4, 1882, page 3; Lake City TIMES, December 3, 1891, page 1, December 17, 1891, page 1, June 9, 1892, page 1, December 20, 1894, page 3, February 23, 1899, page 3; PROGRESSIVE MEN OF WESTERN COLORADO, A.W. Bowen & Co.: Chicago, 1905, pages 641-643; review of photographs, c. 1890-1910; Hinsdale County Tax Rolls, 1910-1930.

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: 1881 - 1904
41. Level of significance: National State Local
42. Statement of significance:
This house is associated with settlement and development of Lake City during the late 1800s mining era. It is a well-preserved representative of the stylish residences built by Lake City's merchant class citizens with pedimented window heads dating to original construction and the prominent Queen Anne bay window added in 1892.
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

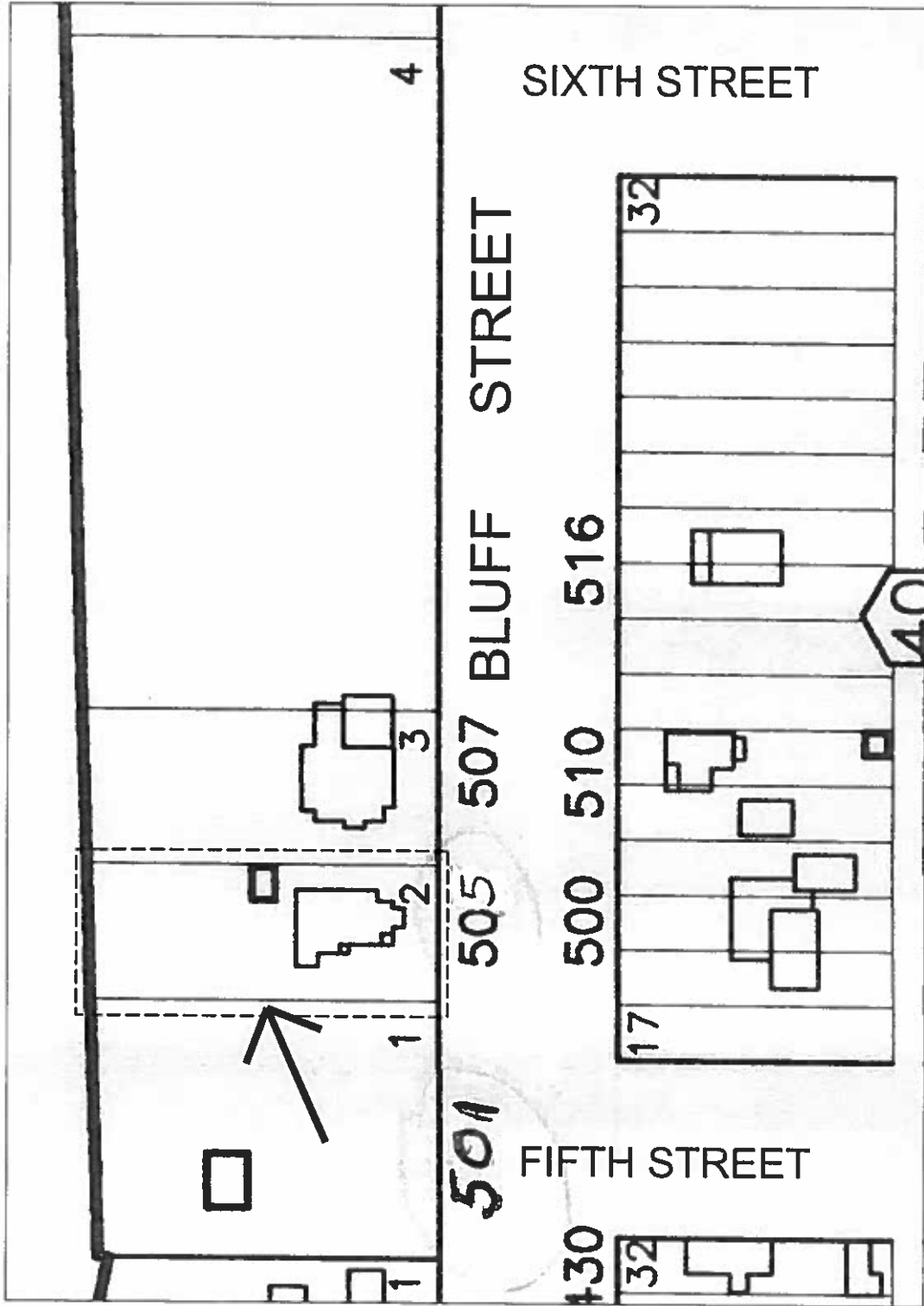
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Eligible Not Eligible Need Data
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
Discuss _____
- If there is National Register district potential, is this building Contributing Noncontributing
46. If the building is in an existing National Register district is it? Contributing Noncontributing
(Lake City National Historic District)

VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: Roll 8, frame 13-21 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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