

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: 5HN68.120
2. Temporary resource number: 91
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Strouse-Mendenhall House
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 505 Silver Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Edwin and Mary Nettleton, P.O. Box 22 , Lake City CO 81235

II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R1078

9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W NE4 of SE4 of NW4 of Section 27
10. UTM reference
Zone 13 296790 mE 4211660 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' ___ 15'
12. Block(s): 72 Lot(s): 14-15 Legal: 14, N 5' of 15, Block 72
Addition: _____ Year of Addition: _____
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Rectangular
15. Dimensions: 1046 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Wood horizontal siding
18. Roof configuration: Side gabled
19. Roof material: Composition
20. Special features: Porch, chimney, decorative shingles, fence
21. General architectural description:
One-story, side-gabled log dwelling. Composition roofing; corbelled brick chimney in roof ridge. Walls are clad in clapboards and trimmed in cornerboards and friezeboard; gable ends covered in wood shingles. Small, hipped, partial-width porch centered in façade; has a pedimented window hood, chamfered wood posts. Gabled addition on rear has brick chimney in roof ridge and small opening in west gable end covered in door of diagonal boards; shed-roofed section in northwest ell. Windows are 1-over-1 double hungs, single and paired, with metal storms. Foundation covered in horizontal board.
22. Architectural style/Building type: No style
23. Landscaping or special setting:
Picket fence along street edge of front yard.

24. Associated building, features or objects:
Shed, circa 1900
Shed-roofed frame building roofed in rolled asphalt and clad in plywood.

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: _____ Actual: 1877 Source of info: County tax rolls, 1877-1902
26. Architect: None Source of info:
27. Builder/contractor: Unknown Source of info:
28. Original owner: Meyer Strouse and Charles Kayser Source of info:
29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):
Log dwelling sided in clapboards circa 1900.
30. Original location: Moved Date of move(s) _____

V. Historical Associations

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

505 Silver Street and its neighbor to the immediate south, 501 Silver, started out as single-story front-gabled log cabins dating to c.1877. Both buildings were sided over and successively enlarged in the early 20th Century.

Meyer Strouse and Charles Kayser were assessed for improvements valued at \$250 at this site in 1877. The cabin was the home of an old Lake City prospector, John Bradley Brooks, from 1889 until his death in 1901. Brooks was a native of Vermont who joined the rush to California in 1849 and eventually returned eastward, arriving in Lake City in 1876. He developed miner's consumption as an outgrowth of his occupation and died at age 71 in February, 1901, his last words reportedly being 'I am going on a long journey today.' According to the Lake City TIMES, 'he has been a good citizen, of unobtrusive nature, retiring in manner, and always refined and clean in speech.'

Brooks was succeeded in the home by another Hinsdale County pioneer, Francis M. Mendenhall, who purchased the cabin and two lots in 1901. It was c.1901 that the original log cabin was sided with clapboards and a cross-gabled front addition built with symmetrical placement of one-over-one windows on either side of a pedimented porch. Decorative cut shingles are used on both the north and south gables of the addition, together with the porch gable end. Sanborn Insurance Map Oct., 1902, shows the Strouse-Mendenhall Cabin as a frame structure, contrasting with neighboring 501 Silver which was still denoted as a log cabin. F.M. Mendenhall was a voice instructor in Kansas prior to moving to Lake City and opening a butcher shop in the late 1870s. He later owned a 440-acre cattle ranch on the lower Lake Fork Valley and was a founding member of Lake City's First Baptist Church. F.M. Mendenhall died in the house in 1905 and his widow, Emma J. (Closser) Mendenhall, continued to live there until her death in 1925. The residence was later owned by the Mendenhalls' grandson and his wife, Frank and Mildred Mendenhall, and was remodeled on the interior during the ownership of Robert and Gloria Carey 1976-1980. The house is now a rental belonging to Ed and Mary Nettleton

36. Sources of information:

Hinsdale County tax rolls, 1877-1902; Sanborn Insurance Map of Lake City, Hinsdale County, October, 1902; Diary of Frank B. Hough, February 10, 1901; Lake City TIMES, Thurs., February 14, 1901, page 2, Thurs., February 18, 1915, page 3; Lake City PHONOGRAPH, Sat., January 7, 1905, page 3; Lake City SILVER WORLD, Sat., August 11, 1877, page 3; U.S. Census for Lake City, June, 1900.

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: 1877 - 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 vernacular dwellings constructed in Lake City during this period, as reflected in its simple design, original log walls covered in clapboard siding, gabled roof, porch, 1-over-1 double hung windows, porch, and lack of architectural details that indicate a particular style.

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 5, frames 13A-14A, 18A Negatives filed at: Lake City Town Hall

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

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

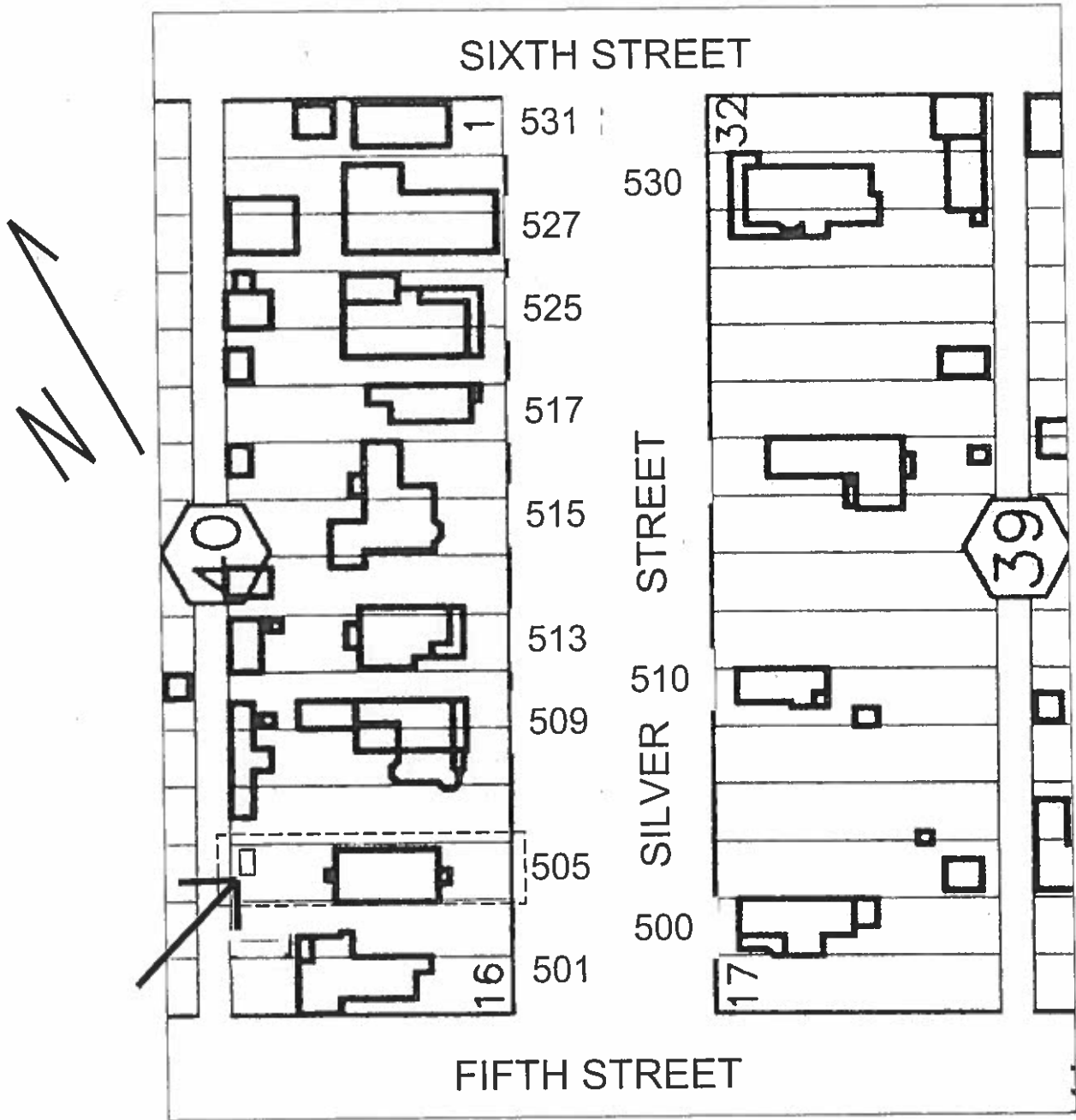
50. Recorders Cathleen M. Norman and Grant E. Houston

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