

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: 5HN68.192
2. Temporary resource number: 184
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Merrill-Carey Cabin
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 530 Gunnison Avenue, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Margaret Kimball, 9B Rancho de la Siesta , Santa Fe NM 87508

II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R1077

9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W SE4 of SW4 of NE4 of SW4 of Section 34
10. UTM reference
Zone 13 296970 mE 4211680 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' ___ 15'
12. Block(s): 38 Lot(s): 31-32 Legal:
Addition: Year of Addition:
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Irregular
15. Dimensions: 1077 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Wood horizontal siding
18. Roof configuration: Front gabled
19. Roof material: Composition
20. Special features: Porch, chimney, garage, fence
21. General architectural description:
One-story, front-gabled log dwelling. Composition roofing; masonry chimney fireplace on north elevation, stuccoed. Walls clad in clapboards and trimmed in cornerboards and friezeboard. West elevation has entrance on far right with paneled and glazed door and screen door; gabled entry porch has vertical boards with rounded edges in gable end, scalloped trim along gable edge, wood-shingled roof, square posts, and plain balustrade. Windows are paired 4-over-4 with narrow shutters. Gabled, addition at southeast corner has east-facing entrance with solid door and screen door. Gabled addition at northeast corner and shed-roofing addition in southeast ell. Additions have small multi-lite windows with narrow shutters. No foundation.
22. Architectural style/Building type: No style
23. Landscaping or special setting:
Large corner lot with mature cottonwoods along street edge and yard enclosed in a two-rail fence.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Carport, circa 1950

Front-gabled structure supported by square posts with diagonal braces. Gable ends enclosed in vertical boards with rounded ends. Composition roofing.

Garage, circa 1965

Front-gabled frame building. Composition roofing; walls clad in horizontal siding. Double car entrance in north elevation; door at rear of west elevation.

Wellhouse, circa 1950

Very small, gabled structure supported by square wood posts. Gable end enclosed with scalloped treatment. Boards laid over well open.

Trailer, circa 1960

Small travel trailer.

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: _____ Actual: 1900 Source of info: Hinsdale County tax rolls, 1899-1933; abstract of title to Lots 31 and 32, Block 38, Town of Lake City.
26. Architect: None Source of info:
27. Builder/contractor: Unknown Source of info:
28. Original owner: Harry Youmans Source of info: Hinsdale County tax rolls, 1899-1933
29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):
In 1936: log exterior covered in clapboards; stone fireplace chimney built on north elevation; and gabled entry porch added to façade. Small addition built at southeast corner in 1959. Source: Tax Assessor records.
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): Seasonal dwelling
34. Site type(s):
35. Historical background:

Harry Youmans, owner of the Lake City planing mill, owned a single-story house at this location which burned to the ground in December, 1896. The corner lots remained vacant until 1900 when Youmans was assessed for improvements valued at \$150. Albert G. Wood, owner of the Last Chance Livery in Lake City and Monarch Livery, Salida, Colorado, owned the cabin from 1902 until 1922, other owners including J.N. McCloughan, Leonard Merrill, and Marguerite Foster. Alex Carey (1908-1963), who was born and raised across the street in the Youmans-Carey House, 600 Gunnison, paid \$75 for the cabin and two lots in November, 1936. Carey's first tasks after acquiring the cabin were building an interior floor to replace the cabin's dirt floor, and, on the exterior, covering the logs with clapboard. It was the honeymoon home of Alex Carey's brother and his wife, Malcolm and Drucilla (Buntin) Carey, and remains the seasonal home of Malcolm Carey's daughter, Margaret Carey Kimball, in 2003.

The gable-front house has a gabled entry porch with scallop trim and a small south-facing gable bathroom addition. A native rock fireplace c. 1936 is located on the cabin's north wall, and two additions at the rear -- one gabled and the other a shed roof, with a combination of shingles and board and batten in the east-facing gable ends. The property also includes a well house and open-sided car port, both with scallop trim, and a c. 1975 gable-facing garage adjoining the alley.

36. Sources of information:
Hinsdale County tax rolls, 1899-1933; abstract of title to Lots 31 and 32, Block 38, Town of Lake City; Lake City TIMES, Thurs., December 31, 1896, page 3; Lake City SILVER WORLD, Thurs., November 11, 1937, page 4, Fri., July 9, 1982, page 10; telephone conversation with Margaret Carey Kimball, March, 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, architecture

40. Period of significance: 1900 - 1904, 1936 - 1953

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, log construction, lapped wood siding, gabled roof, entry porch, 2-over-2 double hung windows, and lack of architectural details that indicate a particular style. The carriage house/garage and shed located at the rear of the lot near the alley are also associated with settlement and development of Lake City. They are representative of the outbuildings constructed in Lake City in the late 1800s and early 1900s as reflected in their alley location, frame construction, and wood siding.

The house is also associated with recreation and tourism, having become a summer dwelling in the late 1930s. The alterations in 1936 are typical of those made to mining-era cabins to improve them for use as summer residences.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance:

Although slightly altered, this dwelling retains its architectural integrity.

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 26, frames 36-37; roll 27, frames 1-5 Negatives filed at: Lake City Town Hall

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

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

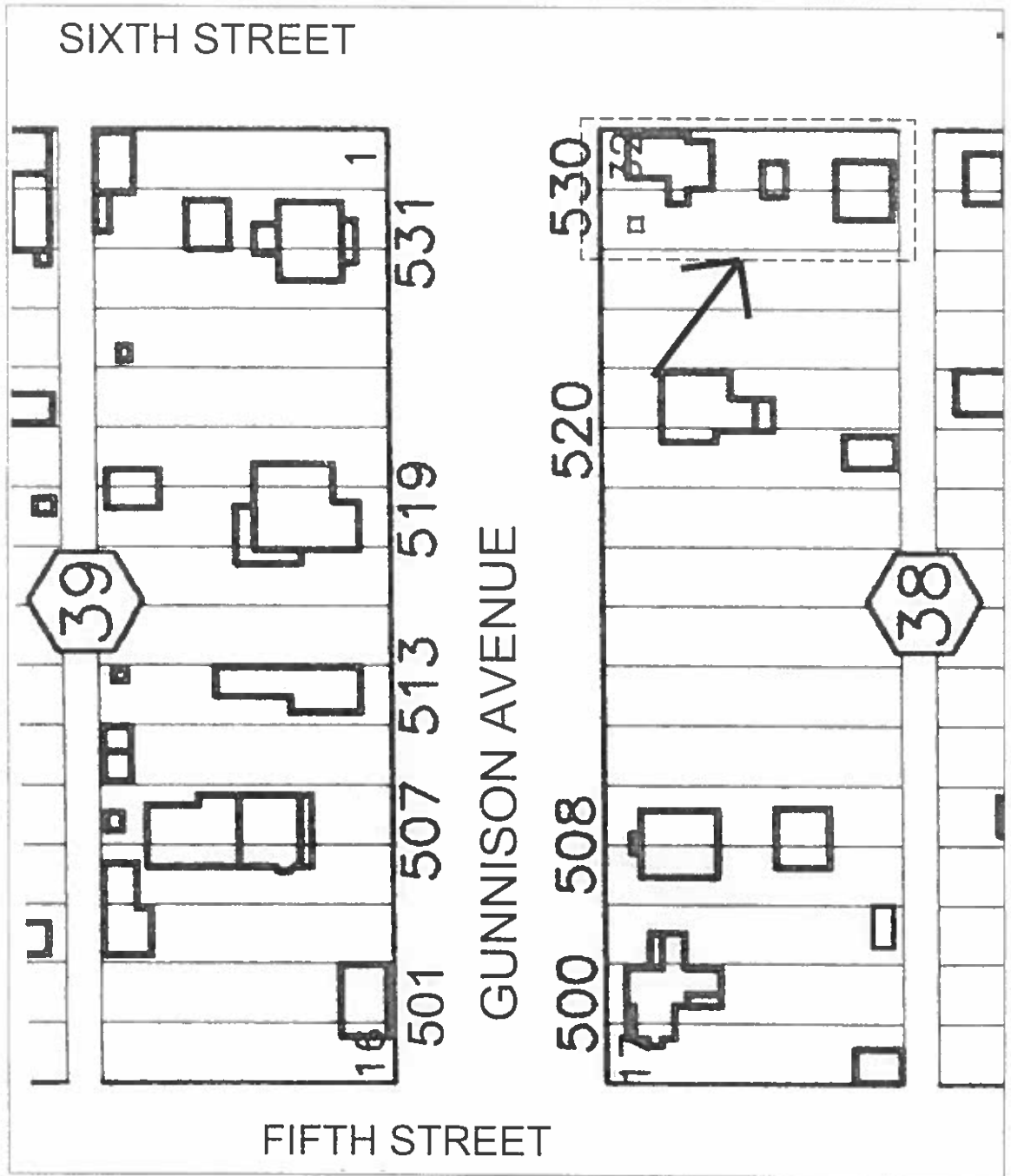
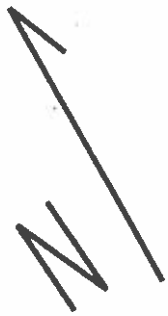
50. Recorders Cathleen M. Norman and Grant E. Houston

51. Organization: Town of Lake City

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