

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: 5HN68.43
2. Temporary resource number: 48
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Eisenkramer House
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 111 Silver Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Henry Woods, P.O. Box 655 , Lake City CO 81235

II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R1071

9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W NE4 of NW4 of NW4 of Section 34
10. UTM reference
Zone 13 296570 mE 4211150 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' ___ 15'
12. Block(s): 72 Lot(s): 10-12 Legal:
Addition: Year of Addition:
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Irregular
15. Dimensions: 990 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Wood horizontal siding
18. Roof configuration: Cross gabled
19. Roof material: Metal
20. Special features: Chimneys, porch
21. General architectural description:

One-story, cross-gabled frame dwelling. Metal roof with corbeled brick chimneys in east-west roof ridge and in west roof slope; decorative trim on gable edge. Walls are clad in shiplap siding and trimmed with cornerboards and friezeboard. Hipped porch wraps around façade and south elevation; has square columns with square feature near top. Centered entrance has a transom, paneled and glazed door, and screen door. Windows are 1-over-1 and 2-over-2 double hungs. Recent half-hipped bay window on south gable wall. Gabled entry porch on rear. Second entrance, east-facing, in southeast ell. Concrete foundation covered in wide board.

22. Architectural style/Building type: No style
23. Landscaping or special setting:

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Shed, circa 1890

One-story, side-gabled log building. Metal roof, gable end clad in vertical boards. Entrance on south elevation has solid board door. Woodframe slider window.

Carriage house, circa 1902

One-story, gabled-L frame building. Metal roof, vertical board siding. Swing out doors and gable end windows in south gable wall; entrance with paneled door in southeast ell. Shed-roofed projection on east gable wall.

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: _____ Actual: 1877 Source of info: Hinsdale County tax rolls, 1876-1946

26. Architect: None Source of info:

27. Builder/contractor: Unknown Source of info:

28. Original owner: Unknown Source of info:

29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):

Major addition, remodel 1892 (Lake City TIMES, March). New foundation in 1986. Addition built on rear of dwelling circa 1990.

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:

James W. Chamberlain was an early owner of vacant lots at this location. Chamberlain acquired Lots 9-16, Block 72, from Lake City Town Company in January, 1876, and immediately proceeded to sell lots to individual owners. Lot 11, the location of 111 Silver, was sold to S.W. Coleman who was assessed for \$450 in improvements on the lot in 1877. A circa 1878 Barnhouse & Wheeler stereoscopic view taken from the extreme south end of Silver Street depicts a front-gabled frame house on Lot 11 with a sign which appears to market the sale or repair of boots and shoes. Owners of the property subsequent to Coleman were former slaves Clark and Louisa Thompson, John "Black Jack" Howard, and George S. Lee.

Lee is primarily known as a promoter of Capitol City at the Forks of Henson Creek, the location of the fabled Lee Mansion which he built in 1879. Although the majority of his business interests were located at Capitol City, Lee did operate a lumber yard at the corner of Silver and First streets which in June, 1881, advertised ordinary lumber at \$30 per thousand and "kiln dried, perfectly clear lumber, \$35." The June, 1880, Federal Census for Lake City, lists both John Howard, a 35-year-old carpenter, and George S. Lee, his wife, Mary Jane, and daughter, 10-year old Rose, living in this south Silver Street neighborhood.

Lot 11 was transferred from John Howard to Rosa Lee in June, 1881. Failure of the Denver & Rio Grande to complete its route up the Lake Fork to Lake City caused a collapse of George Lee's financial fortunes, with the bulk of his Capitol City properties lost to creditors. Mirroring the family's other land holdings, Lot 11, Block 72, was sold through tax sale to Jacob J. Frank in 1889. Frank operated an adjoining blacksmith shop on the corner of Block 72.

The most significant changes to 111 Silver occurred late in 1891 and early the following year after J.J. Frank sold Lot 11 and building to Carrie Eisenkramer, wife of businessman Phil Eisenkramer. Eisenkramer (1863-1955) was owner of the Parlor Meat Market in Lake City and also worked as a butcher for the retail grocery firm Bigelow Bros., Coburn & Phillips. Phil Eisenkramer and his brother, Joseph Eisenkramer, followed their mother and step-father, William Vogel, from St. Louis, Missouri, to Lake City in 1883. The boys supposedly sold small statues of Jesus en route to fund their journey. After leaving Lake City in 1904, Phil and Carrie Eisenkramer relocated to Paonia, Colorado. He died in Pueblo,

Colorado, in 1955.

Phil Eisenkramer's remodel of the former Jacob Frank residence began in late November, 1891, when it was announced he intended to have the building repaired and enlarged with an addition. Lake City TIMES, March 24, 1892, reports Eisenkramer's "new residence on south Silver Street is towering up in great shape and, when complete, will make a very neat home." The completed single-story residence, as illustrated on the October, 1902, San born Insurance Map, consisted of a gable-facing clapboard house with distinctive wrap-around porch on the front and south elevations, all extant today.

Eisenkramer sold the house to R.R. Rosson in 1915 and it was used as a rental by John and Marie Atkins. Mr. Atkins was a former Ute-Ulay Mine master mechanic. In explaining his move to the Eisenkramer house in October, 1918, Atkins told the Lake City TIMES "he wants to go where he can mingle more generally with his fellow beings during the snow period." Later owners of the property were William and Nellie Nolan, A.P. Griffiths, Hal Whitton, and Bill and Judy Jordan prior to the current owner, Henry W. Woods. The house was elevated and a new foundation installed in 1984, together with gabled additions to the north (replacing a small bathroom addition) and west.

Back buildings at 111 Silver include a frame workshop on the alley and late 19th Century log cabin with gable roof. According to Woods, the cabin was originally located adjacent to the rear of the house on Lot 11 but was shifted to the north, Lot 10, during renovation of the house in 1984.

36. Sources of information:

Hinsdale County tax rolls, 1876-1946; Lake City SILVER WORLD, Sat., June 25, 1881, page 3, Thurs., October 3, 1918, page 3; Lake City TIMES, Thurs., January 15, 1891 page 4,, Thurs., December 3, 1891, page 1, Thurs., March 24, 1892, page 3, Thurs., May 9, 1895, page 3, Thurs., August 11, 1904, page 3, Thurs., March 22, 1917, page 3; Hinsdale PHONOGRAPH, Sat., June 7, 1890, page 4; Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., February 1, 1940, page 8; Lake City TRIBUNE, Thurs., August 14, 1947, page 1; "History of the Joseph Eisenkramer Family," letter communication from Lisa Knorr, Vienna, Austria, n.d.

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 representative of the vernacular dwellings constructed in Lake City during this period, as reflected in its simple design, gabled roof, 2-over-2 double hung windows, wrap-around 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 13, frames 1, 2, 16-18 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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