

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: 5HN68.149
2. Temporary resource number: 131
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Kemno Cabin
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 117 Gunnison Avenue, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: William Reinsch Davis, 11316 Stateline Road, Leawood KS 66211

II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R943

9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W SW4 of NE4 of NW4 of Section 0
10. UTM reference
Zone 13 296670 mE 4211100 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' 15'
12. Block(s): 71 Lot(s): 8-11 Legal:
Addition: Year of Addition:
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: L plan
15. Dimenons: 472 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Log
18. Roof configuration: Gabled
19. Roof material: Asphalt
20. Special features:
21. General architectural description:
One-story, L-plan, log building; north section large, half-notched log; south section is log. Roofed in rolled asphalt; purlins extend from gable ends. Window and door openings are covered in plywood or wood shutters. River stone and log foundation.
22. Architectural style/Building type: Rustic
23. Landscaping or special setting:

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Shed, circa 1920

Small, one-story, shed-roofed frame building roofed in corrugated metal and clad in vertical board. Paneled door in southeast ell. Door opening in east elevation covered in boards. North elevation covered in wide horizontal boards with exterior frame of log posts.

Trailer, circa 1960

House trailer covered in side-gabled structure supported by square posts and sheltering deck along full width of east side

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: 1917 Actual: _____ Source of info: Hinsdale County tax rolls 1913-1927

26. Architect: None Source of info:

27. Builder/contractor: Unknown Source of info:

28. Original owner: Joseph Kemno Source of info: Hinsdale County tax rolls 1913-1927

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

Side-gabled addition built in 1954.

30. Original location: Moved Date of move(s) _____

V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Seasonal dwelling

32. Intermediate use(s):

33. Current use(s): Seasonal dwelling

34. Site type(s):

35. Historical background:

Joseph Kemno (1853-1928) was a Lake City freighter and laborer who constructed this single-story log cabin late in his life. The cabin is located at the rear of lots adjacent to the alley in Block 72, its front-facing gable extended for a porch overhang. A side-gable addition of milled logs was constructed to the south in 1954 by Hugh and Esther Keltner.

Joe Kemno arrived in Lake City in the 1880s to work on the railroad grade between Lake City and Sapinero. He later was a well known freighter hauling ore from the Golden Fleece and Ute-Ulay Mines. According to his obituary in 1928, Kemno also drove wagons over the old toll road leading from Lake City to Wagon Wheel Gap and Del Norte. Kemno owned unimproved property at this location between 1913 and 1915, and was assessed for horses, harness, and wagons.

He was assessed for improvements valued at \$10 beginning in 1917. Following Kemno's death in 1928, the cabin was inherited by his great niece, Lorna Wolf, a professional dancer from Kansas City, Missouri. According to the Lake City correspondent in the Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolf, and daughter, Lorna "have fixed up the Kemno cabin and expect to spend time there." The Wolfs sold the property to another Kansas City couple, Hugh and Esther Keltner, in 1946. The Keltners' added the 1954 log addition to what they christened "Uncle Joe's Cabin." Mrs. Keltner died in the cabin in 1979, after which it was inherited by her nephew, William Davis.

36. Sources of information:

Hinsdale County tax rolls 1913-1927; CEMETERIES OF HINSDALE COUNTY, COLORADO, 1874-1996, Anundsen Publishing Co., Decorah, Iowa, 1996, page 87; Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., July, 1940, page 12; Lake City SILVER WORLD, Fri., June 22, 1979, page 1, Fri., May 2, 1997, page 3.

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: Entertainment and recreation
40. Period of significance: 1940 - 1953
41. Level of significance: National State Local
42. Statement of significance:
This residence is associated with the growth and development of recreation and tourism in Lake City from around 1915 through the 1960s, following the local decline of hard rock mining. Although built in 1917, it became a summer home in 1928 and continues that purpose today. It also reflects the re-use of late 1800s and early 1900s dwellings as summer homes. The shed located at the rear of the lot near the alley is representative of the outbuildings constructed in Lake City in the late 1800s and early 1900s as reflected in its alley location, frame construction and wood siding.
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 26-32 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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