

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: 5HN68.151
2. Temporary resource number: 134
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Wilson-Weichselbraun Cabin
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 124 Gunnison Avenue, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Todd Creel and Willow Wagner, P.O. Box 151 , Lake City CO 81235

II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R1066

9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W SW4 of NE4 of NW4 of Section 0
10. UTM reference
Zone 13 296730 mE 4211110 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' ___ 15'
12. Block(s): 70 Lot(s): 28-30 Legal: Block 70, N1/2 lot 28 & lots 29-30
Addition: Year of Addition:
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Rectangular
15. Dimensions: 968 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Wood
18. Roof configuration: Front gabled
19. Roof material: Metal
20. Special features: Chimney
21. General architectural description:
One-story, front-gabled frame dwelling with shed-roofed section on north. Metal roof with brick chimney at rear of front section. Walls clad in board and batten. 4-over-4 double hung windows with functional shutters in west elevation. Off-center entrance with glazed and paneled door. Gabled and shed-roofed section on rear with same materials, fixed-sash windows of varied sizes. No visible foundation.
22. Architectural style/Building type: No style
23. Landscaping or special setting:

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Shed, circa 1890

Long, one-story, shed-roofed frame building. Corrugated metal roof. Exterior of vertical boards; south elevation has exposed studs, horizontal boards on interior. Entrance in far right of west elevation has paneled door. Other openings are covered in boards or plywood

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: _____ Actual: 1876 Source of info: Lake City SILVER WORLD, Sat., September 9, 1876, page 3.

26. Architect: None Source of info:

27: Builder/contractor: Sidney Wilson Source of info: Lake City SILVER WORLD, Sat., September 9, 1876, page 3.

28. Original owner: Sidney Wilson Source of info: Lake City SILVER WORLD, Sat., September 9, 1876, page 3.

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

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:

Sixteen lawyers were reportedly practicing their trade in Lake City in 1877, among them Sidney Wilson, a former resident of Hermitage, Missouri. In August, 1876, Wilson was hard at work building this "neat residence" at 124 Gunnison, a log structure which he promptly covered with wood siding. He completed a new office building adjoining his residence in 1877, although it is uncertain whether this was an enlargement to his log home or a separate, no longer existing structure.

Wilson was assessed for improvements worth \$350 at this location from 1877 to 1880, exclusive of a \$10 assessment for a clock, \$100 in money and credits, \$200 worth of furniture and a library valued at \$50. Wilson was involved in several high-profile legal cases in Lake City, including prosecution at the July, 1877, trial of William Downing charged with killing Jose Manriques at the Elephant Corral. Also in 1877, Wilson was named to the music and reception committees at the dedication of the new Hinsdale County Courthouse.

Wilson apparently left Lake City in 1880. His Gunnison Avenue residence was owned by another Lake City attorney, J.W. Mills (401 Silver), until 1887, with a succession of owners -- W.W. Crawford, Charles Walker, W.A. Byal, E.P. Elder, R.P. Best and Leon Lefevre up to 1915 when title passed to Anton Weichselbraun (1863-1944).

Weichselbraun was an Austrian immigrant who mined around Lake City and Ouray. He was cared for by Addie (Watson) Williams in his final years and he in turn willed the house to Mrs. Williams at his death in 1944. Later owners included A.P. Griffiths, Edna Winblood, and Rod and Linda Roberts. Pat Jacobs had her "Little House" antiques business in the building in the 1980s and early 1990s. It is presently the home of Willow Wagner and family.

A neighboring false-front frame building to the immediate south of the Wilson-Weichselbraun Cabin, which no longer exists, was the workshop and office of local contractor A.J. Fjelle. Fjelle built the 20x40' shop in 1880. He was succeeded in the building by P.A. Peterson, a carpenter and builder whose craftsmanship is recalled in a highly detailed picket fence surrounding the grave of his infant son, Alfred, in the City Cemetery. The Fjelle workshop collapsed in a wind storm in 1887.

36. Sources of information:

Lake City SILVER WORLD, Sat., September 9, 1876, page 3, Sat., May 5, 1877, page 3, Sat., June 2, 1877, page 3, Sat., July 7, 1877, page 3, Sat., January 5, 1878, page 2, Sat., July 10, 1880, 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: Social history, architecture

40. Period of significance: 1876 - 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 an intact representative of the vernacular dwellings constructed in Lake City during this period, as reflected in its simple design board and batten, gabled roof, 2-over-2 double hung windows and lack of architectural details that indicate a particular style. The shed located at the rear of the lot near the alley is also associated with settlement and development of Lake City. It is representative of the outbuildings constructed in Lake City in the late 1800s and early 1900s as reflected in its alley location, shed roof, 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 25, frames 30-33 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. Recordors Cathleen M. Norman and Grant E. Houston

51. Organization: Town of Lake City

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