

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: 5HN68.67
2. Temporary resource number: 18
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Abbott House
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 313 Bluff Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Lissa M. Cox, P.O. Box 185 , Lake City CO 81235

II. Geographic Information

- County Property No.: R1188
9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W SE4 of NW4 of SW4 of Section 27
 10. UTM reference
Zone 13 296590 mE 4211470 mN
 11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' ___ 15'
 12. Block(s): 0 Lot(s): 24-32 Legal: S1/2 24, all 25-30, part 31& 32 (road easement)
Addition: Casco Addition Year of Addition: 1877
 13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Irregular
15. Dimensions: 2390 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1-1/2, 1
17. External wall material(s): Wood horizontal siding
18. Roof configuration: Side gabled
19. Roof material: Composition
20. Special features: Chimney
21. General architectural description:
1-1/2 story and one-story, side-gabled frame dwelling with composition roofing; brick chimney in roof ridge. Walls clad in clapboards. East gable wall has half-hipped bay window and 2-over-2 windows in gable end. Other windows are 1-over-1 and small 6-lites. Façade has centered, gabled vestibule enclosed in clapboards with 6-lite and 8-lite windows above. Gabled and shed-roofed additions on west elevation; prominent stone fireplace chimney on north end of addition. Shed-roofed section on south elevation has 6-lite windows. Concrete foundation.

22. Architectural style/Building type: No style
23. Landscaping or special setting:
This property occupies a long, elevated parcel abutting the hogback/bluff.
24. Associated building, features or objects:
Shed/garage, circa 1955
One-story frame building with roof and walls clad in rolled asphalt. Variety of doors and windows.
- Box car shed, circa 1940
Box car remaining from Denver & Rio Grande line that operated from 1889 to 1937.

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: _____ Actual: 1880 Source of info: Lake City MINING REGISTER, October 1, 1880, October 29, 1880
26. Architect: None Source of info:
27. Builder/contractor: Unknown Source of info:
28. Original owner: Jacob Jackson Abbott Source of info: Lake City MINING REGISTER, October 1, 1880, October 29, 1880
29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):
Shed-roofed section on south, circa 1885. Shed-roofed addition on rear constructed from materials from the state stop at Rose's Cabin, circa 1955. Windows recently replaced.
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:

Two Yale-educated New Englanders, brothers Jacob Jackson Abbott and James W. Abbott, opened a civil engineering business in Lake City in 1875 and in ensuing years constructed homes for their respective families. The two-story frame residence at 313 Bluff was built by J. J. Abbott in October, 1880, which at completion was described as "saucy and attractive in appearance." It became the home of Abbott, his wife, Jenny Farrington Abbott, and the couple's six children. The family enjoyed the assistance of domestic servants, the children following a regiment which included changing clothes for a reading hour each afternoon at 4, followed by "bountiful" meals served on white linen table cloths.

J.J. and J.W. Abbott were responsible for surveying the bulk of mining claims in Hinsdale County and were part-owners of the 34-mile Lake City & Uncompaghre Toll Road between Lake City and Ouray. During the 1870s and 80s they founded the Colorado Gold & Silver Mining Co. and established the short-lived Bank of Lake City. In 1881, it was reported Abbott had installed one of Lake City's first telephones, stringing wire 450' between his Bluff Street residence and office on Silver Street. The Abbotts continued to live in their Bluff Street home until 1897 when, following the death of a two-year old daughter, they relocated to Denver.

The house was later owned by Lake City Postmaster William Oran Snowden and acquired by mine promoter H.L. Townsend in 1952. Townsend owned Rose's Cabin, an old stage stop on the approach to Engineer Pass, and used logs and lumber from the dismantled building to construct rear additions to the Abbott house, including a library wing to the north with a fireplace featuring samples of ore from local mines. Extant outbuildings include a long, shed-roof workshop and multi-car garage at the rear of the property which was built by Townsend in the mid-1950s, and a narrow gauge boxcar, with wheels and undercarriage removed, which was apparently moved to the site after the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad left Lake City in 1933. In recent years the Abbott house housed a "bed & biscuit" establishment and restaurant, A Moveable Feast, prior to sale to the current owners, the Cox family

36. Sources of information:

SILVER WORLD, September 18, 1880, page 3, January 6, 1938, page 1, April 20, 1984, page 1; Lake City MINING REGISTER, October 1, 1880, page 2, October 29, 1880, page 3, April 1, 1881, page 3; Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, July 10, 1952, page 6; PORTRAIT & BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, Chapman Publishing Co., Chicago, 1899, pages 137-138; EMPIRE Magazine of the Denver Post, June 15, 1980, pages 10-13

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: 1880 -1904

41. Level of significance: National State Local

42. Statement of significance:

This dwelling reflects settlement and development of Lake City during the late 1800s mining era. It is also a good example of the vernacular dwellings built in town, as reflected by its lack of ornamentation that represents a particular style. It has been associated with several prominent Lake City residents, including mine owner Jacob Jackson Abbott, postmaster William Oran Snowden, and mine promoter H. L. Townsend. An early owner of the property, Jacob, Jackson Abbott, constructed the shed-roofed addition on the south elevation in 1885. Rear additions were made in 1952.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance:

Although somewhat altered, this property retains sufficient architectural integrity to contribute to the historic district.

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 2, frames 12-17 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

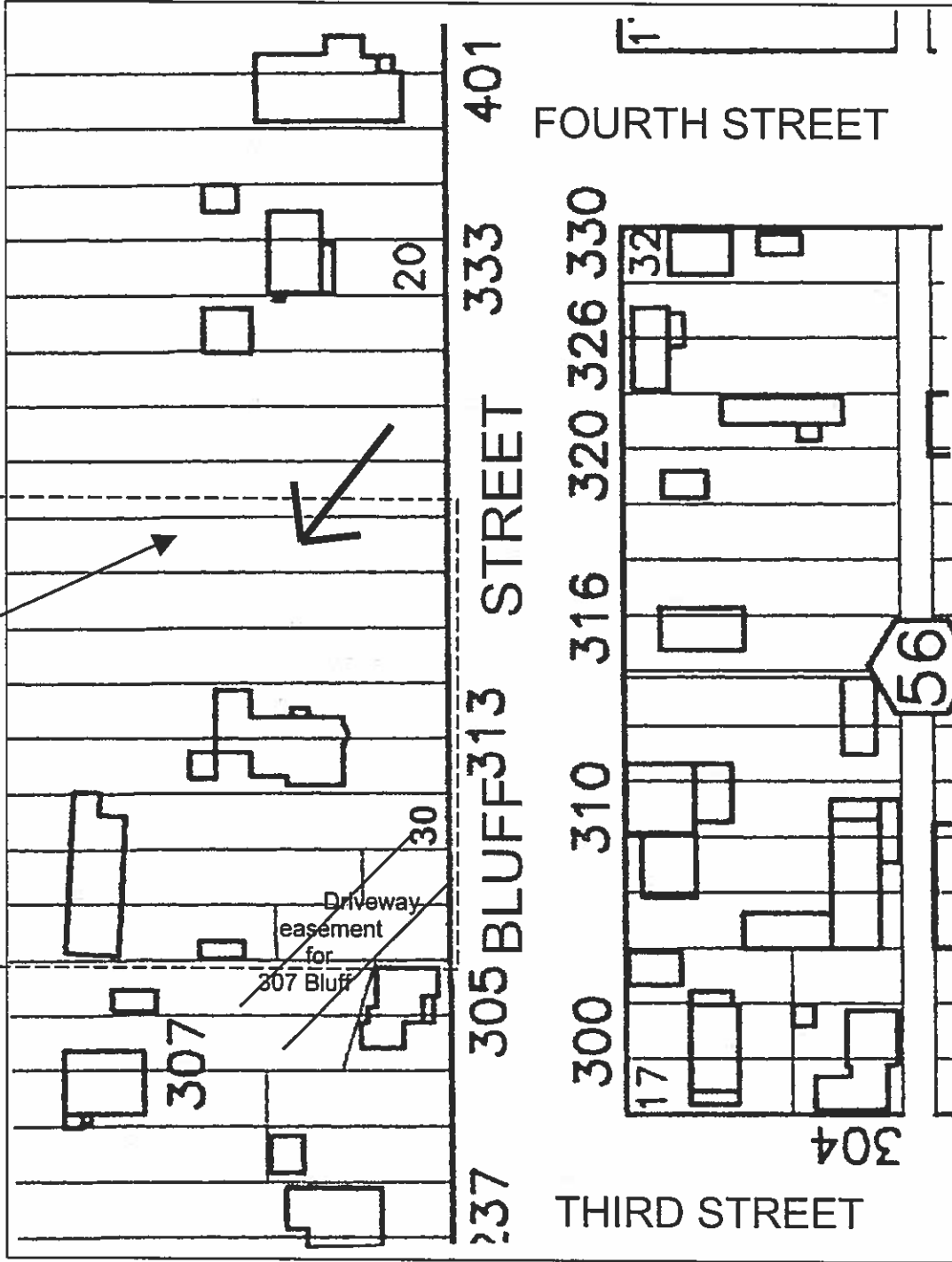
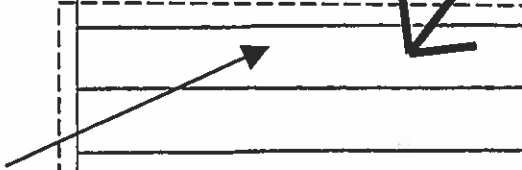
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CASCO ADDITION



NOT TO SCALE