

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: 5HN68.221
2. Temporary resource number: 219
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: McDonald Rock House
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 415 Henson Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Dr. W. D. McDonald c/o S. Brunson, 3717 Otter Place, Lynchburg VA 24503

II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R1117

9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W SW4 of NW4 of SE4 of SW4 of Section 27
10. UTM reference
Zone 13 297960 mE 4211470 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' ___ 15'
12. Block(s): 43 Lot(s): 6-10 Legal:
Addition: Year of Addition:
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Rectangular
15. Dimensions: 510 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Stone
18. Roof configuration: Side gabled
19. Roof material: Metal
20. Special features:
21. General architectural description:
One-story, side-gabled masonry dwelling with low-pitched roof and fieldstone walls. Metal roof with protruding rafters; board and batten under gable ends. East elevation has swing-up covering of corrugated metal on entire length. Stone foundation.
22. Architectural style/Building type: Rustic
23. Landscaping or special setting:

24. Associated building, features or objects:
Privy, circa 1952
One-story, gabled stone building with metal roof; board door on south elevation.

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: _____ Actual: 1952 Source of info: Hinsdale County tax rolls, 1950-1955
26. Architect: None Source of info:
27. Builder/contractor: Dr. D. McDonald Source of info:
28. Original owner: Dr. D. McDonald Source of info:
29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):
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): Vacant
34. Site type(s):
35. Historical background:

The Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION'S Lake City news correspondent reported in September, 1949, that Dr. D. McDonald had acquired lots back of Slocum's house [426 Gunnison] "and will erect a stone house for his summer home." William Drury McDonald, a physician in Dallas, Texas, and his wife, Viola, returned summers beginning in 1950 to construct a side-gable residence utilizing materials which were close at hand: walls of the McDonald house were constructed using rocks which the couple gathered and then formed into walls using rough concrete which they mixed on site. As a decorative effect, the McDonalds pressed shards of multi-colored glass into the concrete. The roof is corrugated metal with exposed rafter ends; also unique to the house are hinged corrugated panels on both the east and west sides of the building which could be raised and supported to form overhanging porches. The McDonalds' distinctive rock construction, also using rock construction, with shards of broken glass and porcelain, is also evident in the detached gabled privy which was built at the back of the lots.

Dr. McDonald overexerted himself during the final days of construction in August, 1952. He died of a heart attack in the home on August 21, 1952; heavy rains made the dirt roads slick, and Mrs. McDonald had difficulty arranging to transport her husband's body to Gunnison and on to Dallas for burial. More than 50 years later, the house and lots are still assessed to the Dr. W.D. McDonald Estate.

36. Sources of information:
Hinsdale County tax rolls, 1950-1955; Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., September 1, 1949, page 2; Death Certificate, William Drury McDonald, August 21, 1952.

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, architecture

40. Period of significance: 1952 - 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 1915 through the 1960s, following the local decline of hard rock mining. It is a well-preserved representative of the Rustic style reflected in its small size, low pitched gabled roof, rock materials, window coverings, and rock privy at the alley. It is a rare example of Rustic style using rock materials in Lake City.

This property is eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places.

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 21 , frame 30-32 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

51. Organization: Town of Lake City

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