

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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Official eligibility determination
(OAHP use only)

- Date _____ Initials _____
- Determined Eligible- NR
 Determined Not Eligible- NR
 Determined Eligible- SR
 Determined Not Eligible- SR
 Need Data
 Contributes to eligible NR District
 Noncontributing to eligible NR District

I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: 5PT.264
2. Temporary resource number: 400.WSM (400.WS)
3. County: Pitkin
4. City: Aspen
5. Historic building name: Charles F. Brown Residence
6. Current building name: _____
7. Building address: 400 West Smuggler Street, Aspen Colorado 81611
8. Owner name and address: Larry D. & Sara P. Dodge
PO Box 1981 Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. 6 Township 10 South Range 85 West
SE ¼ of NW ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 12
10. UTM reference
Zone 1 3 ; 3 4 2 4 1 0 mE 4 3 3 9 8 6 5 mN
11. USGS quad name: Aspen Quadrangle
Year: 1960, Photo Rev. 1987 Map scale: 7.5' X 15' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.
12. Lot(s): R & S Block: 33
Addition: _____ Year of Addition: _____
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Site is comprised of Lot R & S, Block 33 of the City and
Townsite of Aspen. Assessors office Record Number: 2735-124-12-004
This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): Irregular
15. Dimensions in feet: Length _____ x Width _____
16. Number of stories: One and 1/2 Story
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Horizontal Wood Siding
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Gable on Hip Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Asphalt Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Porch, Chimney

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21. General architectural description: A one and 1/2 story wood frame mining era cottage on a concrete foundation. A central hipped roof volume, with a hipped roof wing to the left. A projecting bay at grade is centered on the main hipped roof form with a gable dormer above. A porch infills the corner made by the principal volume and the hip roof wing. The porch has square posts with scroll brackets. A brick chimney sits on the ridge above, a second chimney sits on the east side. The entry door is 90° to the street under the porch. A series of vertically proportioned casement windows runs around the front of the primary form and the projecting bay. A narrow door is located in the gable end dormer above. Metal work cresting on the flat top of the hip roof volume, with similar metal work rail on top of front bay. A one and 1/2 story addition links the structure to the carriage house. A side porch on the east side has the same detailing as the front porch.
22. Architectural style/building type: Late Victorian
23. Landscaping or special setting features: Open ditch flow along 3rd Street. (has been channelized by owner)
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: A single story, gable roof, carriage house sits on the alley with a garage addition of recent vintage adjacent to it. Both have horizontal wood siding and asphalt roofing.

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: 1888 or 1891 Actual _____
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor
26. Architect: Unknown
Source of information: _____
27. Builder/Contractor: Unknown
Source of information: _____
28. Original owner: H. P. Cowenhoven
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):
According to the daughter of a previous owner, the structure was gutted in 1974 and reconstructed with the addition linking the carriage house to the main house. The cresting was added at that time. All windows were replaced, siding and brick chimneys were replaced. New dormers were added to the carriage house in 1999.
30. Original location Moved Date of move(s): _____

V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Domestic
32. Intermediate use(s): _____

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33. Current use(s): Domestic
34. Site type(s): Residential Neighborhood
35. Historical background: This structure is representative of Aspen's mining era character. The building is similar to a type that appears somewhat infrequently in Aspen, characterized by the square plan with hip roof. The hip typically ends in a short ridge or flat area of roof. Charles F. Brown and Emma Brown owned and occupied the residence from 1891 to 1934.
36. Sources of information: Pitkin County Courthouse records; Sanborn and Sons Insurance Maps; 1990 and 1980 City of Aspen Survey of Historic Sites and Structures

VI. Significance

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No Date of designation: _____
Designating authority: _____
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 possess 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 (see Manual)
 Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria
39. Area(s) of significance: Architecture
40. Period of significance: Late 1800's Silver Mining Era
41. Level of significance: National State Local
42. Statement of significance: This structure is significant for its position in the context of Aspen's mining era. It describes the nature of the life of an average family or individual during that period, as well as the construction techniques, materials available and the fashion of the time.
43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: Alterations have been made to the character of the structure which confuse the reading of the original structure and add details that are inconsistent with the era of the structure. While the massing of the street façade is intact, the integrity has been compromised.

VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:
Eligible Not Eligible Need Data _____

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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 existing National Register district, is it: Contributing Noncontributing

VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: R3; F15, 16 Negatives filed at: Aspen/Pitkin Community Development Dept.

48. Report title: City of Aspen Update of Survey of Historic Sites and Structures, 2000

49. Date(s): 6/29/2000 50. Recorder(s): Suzannah Reid and Patrick Duffield

51. Organization: Reid Architects

52. Address: 412 North Mill Street, PO Box 1303, Aspen CO 81612

53. Phone number(s): 970 920 9225

NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad. map indicating resource location, and photographs.

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