

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.113.22
2. Temporary resource number: 406.EHO
3. County: Pitkin
4. City: Aspen
5. Historic building name: Webber Block
6. Current building name: Isis Theater
7. Building address: 406 E. Hopkins Avenue Aspen Colorado 81611
8. Owner name and address: Isis LLC 308 S. Galena Street Aspen CO 81611

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. 6 Township 10 South Range 84 West
SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 7
10. UTM reference
Zone 13; 3 4 2 9 4 5 mE 4 3 3 9 2 3 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): Lots L,M, and N Block: 87
Addition: _____ Year of Addition: _____
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Site is comprised of Lots L,M & N, Block 87 of the City and Townsite of Aspen. Assessors office Record Number 273707330006.
This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): Irregular Square Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: Length _____ x Width _____
16. Number of stories: 2
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Brick
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Flat Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Synthetic Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Decorative cornice

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21. General architectural description: Typical two story Victorian era business block. Recent renovation has attempted to restore character of first floor storefronts, but it is not an exact replication. Recessed center entry is now flanked by fixed windows, all with kickplates and transoms. Second floor features original double hung windows, a corbelled brick cornice, and a decorative pediment listing the building name. Second floor windows have sandstone sills and lintels.
22. Architectural style/building type: Late Victorian
23. Landscaping or special setting features: None
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: None

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate _____ Actual 1892
Source of information: Assessor/Date on building
26. Architect: Quayle
Source of information: 1980 Inventory form
27. Builder/Contractor: Unknown
Source of information: _____
28. Original owner: Henry Webber
Source of information: Assessor
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):
Building was remodeled on the interior and exterior in about the 1960's. The first floor level was covered with board and batten, and all the original storefronts were removed. In 1999, the building underwent a major renovation, including excavation of a full basement, an addition on the east side and apartments on the rooftop.
30. Original location Moved Date of move(s): _____

V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Commerce and Trade
32. Intermediate use(s): _____
33. Current use(s): Recreation and Culture, Theater
34. Site type(s): Commercial District
35. Historical background: This structure was built for Henry Webber, a shoe merchant and one time Mayor of Aspen. H. Webber-1892 is written on the pediment, a typical way of identifying a building in those days. Originally the building had retail businesses including groceries and hardware, and furnished rooms. In the 1920's, the Women's Civic Improvement League converted the building to a theater for silent movies and minstrel shows. It was given the name "Isis" and the theater was decorated in an Egyptian motif. It survived as a single screen movie theater until 1999.

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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: Ord. 58, 1996
Designating authority: Aspen City Council

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: The business blocks were symbols of the prosperity of the town, and the individuals for whom they were named, as well as a growing civic pride.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: Building is in good condition. Only the front façade is original, the rest having been reconstructed in the 1999 remodel. (The original brick on the east wall was salvaged and re-laid.) Although little of the original structure remains, the use of the building as a movie theater was preserved.

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: Lies within a locally designated historic district.

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: R 10, F 2-3 Negatives filed at: Aspen/Pitkin Community Development Dept.

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

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49. Date(s): 8/2000 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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