

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.495
2. Temporary resource number: 525.NSE (525.NS)
3. County: Pitkin
4. City: Aspen
5. Historic building name: Shilling Lamb House
6. Current building name: _____
7. Building address: 525 North Second Street Aspen, Colorado 81611
8. Owner name and address: Catherine M. Conover
1666 Connecticut Ave. NW Suite #300 Washington, DC 2009

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. 6 Township 10 South Range 85 West
SW ¼ of NE ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 12
10. UTM reference
Zone 13 ; 3 4 2 5 2 0 mE 4 3 3 9 8 5 0 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): 13 through 16 Block: 40
Addition: _____ Year of Addition: _____
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Site is comprised of Lots 13 through 16; Block 40 of the City and Townsite of Aspen. Assessors office Record Number: 2735-124-15-003
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: Two Story
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Wood Horizontal Siding
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Hip-on-Gable Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Wood Shingle Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Porch, Chimney, Tower, Decorative Shingles

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21. General architectural description: A two story wood frame structure on a cut stone foundation. A side gable, with clipped north end, faces the street (east) with a tower on the left end and a shed roof porch running the length of the main volume. The porch has a gable overframed above the shed roof, above the entry stairs, with a variety of decorative shingles in the gable end. The porch is raised five steps above grade and has turned posts and a pierced frieze. The entry door faces the street with a vertically proportioned double hung window to the right. A taller front gable extends to the west from the ridge of the main side gable, just north of the tower, creating the bulk of the remaining house. The tower has a segmented conical roof with a ball finial at the peak and a series of double hungs on the two front facing surfaces. On the south side, the wall of the tower is flush with the main wall surface and has only a single double hung on the lower level. The south side has a large gable dormer with a pair of double hungs above a single story bay with a hipped roof, and a second level deck. A wood rail runs along the perimeter of the top roof edge. The main level of the bay has three vertically proportioned double hungs on the south side and two on the east. A small gable porch roof projects to the south from the back corner of the house with large scale, unusual turned posts. The north side of the house has a gable dormer at the rear corner with a single double hung at the upper level. A few small windows and a series of double hungs complete the windows on the north. The west side has a bay similar to the south bay, with a porch on the second level, an additional small gable with turned posts. Two brick chimney sit toward the rear of the house. Ridges have low "wave" cresting along their lengths and gable ends have decorative shingles, floor levels are defined by wood banding on the bulk of the structure.
22. Architectural style/building type: Late Victorian; Queen Anne
23. Landscaping or special setting features: Entire landscape indication of Victorian era utilitarian plantings. Many lilac/honeysuckle masses in yard. Original iron post/twisted wire fence. Original carriage stone. Irrigation ditch open on Second Street without water. Several cottonwoods along Second Street in typical dense street location; several cottonwoods along Smuggler in same manner.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: none

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate _____ Actual 1891
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor
26. Architect: Unknown
Source of information: _____
27. Builder/Contractor: Unknown
Source of information: _____
28. Original owner: Arthur B. Shilling
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor

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29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):
Chimneys altered, south porch expanded, windows added, dates unknown, all pre 1986. First story addition at southwest side between 1980 and 1990. Windows replaced and added, materials replaced, dates unknown, pre 1990.
30. Original location Moved Date of move(s): _____

V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Domestic
32. Intermediate use(s): _____
33. Current use(s): Domestic
34. Site type(s): Residential Neighborhood
35. Historical background: This structure is representative of the upper-class residences of Aspen's mining era. In particular; Arthur B. Shilling built the house, and along with his brother, owned Shilling & Company, a fine store dealing in domestic and imported dry goods, carpets, boots and shoes, and millinery from Paris and New York. Al Lamb purchased the house in 1898, he was a well known local druggist who continued to serve the community even after the silver crash.
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; National Register Nomination Form 1986.

VI. Significance

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No Date of designation: 1981
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

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42. Statement of significance: This house is significant in the broad pattern of development of Aspen's residential community during the silver mining era. It was an upper-class residence and represents the craftsmanship and materials available, and the style of the time, as Aspen evolved from a mining camp into a complex society. In particular, this structure is unique. The tower element is not found on any other extant Aspen house of the era, it also lacks the other decorative elements usually found on a house of this type. It is likely that this structure was designed locally.
43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: This structure is intact with minor additions, and retains most of its original materials, character and pattern.

VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: This structure is currently listed on the National Register
Eligible Not Eligible Need Data
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
Discuss: A number of 19th century structures are existing in this area
- 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: F28, 29 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.