

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.114.27
2. Temporary resource number: 627.WMA
3. County: Pitkin
4. City: Aspen
5. Historic building name: Harry G Koch House
6. Current building name: same
7. Building address: 627 W Main Street Aspen Colorado 81611
8. Owner name and address: Robert & Elizabeth Coscarello 627 W Main St Aspen CO 81611

**II. Geographic Information**

9. P.M. 6 Township 10 South Range 84 West  
       G of        G of        G of        G of Section 7
10. UTM reference  
Zone 1 3 ; 3 4 \_\_\_\_\_ mE 4 3 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 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): Lot B Block:25  
Addition: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Addition: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Site is comprised of Lot B, Block 25 of the City and Townsite of Aspen. Assessors office Record Number 273512448010.  
This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

**III. Architectural Description**

14. Building plan (footprint, shape) Rectangular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: Length \_\_\_\_\_ x Width \_\_\_\_\_
16. Number of stories: 1 1/2
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Brick
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Gabled Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Asphalt Shingles
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Decorative shingles, porch

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21. General architectural description: One and a half story masonry home with the gable end oriented to the street. Front façade features a door covered with a gable roof projecting porch, a double hung window with stone sill and lintel on the first floor, and a centered double hung window on the second floor. Decorative shingles in the gable end of the house and porch. Brick chimney with stone cap in the center of the house. Dormers on east and west. Windows on side are typically double hung, with segmental arches in the masonry on the first floor. Clapboard sided addition at rear.
22. Architectural style/building type: Late Victorian
23. Landscaping or special setting features: One mature cottonwood street tree. Large lilac shrub at entry. Flowing irrigation ditch. Picket fence.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: None.

#### IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate \_\_\_\_ Actual 1892  
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor
26. Architect: Unknown  
Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_
27. Builder/Contractor: Unknown  
Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_
28. Original owner: Harry G. Koch  
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Original turn posts from porch have been removed and were replaced by 4x4 posts – date unknown. Rear addition, date unknown. Windows replaced. New front door.
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): Office/Residential District
35. Historical background: One of three homes built for Harry G. Koch along this block. Mr. Koch was part of the Koch Lumber Yard, which played an important role in supplying construction materials to Aspen.
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

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#### VI. Significance

37. Local landmark designation: Yes  No  Date of designation: Ord. 57, 1979

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: This house is representative of the family/home environment of the average citizen in Aspen during the silver mining era.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: Building is in good condition. Window replacements and removal of porch posts have compromised character somewhat.

#### 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: R8, F35 Negatives filed at: Aspen/Pitkin Community Development Dept.

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

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

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53. Phone number(s): 970 920 9225

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

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