

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.114.21
2. Temporary resource number: 734.WMA
3. County: Pitkin
4. City: Aspen
5. Historic building name: John B. Stitzer Residence
6. Current building name: Christian Science Reading Room
7. Building address: 734 W Main Street Aspen Colorado 81611
8. Owner name and address: Christian Science Society 734 W Main Street 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 K&L Block: 18
Addition: _____ Year of Addition: _____
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Site is comprised of Lots K&L, Block 18 of the City and Townsite of Aspen. Assessors office Record Number 273512445010.
This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan (footprint, shape) Modified Rectangle
15. Dimensions in feet: Length _____ x Width _____
16. Number of stories: 2
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Horizontal siding, Shingles
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Cross Gabled Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Wood Shingles
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Decorative shingles

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- 21. General architectural description: Two story Victorian era home, gable end to the street. Off-center bay window on front, 1st floor, and double hung window centered on front, second floor. Double hung windows along east and west sides of house. First floor has clapboard siding, upper floors have decorative shingle siding. Cross gabled roof towards rear. Corbelled brick chimney. Porch runs along east side and wraps across front. One story addition to original structure at rear.
- 22. Architectural style/building type: Late Victorian
- 23. Landscaping or special setting features: One spruce tree at street, one mature spruce in yard on west. One cottonwood street tree. Stepping stone walkway leading to house.
- 24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: None.

IV. Architectural History

- 25. Date of Construction: Estimate Actual 1889
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor
- 26. Architect: Unknown
Source of information:
- 27. Builder/Contractor: Unknown
Source of information:
- 28. Original owner: John B Stitzer
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor/1896 Willit's Map
- 29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):
Original house did not have any front porch according to Sanborne map. Entry area has been altered, 1974 to 1975. Rear additions, shed dormer attached to east gable dormer, date unknown
- 30. Original location Moved Date of move(s):

V. Historical Associations

- 31. Original use(s): Domestic
- 32. Intermediate use(s):
- 33. Current use(s): Religious facility
- 34. Site type(s): Office/Residential District
- 35. Historical background: Built for the Stitzer family in 1889. Remained in the family until 1940.
- 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. 5, 1987
Designating authority: Aspen City Council

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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: Character has been changed by alteration to the front entry and addition of the porch. Could be restored.

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 9, 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
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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