

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.924
2. Temporary resource number: MB
3. County: Pitkin
4. City: Aspen
5. Historic building name: Holden Lixiviation Mill, Sampling Building
6. Current building name: Holden Marolt Barn
7. Building address: _____
8. Owner name and address: City of Aspen
130 South Galena St. Aspen CO 81611

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. 6 Township 10 South Range 85 West
NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 12
10. UTM reference
Zone 1 3 ; 3 4 3 2 8 5 mE 4 3 3 8 9 5 0 mN
11. USGS quad name: Aspen, Colorado Quadrangle
Year: 1960, Photo Rev. 1987 Map scale: 7.5' X 15' _____ Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.
12. Lot(s): _____ Block: _____
Addition: _____ Year of Addition: _____
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Assessors office Record Number: 273512363853
This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular
15. Dimensions in feet: Length 60' x Width 30'
16. Number of stories: One and one half stories
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Wood Vertical Siding
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Gable Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one) Asphalt Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): _____

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21. General architectural description: A wood frame barn of a single volume with the ridge of the gable running the long dimension of the building. The gable roof is asymmetrical in form. The ridge appears to be off center and the gable pitch on the west side covers an elevated walkway with a deep overhang. From the side elevations, the overhang is supported by large brackets boxed with siding that extend the wall plane to the end of the eave. Large braced beams extend from the west wall to support the overhang along its length. Several door and window openings are located on the west wall. A shed roof extends off the south covering an open area. The raised floor area extends the length of the building under the overhang and is accessed by stairs at either end and in the center. A simple pattern of double hung windows is located on the north side. A cupola sits on the ridge at the center of its length with small square windows on the east and west and three double hungs on the north and south sides.
22. Architectural style/building type: Ranch Type
23. Landscaping or special setting features: The barn and its associated shed sit in a typical ranch setting with minimal vehicular access. The site is on the edge of the ravine created by Castle Creek.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: A shed with similar details and materials is located to the south. The site also includes the ruins of the Lixiviation works which are covered under a separate form.

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate _____ Actual 1891 (opened)
Source of information: Aspen Historical Society
26. Architect: Unknown
Source of information: _____
27. Builder/Contractor: Unknown
Source of information: _____
28. Original owner: Jerome Wheeler, as part of the Lixiviation Mill. Marolt Family purchases the ruins as part of ranch lands in 1940's
Source of information: 1980 Survey Form, Aspen Historical Society
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Windows replaced on east side, pre 1990. Cupola and windows added in early 1990's
30. Original location Moved Date of move(s): _____

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V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Industry / Processing / Extraction; Manufacturing Facility
32. Intermediate use(s): Agriculture / Subsistence
33. Current use(s): Recreation and Culture; Museum
34. Site type(s): Mining
35. Historical background: This structure was originally the Sampling building as part of the Holden Lixiviation Mill. The Lixiviation mill complex was a significant industrial operation for the few years that it was in operation. With the crash of the silver market, the mill quickly went bankrupt and was left to be overtaken by the ranching activities that took over as the primary activity of the area. The sampling building was officially added to the Marolt Ranch by the 1940's and was subsequently taken over by the City of Aspen (c. 1980's) as ranching declined and was overtaken by the tourist industry.
36. Sources of information: Pitkin County Courthouse records; National Register Nomination Form; 1990 and 1980 City of Aspen Survey of Historic Sites and Structures, Aspen Historical Society

VI. Significance

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No Date of designation: 1988
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: Industry
40. Period of significance: 1880's Silver Mining Era
41. Level of significance: National State Local

