

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.525
2. Temporary resource number: 201.WFR (201.WF)
3. County: Pitkin
4. City: Aspen
5. Historic building name: Bowles - Cooley House
6. Current building name: _____
7. Building address: 201 West Francis Street Aspen, Colorado 81611
8. Owner name and address: George A. Vicenzi
PO Box 2238 Aspen, CO 81612

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. 6 Township 10 South Range 85 West
NW ¼ of SE ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 12
10. UTM reference
Zone 1 3 ; 3 4 2 5 1 5 mE 4 3 3 9 7 3 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): F, G, H, I Block: 49
Addition: _____ Year of Addition: _____
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Site is comprised of Lot F, G, H, I, Block 49 of the City and
Townsite of Aspen. Assessors office Record Number: 2735-124-22-003
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 and 1/2 story
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Brick
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Cross Gable Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Wood Shingle Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Porch, Chimney, Decorative Shingles

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21. General architectural description: A two and 1/2 story brick structure on a rusticated sandstone foundation. A large gable end faces the street, nesting a smaller gable end and a shed roofed porch. The large gable end contains a rectangular vent window in a field of scalloped shingles with trim boards isolating geometric areas of shingles. Brick extends to 1/4 way up the gable end, wood framing infills the gable end. The smaller gable aligns with the western slope of the main gable and rises two thirds of the way up the main gable before returning to the same eave level. The smaller gable volume has 45° cut corners that end in brackets, supporting the eave ends. A pair of double hung windows is centered on the gable end on the second level, scalloped wood siding begins above the head of the windows. A large double hung, centered on the gable at the first level. Narrow double hungs occupy the 45° walls, and align with the windows described above. The 45° joint in the brick work is expressed by open finger joints. Windows and doors have sandstone sills and lintels. The shed roof porch sits to the left of the small gable volume, and returns along the east side of the house. The porch has turned posts with decorative brackets and balustrade. The entry door sits on the face of the cross gable wall. The east side of the structure has a single volume under the cross gable (similar in size to the main front gable) with brick extending up the first 1/4 of the gable end. Scalloped shingles infill the gable end with a center vent window. The vent window is outlined with trim that separates various areas of other decorative shingles. A shallow brick bay sits on the main level at the rear of the east side, it has a shed roof with corbelled brick brackets at the base, and contains a large double hung window. A pair of double hung windows sit directly above the bay. To the right of the bay, sits a single narrow double hung window. Above that is a large pane of fixed glass infilling a finished notch in the brick wall (originally a second level porch). The glass is framed by an arched wood panel with minimal detailing. The west side of the cross gable is similar in wall surface, with simpler window openings. A tall planar chimney form sits in the west valley of the cross gable, it has no detail. The vergeboards on all the gable ends are highly decorative, and metal finials cap the peaks. A single story brick gable end kitchen wing sits at the back with an enclosed wood frame back porch on the west.
22. Architectural style/building type: Late Victorian, Queen Anne
23. Landscaping or special setting features: Seven large cottonwood street trees, one of the best stands in Aspen. Covered irrigation ditch on east side. Carriage stone at front door. Original iron fence. Large masses of choke cherry shrubs and lilacs. Large spruce at west corner.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: A one and 1/2 story brick gable carriage house sits along the back alley. It has small cross gable dormers about halfway along the main gable, and a taller wood gable structure attached to the end. A single double hung window with an arched top faces the street with a garage door below it. The wood cross gable has a been remodeled into a living unit.

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IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate _____ Actual 1889
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor
26. Architect: Believed to be Ryland R. Bowles
Source of information: National Register Nomination Form, 1986
27. Builder/Contractor: Believed to be Ryland R. Bowles
Source of information: National Register Nomination Form, 1986
28. Original owner: Ryland R. Bowles
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): West chimney, 1980. Second story porch enclosure / picture window, unknown. Two story extension, east rear, 1980. rear porch enclosure, entry alterations, dates unknown. Two story garage replaced wood structure at back of brick carriage house, after 1980, before 1995
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: R. R. Bowles and William E. Turley had a lumber and contracting business beginning in 1880, under the name of Tuley and Bowles Contractors and Builders. Bowles was also associated with the Turley, Bowles, and Arey Furniture Company. By 1885, Bowles' company name was R. R. Bowles Lumber Supply. By late 1880's he became associated with J. A. Shepard in Shepard and Bowles Hardware. The second owner was William W. Cooley, 1891, a specialist in mining law, he organized the Mollie Gibson Consolidated Mining and Milling Company. One of the most prosperous and productive mines in the area. In 1892 he built and moved into a house at 125 West Main. Years later Red Rowland, a Vice president of the Aspen Skiing Company owned the house, beginning in 1945.
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: 1982
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 structure is listed on the National Register. This structure is significant for the people associated with the structure's history as well as its architecture. It is significant of the upper-class lifestyle of the mining era, the materials available, the skill of the builder, and the fashions of the time. The use of brick, the level of detail, and the arrangement of the volumes make this an unusually fine house in Aspen's residential context. It is indicative of Aspen's evolution from a mining camp to a well established society.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: This structure is well preserved, with minimal changes. The integrity is intact.

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: There are a number of late 19th century structures 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: R2; F5 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

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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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