

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.149
2. Temporary resource number: 205.STH (205.ST)
3. County: Pitkin
4. City: Aspen
5. Historic building name: Matthew Callahan Cabin
6. Current building name: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Building address: 205 South Third Street Aspen, Colorado 81611
8. Owner name and address: Kitty P. & Walter J. Sherwin 8.2% Interest  
7017 Arandale Rd. Bethesda, MD 20817-4701

## II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. 6 Township 10 South Range 85 West  
SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12
10. UTM reference  
Zone 1 3; 3 4 2 2 6 5 mE 4 3 3 9 4 0 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): H & I Block: 39  
Addition: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Addition: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Site is comprised of Lot H & I; Block 39 of the City and  
Townsite of Aspen. Assessors office Record Number 2735-124-65-003  
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: One story
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Log
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Side Gable
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Wood shingles
20. Special features (enter all that apply): \_\_\_\_\_

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21. General architectural description: A single story log structure with a gable roof, a small brick chimney sits on the ridge. The logs are hewn into rectangular shapes, and vary in size, ends are notched and slightly over-hanging at the corners. Light colored chinking infill. Two vertically proportioned double hungs sit on the long walls ("new" windows throughout). A smaller vertically sided structure sits to the south, and a perpendicular gable of similar construction sits on the west, with a small shed form adjacent. The entry is into the smaller volume, with a fixed window beside the door.
22. Architectural style/building type: Other Style
23. Landscaping or special setting features: Cottonwoods surrounding property. Historic lilac at north east corner of cabin.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: A series of historic shed roof and gable roof structures align along the alley.

**IV. Architectural History**

25. Date of Construction: Estimate early 1880's Actual \_\_\_\_\_  
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor
26. Architect: Unknown  
Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_
27. Builder/Contractor: Matthew Callahan  
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor
28. Original owner: Matthew Callahan  
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Small addition to the south, shed addition to back, all pre 1980
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: An example of a very early structure, predating the mining boom.
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: 1981  
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: Pre Silver Mining Era

41. Level of significance: National ☒ State ☒ Local ☒

42. Statement of significance: This structure is one of the few, pre mining era structures known to remain. It indicates the materials and technology available at the time and the lifestyle of an average citizen.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: This structure is intact in its original form and additions have not interfered with that integrity, windows are not historic.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: R5; F23 & 24 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.



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