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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.114.5
2. Temporary resource number: 227.EMA
3. County: Pitkin
4. City: Aspen
5. Historic building name: James Coutts House
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 227 E Main Street Aspen Colorado 81611
8. Owner name and address: Monarch Building LLC PO Box 126 Woody Creek CO 81656

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. 6 Township 10 South Range 84 West
   NW ¼ of SW ¼ of SW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 7
10. UTM reference
    Zone 1 3 ; 3 4 2 7 7 5 mE 4 3 3 9 3 4 5 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 F Bock: 74
    Addition: Year of Addition:
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Site is comprised of Lot F, Block 74 of the City and Townsite of Aspen. Assessors office Record Number 273707328003.
    This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): Irregular Rectangle
15. Dimensions in feet: Length _____ x Width _____
16. Number of stories: 1
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Asbestos Shingle Siding
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Cross Gabled Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Asphalt Shingles
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Porch, Chimney

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21. General architectural description: Typical L-Plan miner's cottage with street facing gable and porch with turned posts. Asbestos shingle siding. There are a pair of double hung windows in the gable end and a 2 over 2 double hung window under the porch. The front door has a half lite over wood panels and a transom window.
22. Architectural style/building type: Late Victorian
23. Landscaping or special setting features: One large cottonwood street tree. Small yard in front of building with numerous small trees.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: None

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate ____ Actual 1886
    Source of information: Assessor
26. Architect: Unknown
    Source of information: ____
27. Builder/Contractor: Unknown
    Source of information: ____
28. Original owner: James Coutts
    Source of information: Assessor
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Cornice and dentil work over bay window was removed between 1975 and 1980. New trim added around window since 1991. Spindle frieze over front porch was removed between 1980 and 1990. No major additions to building.
30. Original location X Moved ___ Date of move(s): ____

V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Domestic
32. Intermediate use(s): ____
33. Current use(s): Commerce and Trade
34. Site type(s): Commercial District
35. Historical background: Building was constructed as a residence for James Coutts in 1886.
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 X Date of designation: ____
    Designating authority: ____

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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;

__X__ 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 __X__

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: Original decorative features have been removed and siding has been covered with asbestos shingles. Building could be restored to a more original character. Front porch is sagging.

VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:
Eligible __X__ Not Eligible ___ Need Data ___

45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes __X__ No ___
Discuss: Lies within a locally designated historic district.
If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing __X__ Noncontributing ___

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing ___ Noncontributing ___

VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: R12, F33 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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