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# Architectural Inventory Form

- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible - National Register
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible - State Register
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Need Data
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Contributes to eligible National Register District.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Noncontributing to eligible NR District

## I. Identification

1. Resource number: 5HN68.113
2. Temporary resource number: 82
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: ~~Suttle Cabin~~ High Cabin
6. Current building name: Suttle Cabin
7. Building address: 407 Silver Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Haldane and Marietta Suttle, 2134 Beech, Pampa TX 79065

## II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R1255

9. P.M. 6th <sup>NM</sup> Township 44N Range 4W NW4 of NE4 of SW4 of SW4 of Section 27
10. UTM reference  
Zone 13 296730<sup>6</sup> mE 4211530<sup>57</sup> mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' \_\_\_ 15'
12. Block(s): 41 Lot(s): 11-13 Legal: S 1/2 of 11, all 12 & 13, Block 41  
Addition: Year of Addition:
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

## III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Rectangular
15. Dimensions: 697 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Log
18. Roof configuration: Front gabled
19. Roof material: Metal
20. Special features: Porch, fence
21. General architectural description:  
One-story, broad, front-gabled log dwelling with saddle notching. Metal roof with exposed rafters; brick chimney in south roof slope. Façade has partial-width, shed-roofed porch supported by slender logs, centered entrance flanked by horizontal windows; signplate "SutHut, Pampa Texas" in gable end. West elevation has door and three window openings with board coverings. Stone fireplace chimney on south elevation. Concrete foundation.
22. Architectural style/Building type: Rustic
23. Landscaping or special setting:  
Property is enclosed by a picket fence on perimeter of property

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Shed, circa 1900

Shed-roofed frame building clad in vertical boards has two vertical-board doors; window openings covered in boards. Shed-roofed section on north clad in vertical boards, alternately painted white; has two-part paneled door, also white.

**IV. Architectural History**

25. Date of construction Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual: <sup>1947</sup>1946 Source of info: Lake City TRIBUNE, Thurs., July 11, 1946, page 16

26. Architect: None Source of info:

27. Builder/contractor: George Griffiths, Ernie Masten Source of info: Lake City TRIBUNE

28. Original owner: Dr. Clifton Earl High Source of info: Lake City TRIBUNE

29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):

Unaltered

30. Original location:  Moved  Date of move(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Historical Associations**

31. Original use(s): Seasonal dwelling

32. Intermediate use(s):

33. Current use(s): Seasonal dwelling

34. Site type(s):

35. Historical background:

An April, 1946, fire destroyed three late 1870s frame residences mid-block between Fourth and Fifth streets on the west side of Silver Street, including the P.J. Ready house which stood at 407 Silver Street. Other houses burned in the fire, extending to the north, were the James and Irene Steinbeck rooming house at 411 Silver Street, and the historic Wager house which stood at 417 Silver, now the site of the Sullivan-Cummings Cabin.

The Ready house was at that date owned by a Pampa, Texas, physician, Dr. Clifton Earl High, who acquired it from James and Irene Steinbeck in 1944. Ironically, Steinbeck expended considerable effort in 1924 physically moving the house to the center of the lots to lessen the likelihood of fire. Despite the efforts of a volunteer bucket brigade which responded to the 1946 fire, flames spread from the Ready-High house to the adjoining two residences, all three being totally destroyed. Hard work on the part of the volunteers stopped the blaze from spreading further down Silver Street to the Kellogg-Avery House. The Lake City news columnist reported "no one seems to know what caused the fire," although it was rumored years later that an owner of one of the ramshackle old homes wished to replace it with something more modern and offered the contract for building the new house to whomever cleared the lot.

Dr. High contracted with George Griffiths, assisted by Ernie Masten, to construct the single story, front-gabled log home to replace the house lost in the 1946 fire. Work on the new High cabin began in July, 1947, the Lake City TRIBUNE reporting it would consist of four rooms and a bath. An added benefit, stated by the TRIBUNE, was the fact a fireplace from the house destroyed in the fire could be incorporated into the new residence. Dr. High continued his medical/surgical practice in Pampa, Texas, from 1938 until his death in May, 1959. According to a colleague, Dr. Dick Ellis, "He was very easy going but he smoked a lot of Chesterfields."

The High Cabin was sold to the parents of the current owner, Haldane Suttle, Pampa, Texas, 1951-53. The cabin is stylistically related to its contemporary next door neighbor, the Sullivan-Cummings Cabin, which was also built in 1947. Both cabins have symmetrical shed-roof porches on the street-facing gable. The High-Suttle Cabin has additional original features, including a wagon wheel light suspended from the front corner of the cabin, and two chimneys. The chimney closest to the street is constructed of native fieldstone cemented with mortar, while the rear., kitchen chimney consists of locally fired red brick. Neither of the chimneys would appear to predate the cabin's 1947 construction.

The back building abutting the alley predates construction of the High-Suttle Cabin and are

approximately of c. 1900 construction date. The alley backbuilding is a succession of connected frame buildings with a common shed roof and sided with vertical siding. A privy is attached at the north end of the structure. The alley outbuilding is almost certainly associated with the P.J. Ready house and is a rare survivor of the 1946 fire.

36. Sources of information:

Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., September 7, 1944, Thurs., May 2, 1946, page 7; Lake City TRIBUNE, Thurs., July 11, 1946, page 16; Pampa, Texas, NEWS, May 11, 1959, page 1; written communication between Dick G. Ellis, MD, and Grant Houston, September 14, 1999.

## VI. Significance

37. Local landmark: Yes  No  Date of design.: \_\_\_\_\_ Design. authority: \_\_\_\_\_  
Within Lake City Historic District (local historic district)
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 possesses 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
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria
39. Area(s) of significance: Entertainment and recreation, architecture
40. Period of significance: 1946 - 1953
41. Level of significance: National  State  Local
42. Statement of significance:  
This residence is associated with the growth and development of recreation and tourism in Lake City from 1915 through the 1960s, following the local decline of hard rock mining. It is a well-preserved representative of the Rustic style reflected in its small size, low pitched roof, log materials, stone fireplace chimney, modest porch, and functional shutters.
43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance:  
The architectural integrity of this dwelling is intact, as evidenced by minimal alterations to its character-defining features.

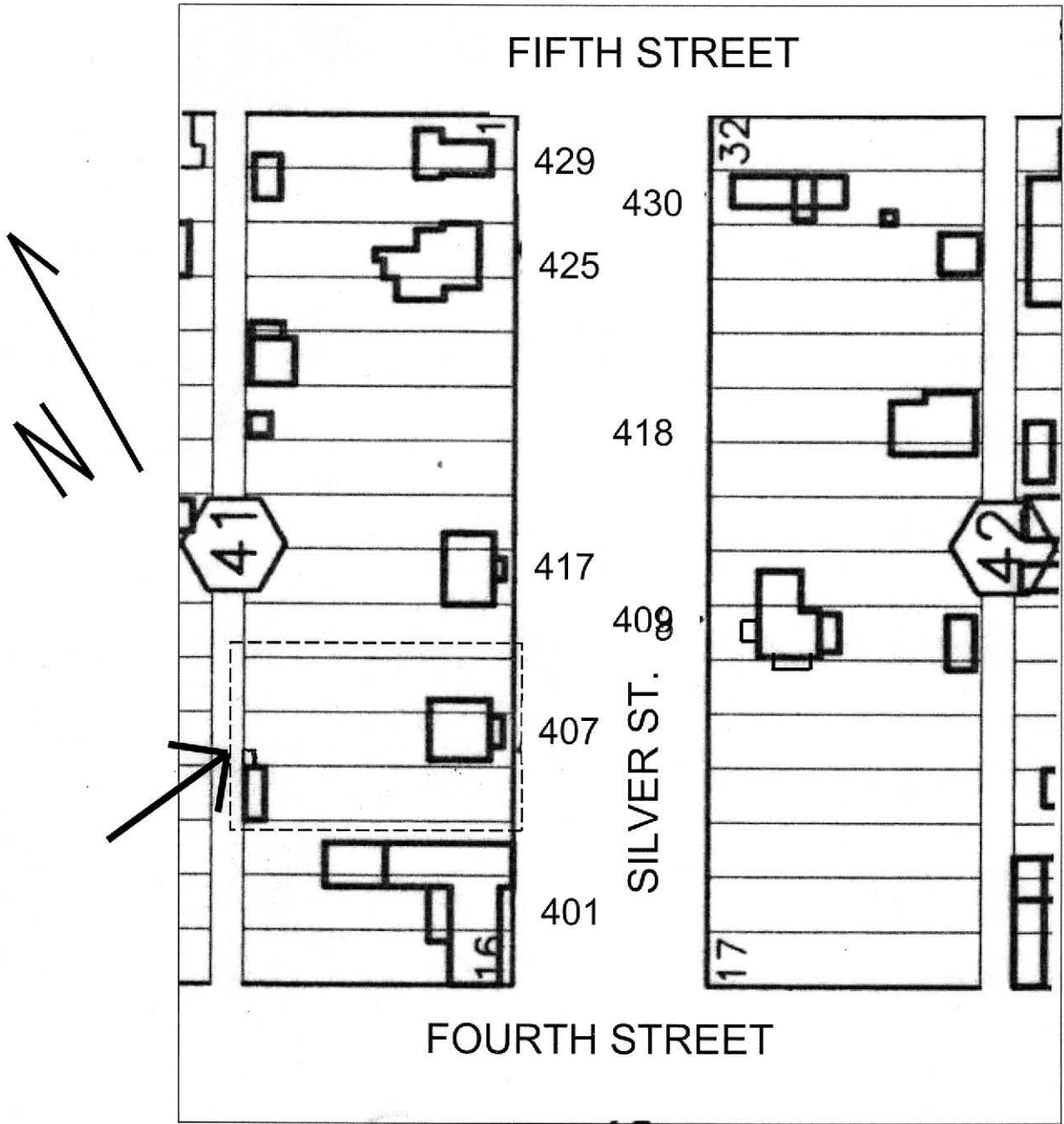
## VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:  Eligible  Not Eligible  Need Data
45. Is there National Register district potential?  Yes  No  
Discuss \_\_\_\_\_
- If there is National Register district potential, is this building  Contributing  Noncontributing
46. If the building is in an existing National Register district is it?  Contributing  Noncontributing  
(Lake City National Historic District)

## VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: Roll 6, frames 28-31 Negatives filed at: Lake City Town Hall
48. Report title: 2003 Architectural Survey of Lake City, Colorado
49. Date(s): September 2002 - June 2003
50. Recorders Cathleen M. Norman and Grant E. Houston
51. Organization: Town of Lake City
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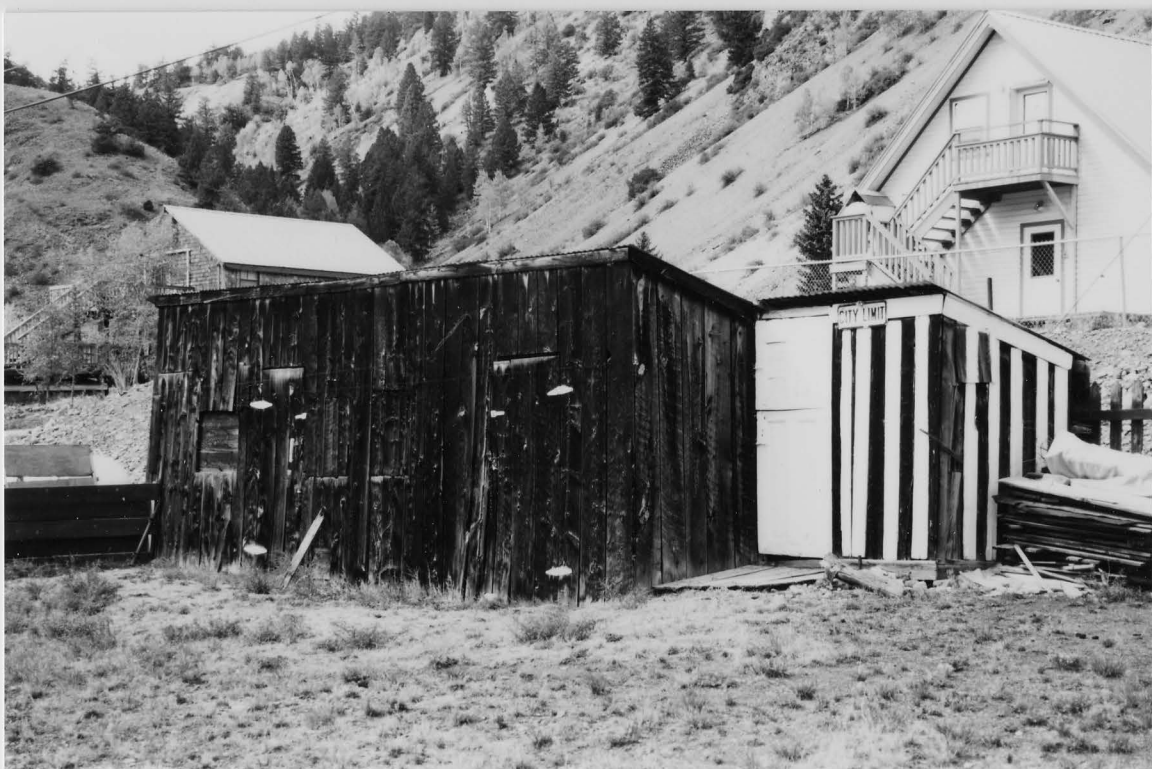


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