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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: 5HN68.107
2. Temporary resource number: 75
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: *Baker Residence*
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 322B Silver Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Daniel and Nancy Milski, P.O. Box 546, Lake City CO 81235

## II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R1135

9. P.M. *8th NM* Township 44N Range 4W SW4 of NE4 of SW4 of SW4 of Section 27
10. UTM reference  
Zone 13 <sup>45</sup> 296750 mE <sup>21</sup> 4211410 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' \_\_\_ 15'
12. Block(s): 55 Lot(s): 25-32 Legal: E 50' of 25-27, Block 55  
Addition: Year of Addition:
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

## III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: L plan
15. Dimensions: 848 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Stucco
18. Roof configuration: Gabled
19. Roof material: Metal
20. Special features: Porch
21. General architectural description:  
One-story, gabled-L stone dwelling with metal roof. Walls covered in stucco. Shed-roof porch in ell has square posts and plain wood balusters. Windows are 1-over-1 with decorative shutters.
22. Architectural style/Building type: No style
23. Landscaping or special setting:

24. Associated building, features or objects:

#### IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual: 1897 Source of info: Lake City TIMES, May 6, 1897, page 3.
26. Architect: None Source of info:
27. Builder/contractor: D. A. Baker Source of info:
28. Original owner: D. A. Baker Source of info:
29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):  
Porch built ca. 1976. Frame section built on west in 1978; stucco applied to exterior circa 1978. Tax Assessor records.
30. Original location:  Moved  Date of move(s) \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Single dwelling
32. Intermediate use(s):
33. Current use(s): Single dwelling
34. Site type(s):
35. Historical background:

O.A. Baker (1838-1910) was a native of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, who came to Lake City in 1876. Baker was a stone and brick mason by trade and was frequently cited in Lake City newspapers for his work building foundations and chimneys. In 1892 he was credited for completing the brick chimneys and interior plastering of the J.F. Steinbeck residence (509 Silver). In addition to working as a brick mason, O.A. Baker was appointed Hinsdale County Sheriff -- taking the place of former sheriff Clair Smith in 1884 -- and assembled a large amount of town property, much of it acquired in 1884 from James P. Kelly. Baker was also the builder and original owner of the extant meat market building, 310 Silver.

Included among Kelly's real estate bought by Baker was the frame false front building on Silver Street built in 1876 and revered in its early days as Kelly's Hall, Lake City's first public meeting hall and theatre. It was acquired by Anna (Maurer) Blair in 1902 and was home to W.C. Blair's Lake City TIMES newspaper until 1916 when the publication moved to 329 Silver. The Kelly building, together with the neighboring Occidental Hotel and Kohler drug building, burned to the ground in 1944.

Kelly's Hall occupied only the front portion of Lot 26, Block 55, leaving the back portion to the alley largely undeveloped. In 1892 it was reported O.A. Baker had demolished an old adobe building on the back of the lot and, conversely, in May, 1897, the Lake City TIMES reported Baker had completed a two-room adobe house at the rear of the lot which he intended to occupy as his own residence. After selling the property to Anna Blair, O.A. Baker retired to Swansea, Massachusetts, where he died in 1910. The Baker house is depicted on the October, 1902, Sanborn Insurance Map as a one-story stone building. It has historically been occupied as a centrally located rental residence. An advertisement in the January 1, 1903, Lake City TIMES advised "For Rent - Splendid two-room stone house and woodshed, located on the alley; suitable for a couple or two young men desiring the warmest rooms in town. Apply at this office."

The Baker House continues as a rental residence to the present, its current day appearance modified with a frame addition and a stucco covering over the stone walls

36. Sources of information:

Lake City SILVER WORLD, April 19, 1884, page 2; Lake City TIMES, Thurs., May 5, 1892, page 1, Thurs., June 9, 1892, page 1, Thurs., May 6, 1897, page 3, Thurs., December 18, 1902, Thurs., January 1, 1903, page 3, Thurs., July 28, 1910, page 5; San Juan Pioneers Assoc., membership book; Sanborn Co. Insurance Map for Lake City, October, 1902.

## 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:
40. Period of significance:
41. Level of significance: National  State  Local
42. Statement of significance:
43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance: *explain*

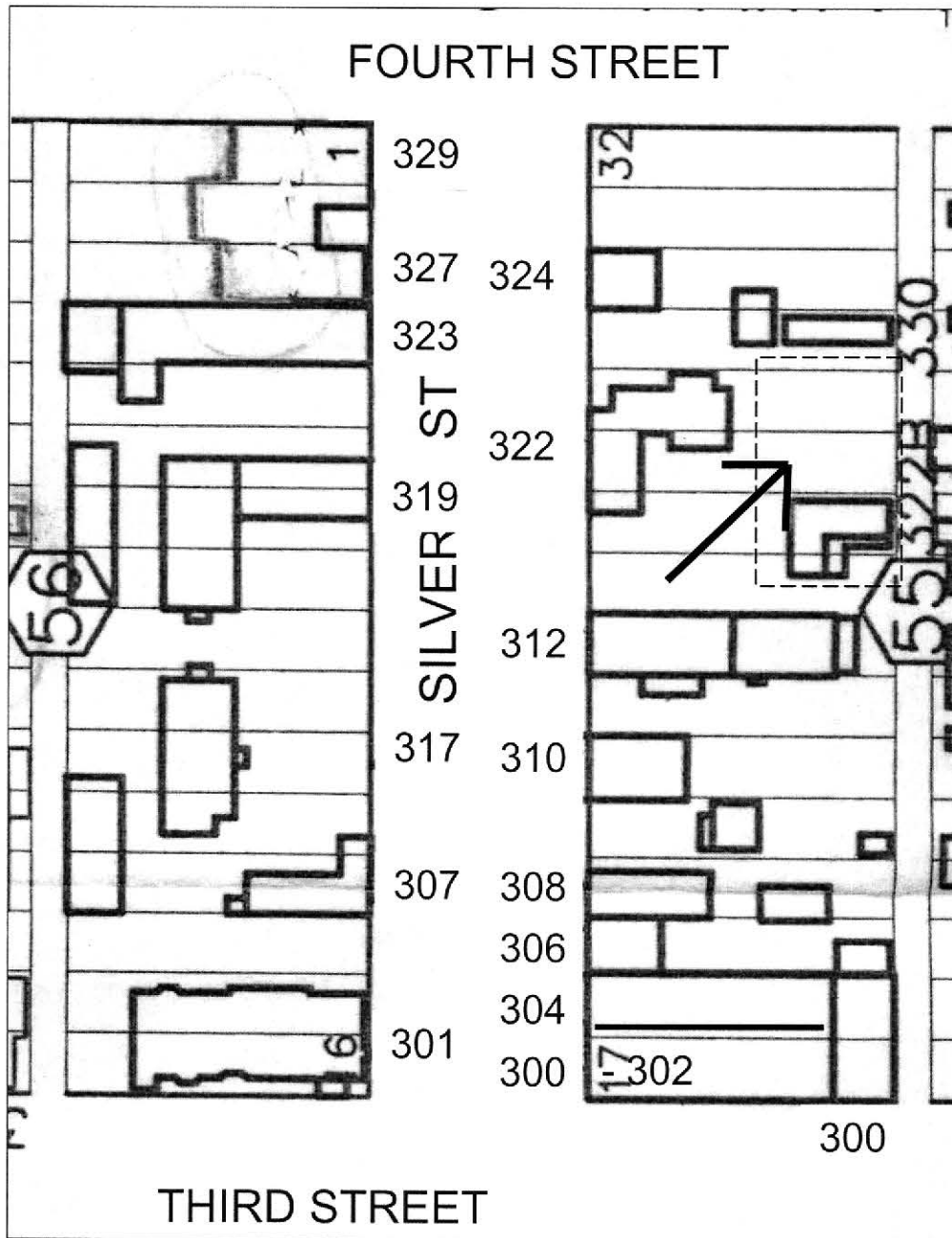
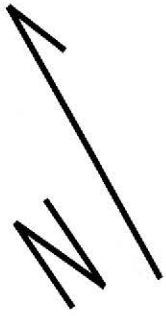
## VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

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 11, frame 5A; Roll 15, frame 8A 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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