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Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination (for OAHP use only)

- 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: 5HN68.59
2. Temporary resource number: 8
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Cummings Carriage House
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 217 Bluff Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Scott D. and Mary B. LeFevre, P.O. Box 3105, Crested Butte CO 81224

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. 6th NM Township 44N Range 4W SW NE4 of SW4 of SW4 of Section 27
10. UTM reference
Zone 13 296537 mE 4211324 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' ___ 15'
12. Block(s): 0 Lot(s): 43-47 Legal: 39-46 and N 10' of 47
Addition: Casco Addition Year of Addition: 1877
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Rectangular
15. Dimensions: 480 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1-1/2
17. External wall material(s): Wood
18. Roof configuration: Shed
19. Roof material: Metal
20. Special features: Fence
21. General architectural description:
1-1/2 story, shed-roofed frame building. Corrugated metal roof; walls clad in vertical boards. Two swing-out doors of vertical and diagonal boards in east elevation; small, unglazed window openings. Small door in north elevation
22. Architectural style/Building type: No style
23. Landscaping or special setting:
Dwelling is situated on a shallow lot at the base of the hogback. A historic fence remains along the street edge.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Privy, circa 1920

Small, gabled frame building. Composition roofing; walls clad in shiplap siding.

These two outbuildings are associated with the Cummings House that stood at the front of the property until it burned to the ground in 1967.

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: 1890 Actual: _____ Source of info: Margaret Cummings Brown

26. Architect: None Source of info:

27. Builder/contractor: Unknown Source of info:

28. Original owner: Thomas Beam Source of info:

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

Unaltered

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

V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Shed (stable)

32. Intermediate use(s): Garage

33. Current use(s): Vacant

34. Site type(s):

35. Historical background:

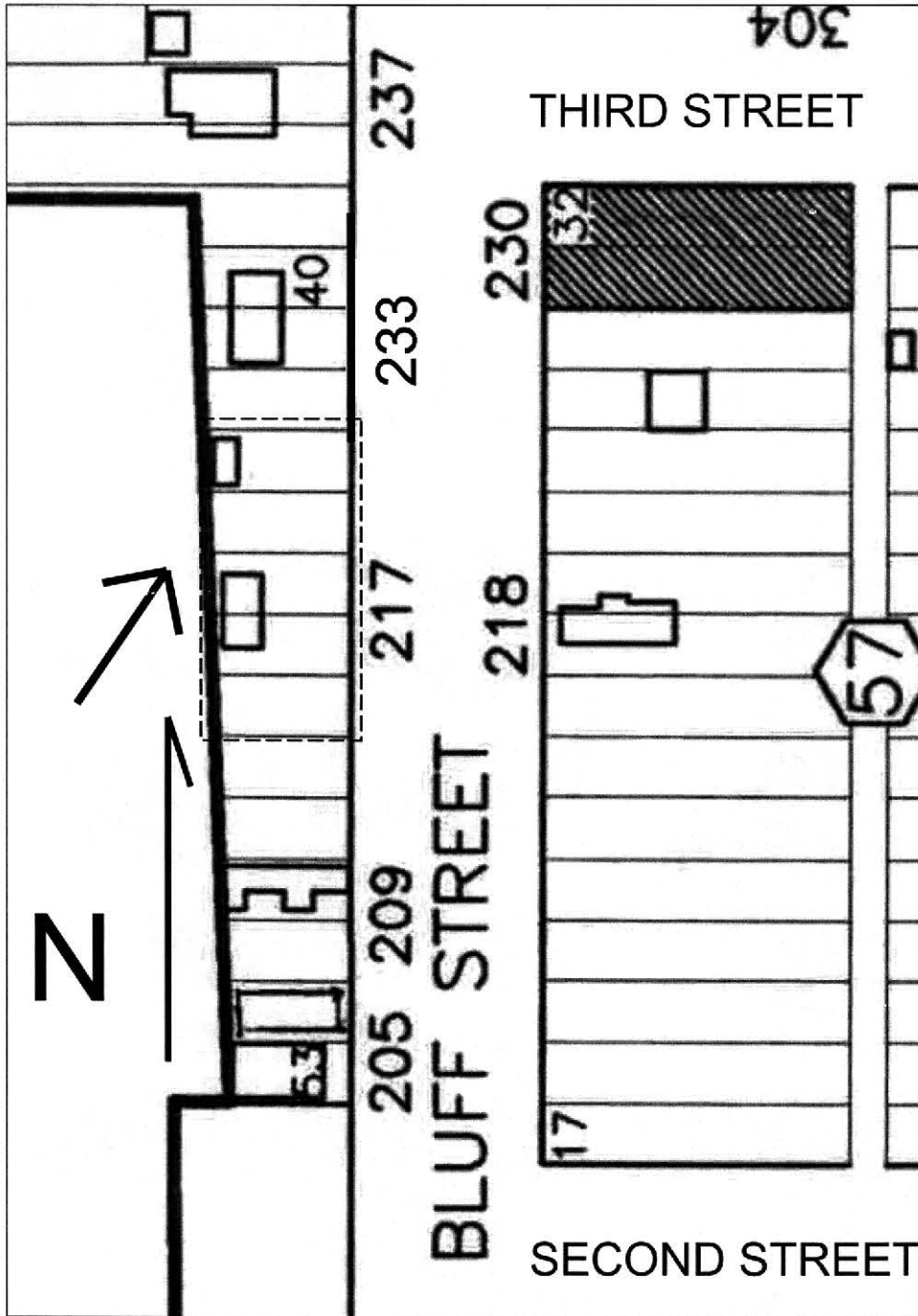
This site with its extant story-and-a-half frame stable is closely associated with Dr. Benjamin Franklin Cummings (1871-1957) who served as Lake City's principal physician from 1896 until he relocated to Gunnison, Colorado, in 1933. The property was originally owned by Cummings' father-in-law, Thomas Beam, and was used as the site of Beam's Lake City Lumber Co. from the early 1880s. At this time the property consisted of a small, front-gabled Greek Revival-style residence and, presumably, the frame stable building.

Dr. Cummings moved into the residence in 1897 following his marriage to Ida Maud (Beam) Cummings. The house was gradually enlarged, while Cummings used the stable building -- surrounded by corral fencing -- to house his buggy and cutter (sleigh), together with a milk cow, Bossie, and horses Kate and Billy. The buggy, cutter, and horses were integral elements of Dr. Cummings' medical practice as he traveled throughout Lake City and rural portions of the county visiting his patients. The barn was later used to store the doctor's Ford touring car -- Lake City's second automobile -- which he acquired in 1913.

The Cummings house and two neighboring houses to the immediate north burned to the ground in April, 1967. (The 1967 fire was a motivating factor for local citizens to finance and install a water system and also encouraged better organization of the fire department.) The frame stable, together with a privy and portion of picket fence, remain at the site, which is owned by Dr. Cummings' great grandson, Todd LeFevre.

36. Sources of information:

Telephone interview by Grant Houston, November, 2002, with Margaret Cummings Brown, Montrose, Colorado; Gunnison COURIER, April 10, 1967, page 1; SILVER WORLD, February 18, 1888, page 3, and August 22, 1980, page 1; Lake City SENTINEL, January 12, 1889, page 4.



NOT TO SCALE

