

# Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination  
(for OAHP use only)

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- 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: 5HN68.198
2. Temporary resource number: 193
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City *Lee's Log Cabin office ~ San Cristobal Cabins*
5. Historic building name: *Bowling House*
6. Current building name: *Bowling Property*
7. Building address: 701 Gunnison Avenue, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Charlotte Bowling, 6716 Geronimo Drive, Wichita Falls KS 76310

## II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R884

9. P.M. *6th NM* Township 44N Range 4W SE4 of NW4 of NE4 of SW4 of Section *3427*
  10. UTM reference  
Zone 13 *4* 297000 mE *68* 4211870 mN
  11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' \_\_\_ 15'
  12. Block(s): 23 Lot(s): 15-16 Legal: E 100' of lots 15 - 16
- Addition: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Addition: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

## III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Irregular
15. Dimensions: 800 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Log
18. Roof configuration: Cross gabled
19. Roof material: Composition
20. Special features: *Porch, garage, fence, Chimney, Exposed Rafter Tails*
21. General architectural description:  
One-story, cross-gabled log dwelling. Composition roofing; exposed rafter ends; brick fireplace chimney on south elevation. Gable ends covered in wood shingles, vertical boards with rounded ends, and in hardboard. East elevation has entrance with solid door and screen door; full-width, shed-roofed porch with log posts and concrete deck. Windows are 6-lites and 6-over-6s. Rear entrance has paneled and glazed door. Small gabled section on north elevation. Shed-roofed porch in north elevation. Concrete block foundation.
22. Architectural style/Building type: *Rustic - No Style*
23. Landscaping or special setting:  
Corner lot with pole fence along yard edge and tall Blue Spruce trees.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Garage, circa 1960

One-story, side-gabled frame building. Metal roof; walls clad in board and batten. Two garage opens on left; shed-roofed, partial width porch has log supported shelters entrance with paneled and glazed door.

#### IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual: 1953 Source of info: Telephone conversation with Charles N. Colopy, May, 2003; Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., September 24, 1953, page 8.
26. Architect: None Source of info:
27. Builder/contractor: Unknown Source of info:
28. Original owner: Sid and Edna Lee Source of info: Telephone conversation with Charles N. Colopy, May, 2003; Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., September 24, 1953, page 8.
29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):
30. Original location:  Moved  Date of move(s) \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. Historical Associations

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

Sid Lee, the owner of a landscaping nursery in Hobart, Oklahoma, acquired 40 vacant lots on the northern end of Gunnison Avenue from Orville Axsom in August, 1952. The Lake City news correspondent to Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION reported "Mr. Lee will immediately start building on the lots." Lee returned to Lake City in spring, 1953, with a crew of carpenters from Hobart and during the ensuing summer constructed the owner's residence and laundry building, 701A Gunnison and 701B Gunnison, and three side-gable rental cabins extending to the north, 705 Gunnison, 709 Gunnison, and 715 Gunnison which were christened Lee Log Cabins. The extant laundry house, 701B Gunnison, is located at the rear of the owners' cabin adjacent to the alley. It was originally constructed as a wash house serving all cabins in the resort, and also included a small rental unit which was part of the building. It is today known as the "bunk house" and consists of a three-bed rental and bath.

Lee acquired logs for the structures from a sawmill which was in operation at Cimarron, Colorado, and hauled in doors, window sash, etc. from Oklahoma. He reportedly had difficulty with his crew of carpenters, some of the interior finish being compared to the efforts of "a drunk man building in the dark." Despite rough carpentry, Sid Lee and his wife, Edna, immediately moved into the owners' residence and began renting the three rental cabins.

In late September, 1953, it was reported the Lees had closed their tourist court and returned to Oklahoma. Sid and Edna Lee returned in 1954-55 and hired local carpenters to construct four more side-gabled cabins extending to the south along Gunnison Avenue, 625 Gunnison, 627 Gunnison, and 629 Gunnison, together with a fourth cabin at 623 Gunnison which was acquired by Hinsdale County School District and moved off the property in 1986; this cabin forms the ground-floor portion of the Curtis Cabin, built adjacent to the alley at 714 Silver. Local carpenters engaged by the Lees included Lawrence Colopy, who supervised the project, brothers John McCloughan and Leck McCloughan, and Floyd Spurlin. Blue spruce trees forming a notable landscaping element as a row in front of the cabins were brought to Lake City from Lee's Oklahoma nursery in Hobart.

Mr. Lee continued to operate Lee's Cabins until the early 1960s when he was injured as the result of an explosion which occurred at the Lake City landfill. He returned to Oklahoma to treat the leg injury, which developed into blood poisoning and eventually claimed his life. Subsequent owners of Lee's Cabins were

the Ramseys, who rechristened the resort San Cristobal Cabins. Doug and Mary Lou Macomber purchased the cabins in 1977 and they in turn traded the property to Ron and Lou Criley in 1978 in exchange for the Avery & Rice Store, 227 Silver. The Crileys ended the cabins' use as a resort and in 1979 began selling the cabins to individual owners. The current owner of the owners' cabin, 701 Gunnison, and neighboring 705 Gunnison, is Charlotte Ann Bowling who, with her late husband, Dewey Bowling, acquired the property in 1980.

36. Sources of information:

Telephone conversations with Charles N. Colopy, Lake City, Colorado, and Charlotte Ann Bowling, Wichita Falls, Texas, May 17, 2003; Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., August 14, 1952, page 6, Thurs., September 24, 1953, page 8; SAN CRISTOBAL QUARTERLY, Fall, 1978, page 4.

## 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: Recreation and tourism, architecture

40. Period of significance: 1953 - 1955

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, and modest porch.

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 18, frames 29-30; Roll 19, frames 3, 4; Roll 31, frame 19A Negatives filed at: Lake City Town Hall

48. Report title: 2003 Architectural Survey of Lake City, Colorado

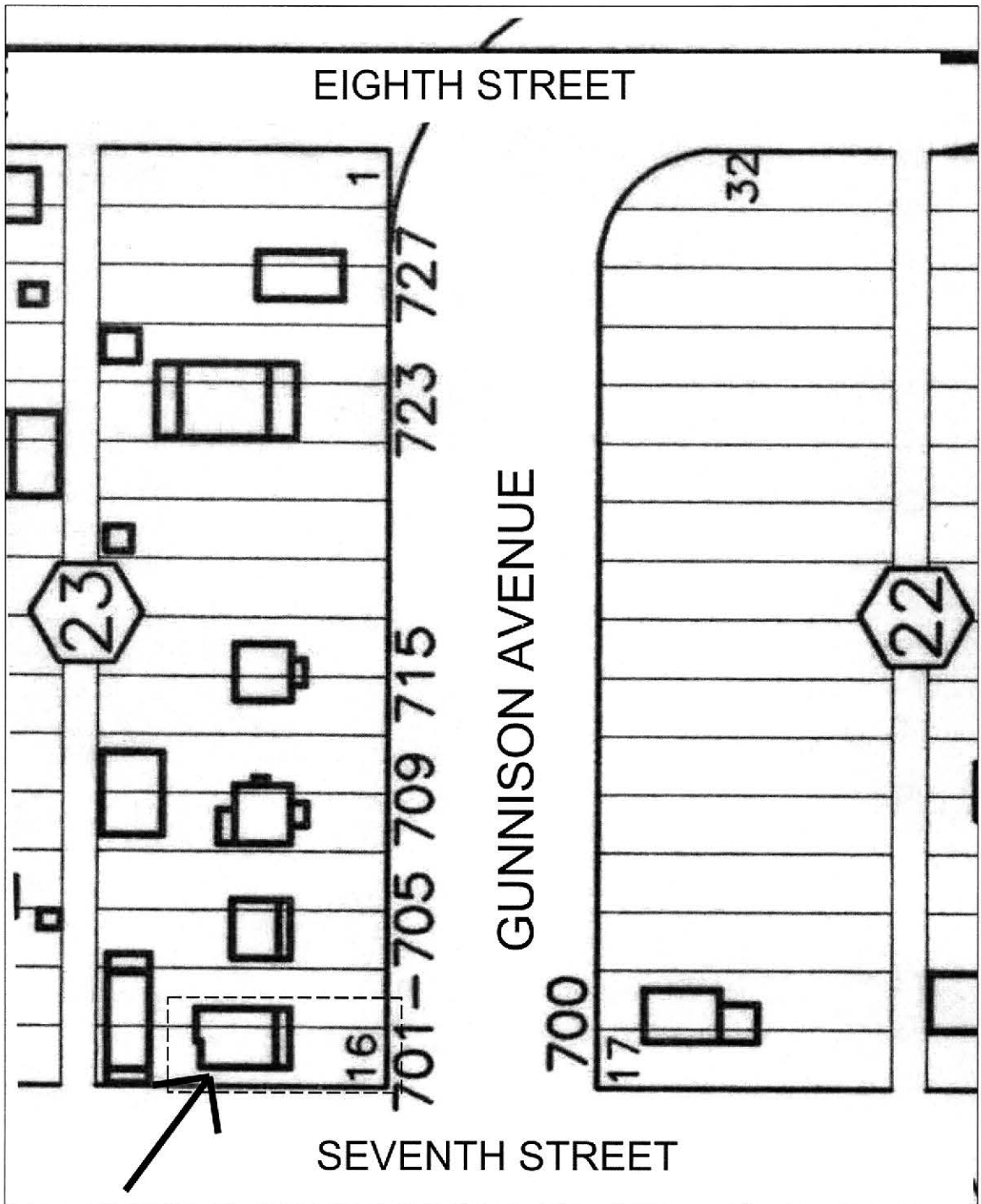
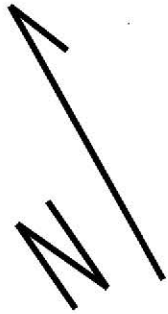
49. Date(s): September 2002 - June 2003

50. Recorders Cathleen M. Norman and Grant E. Houston

51. Organization: Town of Lake City

52. Address: 230 Bluff Street, Lake City CO 81235 53. Phone no. (970) 944-2333

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