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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: 5HN68.235
2. Temporary resource number: 233
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Turtle Island Cabin *w Lake San Cristobal Cabin*
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 107 Lake Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: James P. Brooker, 21675 Uncompaghre Road, Montrose 81401

II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R1259

9. P.M. *6th NM* Township 44N Range 4W SW4 of NW4 of NW4 of Section 34
10. UTM reference
Zone 13 *lot* 296850 mE *0991* 4211000 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' ___ 15'
12. Block(s): 69 Lot(s): 13-16 Legal:
Addition: Year of Addition:
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Irregular
15. Dimensions: 776 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
21. General architectural description:
One-story, front-gabled log dwelling; metal roof with 4-lite in each gable end. Shed-roofed addition on south is covered in vertical boards; has row of 4/4 woodframe windows. 4/4 woodframe window in east gable wall. Shed-roofed addition on north has similar materials and windows. Porch in southeast corner has square posts. Foundation not visible.
22. Architectural style/Building type: *Rustic-No style*
23. Landscaping or special setting:

24. Associated building, features or objects:

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: circa 1878 Actual: _____ Source of info: Sherman history

26. Architect: None Source of info:

27. Builder/contractor: Unknown Source of info:

28. Original owner: Unknown Source of info:

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

Additions built on south and north elevations.

*dismantled + re-erected
moved twice*

30. Original location: Moved Date of move(s) circa 1960

Moved to this location from Lake San Cristobal.

*Moved from Sherman to Lake San
Cristobal
prior to 1946*

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:

107 Lake and its neighbor to the north, 111 Lake, are squared log cabins which originated at the mining town of Sherman on the upper Lake Fork south of Lake City. As single-story log cabins, they are comparable to other Sherman structures which were moved to Lake City for use at Liska's Cabins, 155A South Gunnison, 153 South Gunnison, 124 South Gunnison, and 310B Silver.

From its original location at Sherman, Turtle Island Cabin was dismantled by Tony Andrik and re-erected on a hillside overlooking Lake San Cristobal. The cabin was christened Turtle Island based on the fact that at its San Cristobal location it looked out over a small projection known as Turtle Island. Andrik, owner of Lake Garage in the old Brockett Block, did little to improve the cabin in its new location. It was acquired by Celia Rawson Ewart in 1946 and transformed to a back country getaway. "I always wanted to live there," Celia recalls, "and after moving in I enjoyed moonlight skating on the lake."

Following her marriage to Joel Swank, the cabin was also used as a rental, the Lake City news correspondent to Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION reporting in June, 1949, "A party of eight have been vacationing at Turtle Island Lodge. Fred Fuqua and party have it engaged for this week. Mrs. Joel Swank has modernized it throughout and it is a lovely place much in demand." In the early 1960s it was proven that improvements at Lake San Cristobal such as Turtle Island Lodge were actually located on government land. The BLM began condemnation proceedings, allowing owners of the cabins to move them off the land. If not moved off, the buildings would be burned or wrecked. "We didn't want to see Turtle Island burned or torn down," Celia states, "so we moved it."

For the second time in its career, the former Sherman cabin was moved, this time in 1962 to its current location at the confluence of Henson Creek and the Lake Fork River. The current owner of Turtle Island is James Brooker who continues its use as a rental.

36. Sources of information:

conversation with Celia (Rawson) Swank, March, 2003.

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:

This dwelling is associated with the growth and development of summer tourism in Lake City from 1915 through the 1960s, following the local decline of hard rock mining. Because it was moved here after 1953, it does not contribute to the Historic District. However, it is a good example of the Rustic style as reflected by its small size, log materials, and represents conversion of late 1800s mining cabins for use as summer cabins.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance:

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 20, frame 34; Roll 32, frames 1A - 3A, 9A Negatives filed at: Lake City Town Hall

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

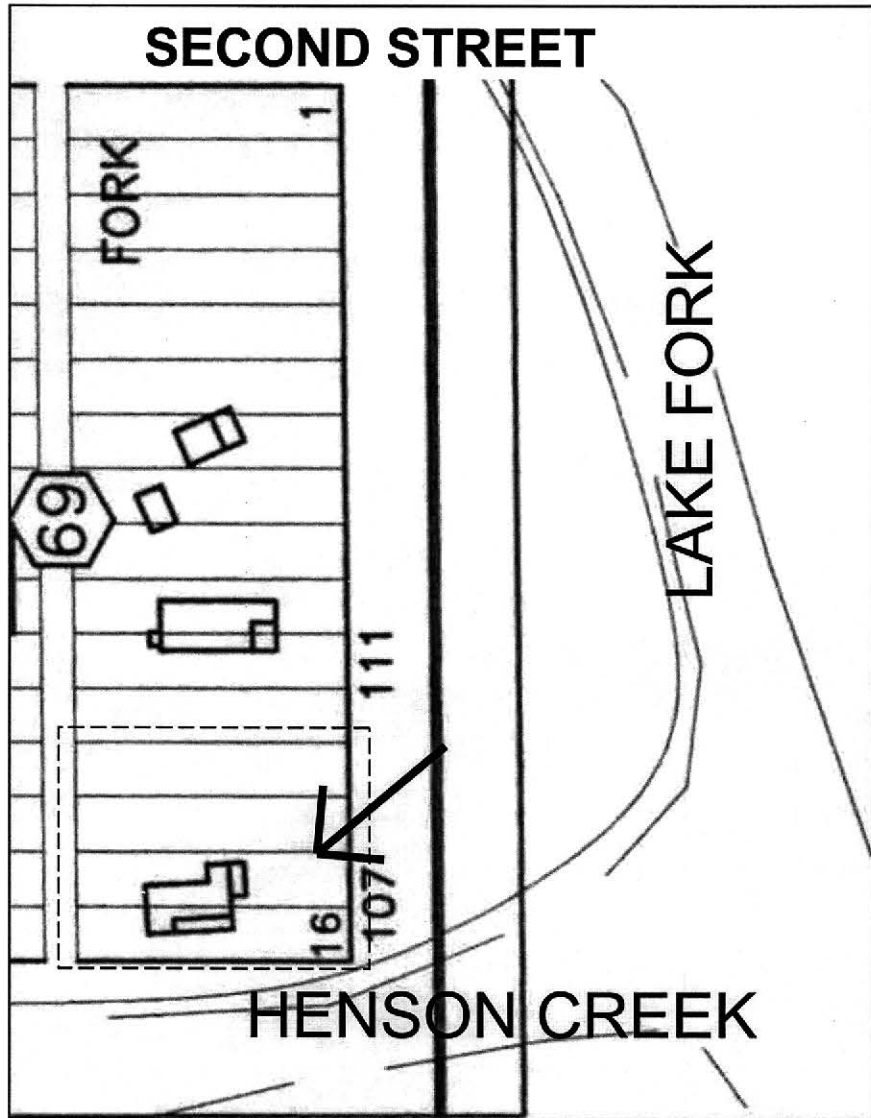
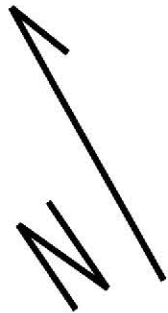
49. Date(s): September 2002 - June 2003

50. Record(s): 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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