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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: 5HN68.183
2. Temporary resource number: 166
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Porter Cabin
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 400 Gunnison Avenue, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Joseph and Mary Farrar, 1801 Smith Road, Golden CO 80401

II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R977

9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W SW4 of NW4 of SE4 of SW4 of Section 34
10. UTM reference
Zone 13 296870 mE 4211460 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' ___ 15'
12. Block(s): 43 Lot(s): 17-19 Legal:
Addition: Year of Addition:
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Irregular
15. Dimensions: 1120 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, garage
21. General architectural description:
One-story, front-gabled log dwelling. Metal roof; stone fireplace chimney in south elevation. Shed-roofed porch on west elevation has square posts and plain balustrade; shelters entrance with solid door with three small lites. Side-gabled, rear addition has gabled entry porch with square posts and deck on rear. Windows are woodframe: small picture windows and 1/1 sliders. Concrete foundation.
22. Architectural style/Building type: ~~No style~~ Rustic
23. Landscaping or special setting:
Large corner lot enclosed in picket fence.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: _____ Actual: 1948 Source of info: Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., May 6, 1948, page 13.
26. Architect: None Source of info:
27. Builder/contractor: Clarence E. Wright and William C. Wright Source of info: Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., May 6, 1948, page 13.
28. Original owner: Jack Porter Source of info: Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., May 6, 1948, page 13.
29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):
Large addition and attached garage built on rear; gabled entry cover replaced with full-width front porch; multi-pane windows replaced with fixed sash and 1/1 woodframe sliders, in 1996. Source: Tax Assessor records.
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): Single dwelling
34. Site type(s):
35. Historical background:

Father and son contractors Clarence E. Wright and William C. Wright, with assistants George Griffiths, Bud Stall and John Adams, were busy throughout winter 1947-48 cutting and peeling logs on Slumgullion Pass for a series of six cabins at Houghton & Begley's Lake Fork Cabins (Alpine Village, 627 Silver). Mid-way through the cabin-building contract, Texas businessman Jack Porter approached the Wrights with the request to cut and peel additional logs for a one-story seasonal residence which he wished to have constructed on the northeast corner of Gunnison Avenue and Fourth Street. The corner where the Porter Cabin was built was occupied by a log dwelling according to the 1902 Sanborn & Co. insurance map, although the lots were cleaned by the time Porter acquired the property from W.F. Green in 1945. Porter's other local property interests included Hammond Meadow on the upper Lake Fork where cattle and hay were raised.

Carolyn Wright, correspondent for the Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, reported the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Porter, and son Jack, Jr., in September, 1949. According to Mrs. Wright, the family returned to Texas "after spending the summer working on their summer home which was almost completed last year." Following completion of the cabin, the Porters apparently leased it out on an occasional basis. It was reported in 1954 that Dr. and Mrs. Merritt Tomlinson had closed their sporting goods store in the Lone Pine building and relocated their residence to the Porter cabin.

Present owners of the Porter Cabin, Jay and Mary Farrar, added onto the cabin in 1996 with the addition of a shed roof front porch and rear addition with attached garage.

36. Sources of information:
Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., September 6, 1945, page 6, Thurs., May 6, 1948, page 13, Thurs., September 8, 1949, page 9, Thurs., December 1, 1954, page 3

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
40. Period of significance: 1948 - 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.
43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance:
Although somewhat altered, this dwelling retains sufficient architectural integrity to contribute to the Historic District.

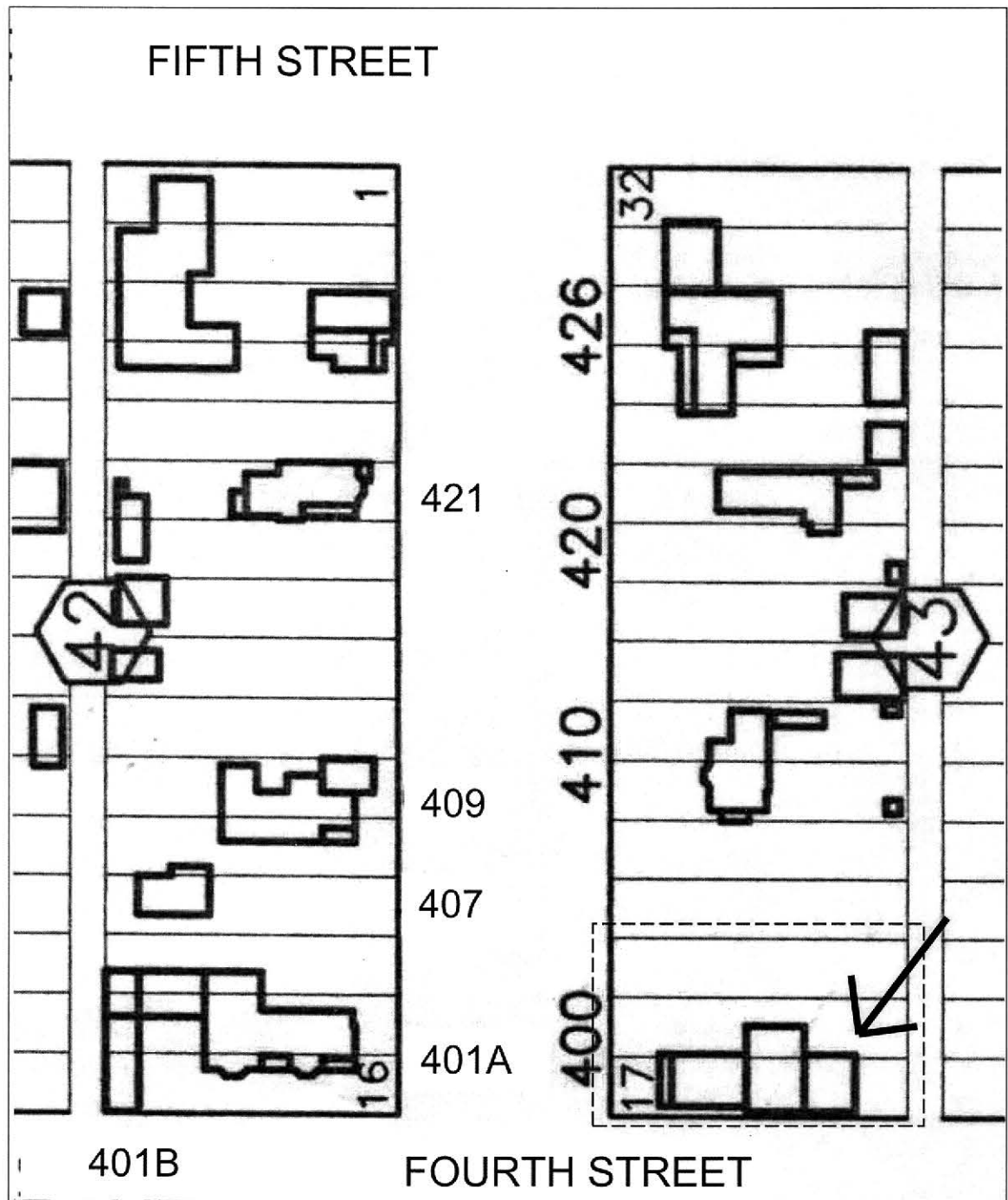
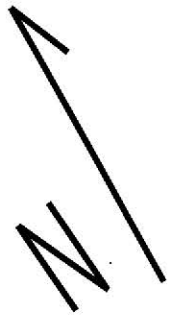
VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

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 26, frame 21 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. Recordors 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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