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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: 5HN68.53
2. Temporary resource number: 2
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Ann Blanchard Cabin *w Anna Scanlon Property w Irish Ann's Brothel*
6. Current building name: Warner-Quiram House *Property*
7. Building address: 101 Bluff Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Jeannie Quiram Wamer, 6095 South Marshall Drive, Littleton CO 80123

II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R1197

9. P.M. ~~6th~~ ^{NM} Township 44N Range 4W NW4 of NW4 of NW4 of NW4 of Section 34
10. UTM reference
Zone 13 ⁷⁰ 296460 mE ⁷⁶ 4211190 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' ___ 15'
12. Block(s): 0 Lot(s): 1-4 Legal: Lots 1-4, Bluff Addition & Block 7 Foote & Richardson Addition
Addition: Bluff Addition Year of Addition: 1891
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Irregular
15. Dimensions: 740 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s) Wood
18. Roof configuration: Side gabled
19. Roof material: Metal
20. Special features: Porch, chimney, fence
21. General architectural description:
One-story, side-gabled frame dwelling. Metal roof; walls clad manufactured log and board and batten. Stuccoed, masonry chimney on south elevation. Façade has off-center gabled porch with raised concrete deck, concrete stairs, and plain wood posts. It shelters an entrance with a paneled and glazed door. Concrete foundation.
22. Architectural style/Building type No style
23. Landscaping or special setting:
The dwelling and its outbuildings are located on a long, narrow parcel along Bluff Street with the hogback behind. The property is enclosed by a split rail fence and a pole fence along the street edge. The property is located at the entrance to Henson Creek canyon and the road that accessed the Ute and Ulay Mines and other top producing mines that operated in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

(South to north)

Shed 1, circa 1995

Small one-story front-gabled pre-fabricated metal building.

Shed 2, circa 1940

One-story, shed-roofed frame building. Roofed in metal; walls clad in log slab and boards. Has off-center solid door.

Privy, circa 1940

One-story frame building clad in wood siding and roofed in metal.

Garage, circa 1995

One-story front-gabled, pre-fabricated metal building.

Shed 3, circa 1930

One-story, shed-roofed building in two sections. Corrugated metal roof; walls clad in horizontal and vertical boards.

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: 1890 Actual: _____ Source of info: Hinsdale County Tax Rolls, 1887-1953

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):

Wings added on north and south, and manufactured log siding applied, circa 1955.

30. Original location: Moved Date of move(s) circa 1950

The dwelling was moved circa 1950 approximately 10' south from Lot 2 to Lot 1 in Bluff Addition. It is considered in its original location.

V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Brothel

32. Intermediate use(s):

33. Current use(s): Single dwelling

34. Site type(s):

35. Historical background:

The property consists of four shallow lots with a total of 579 feet of Bluff Street frontage situated at the southwest corner of the Town of Lake City near the entrance to Henson Creek canyon. The center of the Warner-Quiram house is a small two-room log cabin which is probably the sole surviving 19th-century brothel building in Lake City's notorious "Hell's Acre." This dance hall district was located at the southwest corner of the townsite at the entrance to Henson Creek canyon and the mining districts west of Lake City.

The location provided access to miners coming to town on Saturday night. Hell's Acre was a name used by pioneering Presbyterian Missionary Rev. George M. Darley who noted "the first part of the name was about all that was ever raised on that acre." Various fires from 1900 through 1952 consumed the buildings on the east side of Bluff Street. The Warner-Quiram House is the only surviving building associated with the dance hall/brothel district.

At its original site on Lot 2, this cabin was located in a row of three or four adjoining brothels operated by Anna Scanlon, alias "Irish Ann" Blanchard, an enduring madam of Lake City who conducted houses of ill repute from the mid-1890s to around 1915. In 1891, the cabin was leased to Kitty Blauger at \$35 per month; Kitty was popular with local miners and was the inspiration for naming present-day Kitty Creek on the Continental Divide near Slumgullion Pass. In addition to her Bluff Street brothels, Irish Ann Blanchard conducted houses of ill fame in Montrose and Gunnison, Colorado. She continued in

business in Lake City until 1914 when she sold Lot 2 and its brothel cabin to George Weaver.

All four Bluff Townsite Addition lots came under single ownership by 1930 and in 1953 were sold to a Presbyterian Minister from Montrose, Colorado, Rev. Mark T. Warner, whose daughter, Jeanne Warner Quiram, owns the property today. The cabin was moved about 10 feet south from Lot 2 to Lot 1 to its present location circa 1955.

36. Sources of information:

Hinsdale County Tax Rolls, 1887-1953; Darley, George M., PIONEERING IN THE SAN JUAN, New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1899; 1900 U.S. Census for Lake City; Montrose Daily PRESS, July 3, 1911, page 1; Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, May 15, 1914, pages 1 & 6; Lake City TIMES, August 22, 1912, page 3; telephone interview with Jeanne Warner Quiram by Grant Houston November, 2002.

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: Social history

40. Period of significance: 1890 - 1904

41. Level of significance: National State Local

42. Statement of significance:

This dwelling reflects settlement and development of Lake City during the late 1800s mining era. It is the last surviving building associated with the dance hall/brothel district that operated in the 100 block of Bluff Street. The buildings on the east side of bluff street burned down in the early 1900s. Its location at the entrance to Henson Creek canyon provided access to miners who came to town from the outlying mining camps for Saturday night recreation.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance:

Recent alterations have diminished the architectural integrity of this building.

VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

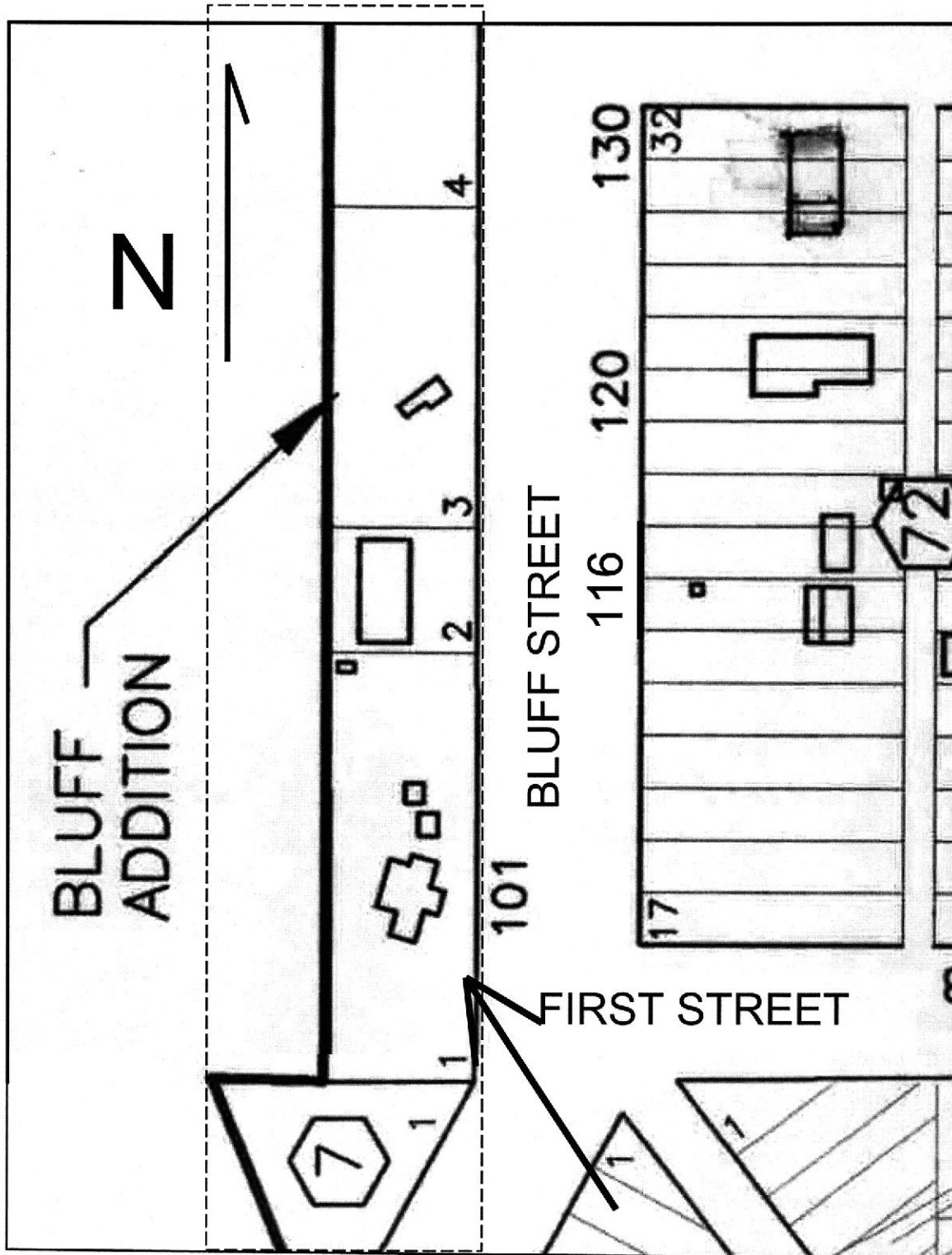
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Eligible Not Eligible Need Data

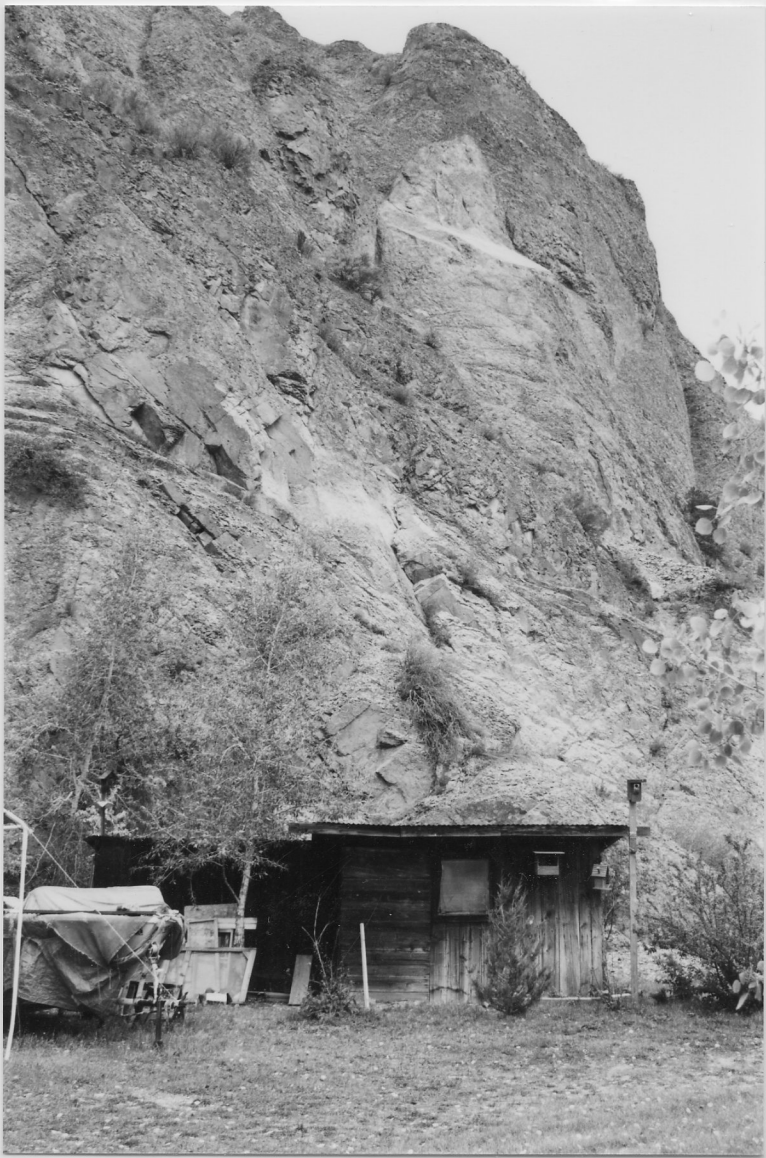
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No

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)





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