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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: 5HN68.143
2. Temporary resource number: 125
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: "The Yard Cabin"
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 141 South Gunnison Avenue, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: William Horton and Donna Loury, 2631 South Wadsworth Circle, Denver CO 80227

## II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: RR

9. P.M. 6th NM Township 44N Range 4W SE4 of SW4 of NW4 of NW4 of Section 34
10. UTM reference  
Zone 13 296630 mE 4210880 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' \_\_\_ 15'
12. Block(s): 4 Lot(s): 1-3 Legal: Block 4, lots 1-3 & vacated Silver Street  
Addition: Foote & Richardson Addition Year of Addition: 1881
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

## III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Rectangular
15. Dimensions: 1781 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1-1/2
17. External wall material(s): Log
18. Roof configuration: Front gabled
19. Roof material: Metal
20. Special features: Porch
21. General architectural description:  
1-1/2 story, front-gabled building consisting of a log cabin enlarged with addition on south. Logs are half-notched. Metal roof. Rear addition and large south addition also of log, with no chinking and squared, beveled ends; has picture window in east and south elevations; entrance in south elevation with security storm door and paneled door. East gable end is covered in horizontal and diagonal wood siding. Inset porch in northeast corner shelters entrance with paneled door and metal security door. Foundation is covered in horizontal board.
22. Architectural style/Building type: Rustic No style
23. Landscaping or special setting:

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Privy, circa 1900

Small, one-story, shed-roofed frame building. Metal roof; walls clad in board and batten. Entrance to north elevation accessed by wood stairs. Elevated stone foundation

#### IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual: 1935 Source of info: Telephone conversation with Donna Lory, Chandler, Arizona, March 14, 2003.

26. Architect: None Source of info:

27. Builder/contractor: Unknown Source of info:

28. Original owner: John R. Liska Source of info: Telephone conversation with Donna Lory, Chandler, Arizona, March 14, 2003.

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

Dwelling tripled in size with new portion on south and west and construction of upper story. Source: Tax Assessor records.

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

#### V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Cabin

32. Intermediate use(s): Tourist cabin

33. Current use(s): Single dwelling

34. Site type(s):

35. Historical background:

Unlike the reused square logs from Sherman which characterized his other Foote & Richardson Addition building projects, John R. Liska used round logs for the original portion of this log home located just to the south of the Liska residence. According to Liska granddaughter Donna Lory, Liska constructed this cabin with the intent of using it as a chicken coop. Tourists convinced him it was "far too nice just to be a chicken coop," however, and the construction was converted in the "Yard Cabin," a rental in Liska's Cabins. The Yard Cabin was more than tripled in size with a large log addition completed by Emma Liska's grandson and his wife, Bill and Carole Horton, in the 1980s.

36. Sources of information:

Telephone conversation with Donna Lory, Chandler, Arizona, March 14, 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: Recreation and tourism
40. Period of significance: 1935 - 1953
41. Level of significance: National  State  Local
42. Statement of significance:  
This cabin is associated with the growth of summer tourism in Lake City from 1912 through the 1950s, following the local decline of hard rock mining. Originally constructed as a chicken coop, it became one of the tourist cabins for the Liska's Cabins auto court.
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)

## VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: Roll 20, frames 28A, 30A; Roll 25, frames 19-21 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. 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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