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# Architectural Inventory Form

- 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: 5HN68.119
2. Temporary resource number: 90
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Joy Cabin Residence *W Mendennall Property W Brown Property*
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 501 Silver Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Lloyd Lebow, 2134 Jasmine Street, Oxnard CA 93030-2321

## II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R916

9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W NE4 of SE4 of NW4 of SW4 of Section 27
10. UTM reference  
Zone 13 296780 mE 4211650 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' \_\_\_ 15'
12. Block(s): 72 Lot(s): 15-16 Legal: S 10' of 15, all 16, Block 72  
Addition: Year of Addition:
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

## III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Irregular
15. Dimensions: 1260 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Wood horizontal siding
18. Roof configuration: Front gabled
19. Roof material: Metal
20. Special features: Porch, chimney
21. General architectural description:  
One-story, front-gabled log dwelling. Metal roof, walls clad in wide horizontal siding on east, south and north elevations; clapboards on west elevation; shiplap siding on northwest addition. Concrete block fireplace chimney on south elevation. Newer, gabled vestibule has recessed entry porch in southeast corner, metal slider window. Shed-roofed additions at rear of south and north elevations. Shed-roofed porch on rear has square supports and a corrugated metal roof.
22. Architectural style/Building type: No style
23. Landscaping or special setting:  
Two-rail pole fence along south yard edge.

24. Associated building, features or objects:  
*garage - see end of # 35*

**IV. Architectural History**

- 25. Date of construction Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual: 1877 Source of info: Hinsdale County tax rolls, 1877-1960
- 26. Architect: None Source of info:
- 27. Builder/contractor: Unknown Source of info:
- 28. Original owner: Samuel Joy Source of info: Hinsdale County tax rolls, 1877-1960
- 29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):  
Log dwelling covered in clapboards circa 1900. Concrete block fireplace chimney added to south elevation circa 1960. Small, gabled frame addition built on front circa 1965. *siding; metal roof*
- 30. Original location:  Moved  Date of move(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Historical Associations**

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

501 Silver Street is closely associated with neighboring 505 Silver (Strouse-Mendenhall House), both buildings appearing as small log cabins in a 1900 photograph and both later evolving with additions and lap siding covering the original squared logs. In addition to siding and window configuration, 501 Silver has been altered with additions to both the front and back, although proportions of the original cabin may still be discerned as a central portion of the current structure.

Samuel Joy was assessed \$175 for land and \$200 for improvements at this site in 1877. Joy, who retained ownership until 1880 when the property was sold to neighboring land owner Meyer Kayser, was also assessed for \$240 in personal property on his Silver Street lot in 1877, the bulk for horses (\$200), as well as a carriage assessed at \$10 and furniture which the county assessor valued at \$30 for tax purposes. Samuel Joy's occupation in Lake City is unknown, although the fact he stabled horses in Lake City may indicate he was in someway connected with transportation. He is probably a brother of Irwin and Charles Joy, also assessed for small homes in Lake City in 1877, and may have been a brother of Julinette Joy Monteith, wife of William Robert Monteith (615 Silver Street). The cabin on its single lot, together with 10H of adjoining Lot 15, was owned by Meyer Kayser and later local businessman Washington I. Irving; neither Kayser nor Edgerton actually lived in the cabin, instead using the property as a rental. Edgerton sold the lot and cabin to Theo. Watson in 1911. Watson (1864-1925), a well known Lake City saloonkeeper and an incorporator of Lake City Drug Co. in 1901, married Mary Ann (White) McLeod in 1920 and spent his final years in the McLeod house, 408 Silver Street. E.C. Mendenhall paid \$500 to acquire the cabin in 1921 with stated purpose of "making it a still more attractive rental home."

Subsequent owners of 501 Silver were Ernest C. Mendenhall and his heirs; the Mendenhall family also owned adjoining 505 Silver. Mr. Mendenhall was killed by a dynamite explosion at the Empire Chief Mine on Henson Creek in 1928. Lower Lake Fork rancher George Thompson occupied the home while his younger sisters attended school in Lake City. The property passed from Mendenhall family ownership in the 1960s when it was acquired by Turk and Lucille Brown. The Browns completed a major remodel of the house c. 1965, including additions to both the front and rear of the house, new windows, and uniform siding covering both the old and new portions of the house.

Backbuildings include a gabled metal garage building on the alley.

- 36. Sources of information:  
Hinsdale County tax rolls, 1877-1960; Lake City TIMES, Thurs., November 7, 1901, page 3, Thurs., May 4, 1911; Lake City SILVER WORLD, Thurs., September 22, 1921, page 3; CEMETERIES OF HINSDALE COUNTY, COLORADO, 1874-1996, Anundsen Publishing Co., Decorah, Iowa, 1996, pages 108, 161; telephone interview with Herman Heath, Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 23, 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: Social history

40. Period of significance: 1877 - 1904

41. Level of significance: National  State  Local

42. Statement of significance:

This house is associated with settlement and development of Lake City during the late 1800s mining era. Although horizontal siding and a gabled vestibule on the front detract from its architectural integrity, it is representative of the houses constructed in Lake City during this period, as reflected in its log materials covered with clapboards.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance:

Alterations to this house have diminished its architectural integrity.

## 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 5, frames 15A-16A, 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. Recorders Cathleen M. Norman and Grant E. Houston

51. Organization: Town of Lake City

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