

# 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

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## I. Identification

1. Resource number: 5HN68.4
2. Temporary resource number: 174
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Maurer ~~Buckley House~~ *Residence w Slocum Residence w Buckley Residence*
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 426 Gunnison Avenue, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Thomas and Jan Trumble, P.O. Box 266, Lake City CO 81235

## II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R869

9. P.M. *6th N M* Township 44N Range 4W NW4 of NW4 of SE4 of SW4 of Section *34 27*
10. UTM reference  
Zone 13 296910 <sup>4</sup> mE 4211550 <sup>9</sup> mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' \_\_\_ 15'
12. Block(s): 43 Lot(s): 28-32 Legal:  
Addition: Year of Addition:
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

## III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Irregular
15. Dimensions: 2504 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1-1/2
17. External wall material(s): Wood horizontal siding
18. Roof configuration: Gabled
19. Roof material: Wood shingle
20. Special features: Chimney, porch, dormer fence
21. General architectural description:  
1-1/2 story, gabled frame dwelling. Wood-shingled roof, brick chimney in south roof slope. Walls covered in clapboards and trimmed with cornerboards and friezeboard. Windows are 1-over-1 single and paired, with bracketed hoods. West gable end has decorative gable ornament and paired narrow 1-over-1 with bracketed hood. West facing roof slope has two narrow gabled dormers each with a small 1-over-1 window. West elevation has shed-roofed porch with turned posts and decorative brackets. Porch shelters two entrances, each with paneled and glazed door and screen door with bracketed hood; also two large 1-over-1 windows. 1-1/2 story gabled addition on east elevation has two-story fireplace chimney of red brick on the east gable wall. On south side is a balcony porch with turned posts and turned balusters. Entrance in upper story has French doors flanked by 1-over-1 windows with bracketed hoods similar to historic section. On first floor is a bay window. Gabled addition on north has gabled dormer in west roof slope; bay window below. Shed-roofed section in northeast ell. Concrete foundation, partially covered in horizontal board.
22. Architectural style/Building type: Late Victorian
23. Landscaping or special setting:  
Large corner property with two rows of mature cottonwoods along street edge. Historic picket fence; gate with elaborate posts; donkey teeth marks on fence.

24. Associated building, features or objects:  
 Garage, circa 1980  
 One-story, front-gabled frame building. Metal roof; walls clad in hardboard. Garage door in north elevation.
- Outbuilding, moved to this location circa 1960  
 One-story, flat-roofed building covered in corrugated synthetic material.

#### IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual: 1882 Source of info: Lake City MINING REGISTER, Fri., March 17, 1882, page 3.
26. Architect: Unknown Source of info:
27. Builder/contractor: Unknown *Maurer, John?* Source of info:
28. Original owner: John Maurer Source of info: Lake City MINING REGISTER, Fri., March 17, 1882, page 3.
29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):  
 1-1/2 story addition built on east in 1982. Source: Tax Assessor records.
30. Original location:  Moved  Date of move(s) \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. Historical Associations

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

John Maurer, a native of Switzerland, was a well known Lake City jeweler from 1877 until his retirement in 1915. Maurer moved to Lake City from LaCygne, Kansas, in 1877 and went into business in the downtown business district. His jewelry shop location alternated according to prevailing economics: in slower times he operated out of a small false-front commercial building in what is today the town park. In livelier economic times, Maurer's jewelry store was located at 229 Silver in the Stone Bank Block. Maurer and his wife, Flora, and young children apparently lived in quarters attached to the town park jewelry store through about 1880 when they moved into small frame house at 426 Gunnison. The front portion of the present house dates to 1882, a fact confirmed by the March 17, 1882, edition of Lake City MINING REGISTER where it is stated "John Maurer has finished a neat two-story front to his home on Gunnison Avenue. In addition to the original c. 1880 house and its 1882 two-story addition, Maurer added additional rooms to the back of the house in 1890. The rear additions were demolished in 1981 in preparation for a rear addition built by Barbara Baker.

The present Gunnison Avenue appearance of the Maurer house reflects a series of additions, including the gable-facing house of 1882 and a 1907 side-gable wing to the south, with "L"-shaped porch and upstairs dormers which Maurer built following his marriage to Lula Lawler. Maurer retired to San Diego, California, in 1915, and retained the house until 1922 when the property was sold to Charles E. Slocum. The home's exterior appearance remained essentially unaltered under the ownership of Slocum and his successor, E.S. Buckley, who bought the house in 1955. In 1981, with acquisition by Barbara Baker, the older rear additions were removed and a large two-story addition built on the back side of the house. The 1981 addition included downstairs kitchen and upstairs master bedrooms, both rooms serviced by a two-story brick fireplace; a south-facing porch is connected to both levels of the rear addition. The final alteration to the house occurred in May, 1992, with the construction of a single-story addition to the north with ground floor bay window and dormer in the roof.

The Maurer-Buckley House remained a residence until the late 1970s when it briefly served as rental headquarters for Hinsdale County Museum; it reverted to residential use in the 1980s when owned by Barbara Baker but became a bed and breakfast in the 1990s, continuing under ownership Thom and Jan Trumble in 2003. Previous owners, Larry Washburn and Kathy Steele, augmented historic plantings of cottonwood and spruce trees with extensive flower gardens surrounding the house. Portions of the wood picket fence fronting Fifth Street dates to c. 1900 and shows evidence of wandering burros which nibbled

the pickets and left their teeth marks. Detached buildings adjoining the alley include a side-gable frame garage built in the 1980s, an open carport and a metal-clad building built by Cummings Gas & Electric Co. on Bluff Street in 1963 and subsequently moved to this location.

36. Sources of information:

Lake City MINING REGISTER, Fri., March 17, 1882, page 3; Hinsdale PHONOGRAPH, Sat., September 13, 1890, page 4; Lake City TIMES, Thurs., June 20, 1907, page 3, Thurs., March 11, 1915, page 2; Lake City SILVER WORLD, Thurs., May 24, 1923, page 3, Fri., May 22, 1992, page 7; Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., August 10, 1955, page 8, Thurs., July 10, 1957, page 7, Thurs., July 1, 1963, page 15

## 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, architecture

40. Period of significance: 1882 - 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. It is a somewhat altered representative of the dwellings constructed in Lake City during this period, as reflected in its simple design, clapboard siding, gabled roof, porch, dormer, gable end ornament, and 2-over-2 double hung windows with crown molding. The dwelling has been somewhat altered by construction of additions on rear and north elevation. The additions are compatible with the original dwelling in size, scale, clapboard materials, and window design.

The large yard with fence along the street edge and row of pre-1900 cottonwoods create a domestic landscape associated with Lake City's most prominent citizens.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance:

Although somewhat altered by additions, this dwelling retains 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 23, frames 2A - 4A, 10A - 16A; Negatives filed at: Lake City Town Hall  
Roll 24, frames 2A - 4A

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

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

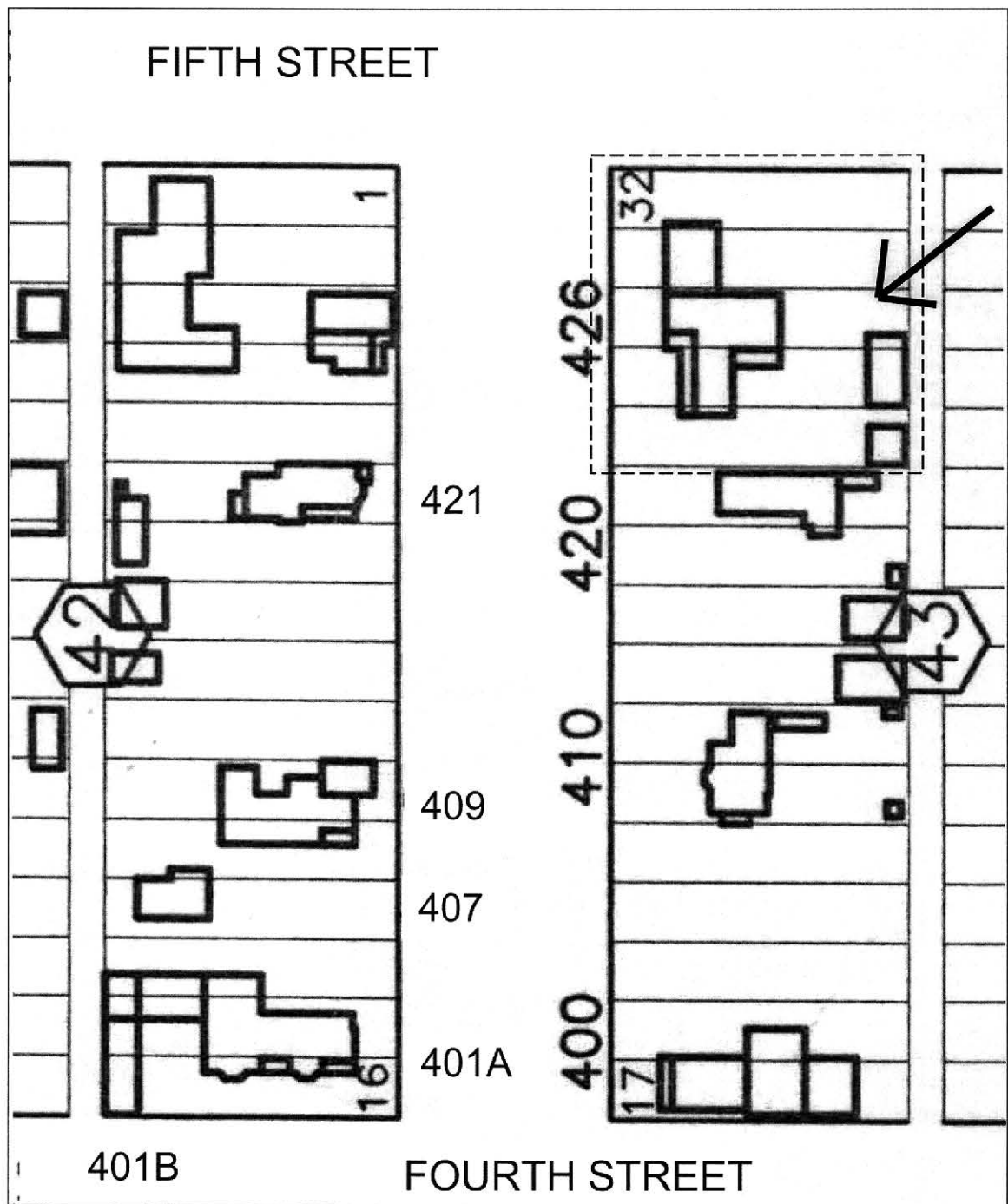
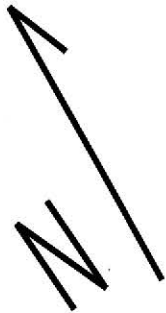
50. Recordors Cathleen M. Norman and Grant E. Houston

51. Organization: Town of Lake City

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