

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5ST130.33**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Summit**
- 4. City: **Breckenridge**
- 5. Historic building name: **Silverthorn Cottage**
- 6. Current building name: **Enyeart House**
- 7. Building address: **300 North Main Street**
- 8. Owner name: **George Enyeart, Trustee**
 Owner address: **P.O. Box 1189**
Breckenridge, CO 80424

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **6S** Range **77W**
NE¼ of NE¼ of NW¼ of SW¼ of section 31
- 10. UTM reference
 Zone **13**
 Easting: **410120**
 Northing: **4370880**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Breckenridge, Colorado**
 Year: **1970 (Photorevised 1987) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **22, 22½** Block: **n/a**
 Addition: **Bartlett and Shock** Year of Addition **pre-1900**
- 13. Boundary Description and Justification: **This legally defined parcel encompasses but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**

22. Architectural style / building type:

Other Style / Wood Frame Cross Gabled Dwelling

Official Eligibility Determination

(OAHP use only)

- Date _____ Initials _____
- ___ Determined Eligible - National Register
 - ___ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
 - ___ Determined Eligible - State Register
 - ___ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
 - ___ Needs Data
 - ___ Contributes to eligible National Register District
 - ___ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

- 14. Building plan (footprint, shape):
Irregular Plan
- 15. Dimensions in feet: **1448 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **one**
- 17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Horizontal Siding
- 18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gabled Roof / Cross Gabled Roof
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Porch
Fence

21. General Architectural Description

This handsome residence is set back approximately 67' from the east side of Main Street near the north end of downtown Breckenridge. A historic black wrought iron fence parallels the sidewalk along Main Street, and an asphalt paved alley extends along the south side of the house all the way through to the alley. The house includes a 26' N-S by 30' E-W tall one-story original center portion, with multiple additions. The additions include: a 26' by 6' shed-roofed addition to the east (rear) elevation; a 7½' by 12' shed-roofed addition to the south elevation; a 9½' by 12½' gabled addition to the north elevation; and a 7½' by 12½' shed-roofed addition to the north elevation. The house is supported by a concrete foundation, and features painted white horizontal wood siding exterior walls with 1" by 4" corner boards. The main roof form is intersecting gables, with an intersecting saltbox roof to the east. The roof is covered with brown asphalt shingles and has boxed eaves. Windows are predominantly double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, and with gabled pediments. Window glazing patterns include 1/1, 4/1, 4/2, and 4/3. In addition to the double-hung windows, there are one 3-light casement window, one 6-light casement window, and one single-light hopper window, all located on the south elevation. A painted white wood-paneled door, with a gabled pediment and a transom light, opens onto a concrete porch on the west elevation (facade). The porch is covered by a low-pitched hipped porch roof, with chamfered squared post supports with decorative brackets. A side entrance is located on the south elevation, where a painted white wood-paneled door opens onto a shed-roofed entryway and a flagstone porch. **(Please see continuation sheet.)**

29. Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions:

This residence was built circa 1880 for Judge Marshal Silverthorn, and his wife Agnes. The barn, located to the rear of the lot was built not long after the house, predating 1890. The wrought iron fence was erected in 1901. Additions to the original building reportedly date to circa 1950.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is located on the east side of Main Street, near the north end of downtown Breckenridge.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects**n/a****IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY****25. Date of Construction:**Estimate **ca. 1880**

Actual

Source of information:

Summit County Journal, July 1901.**26. Architect:****unknown**

Source of information:

n/a**27. Builder/ Contractor:****unknown**

Source of information:

n/a**28. Original owner:****Marshal and Agnes Silverthorn**

Source of information:

Summit County Journal, July 1901.**30. Original location: yes**Moved **no**Date of move(s) **n/a**

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V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Single Dwelling**

32. Intermediate use(s): **Single Dwelling**

33. Current use(s): **Single Dwelling**

34. Site type(s): **Residence**

35. Historical Background

36. Sources of Information

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated August 1883, August 1886, October 1890, January 1896, November 1902, and August 1914.

Summit County Assessor Residential Property Appraisal Record.

Summit County Clerk and Recorder. Quit Claim Deed Record. Book 17, p. 51.

Summit County Journal, May 1901.

Summit County Journal, July 1901.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **XX**

Date of Designation: **n/a**

38. Applicable National Register Criteria

XX A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;

XX B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;

XX C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory;

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

Architecture; Commerce; Community Planning and Development

40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1880-1951**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

42. Statement of Significance

The Silverthorn Cottage is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, as a contributing property within the Breckenridge Historic District, under Criteria A, B, and C. Under Criterion A, the property is historically significant for its association with Breckenridge's socioeconomic development between circa 1880 and 1951. Under Criterion B, the property is significant for its association with the Marshel Silverthorn family. "Judge" Marshel Silverthorn, and his wife Agnes, were the home's original owners. Silverthorn made a significant contribution to broad patterns of Breckenridge's and Summit County's history, as a hotel operator, by running a general store, by serving as the Breckenridge postmaster, by serving as Justice of the Peace, and by working mining claims. Under National Register Criterion C, the house is architecturally significant because it is among Breckenridge's most stately vernacular dwellings dating from before the turn of the twentieth century.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property's historical integrity has been moderately affected by additions to the original home in the early 1950s. As a result, the property is probably not individually eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. It does qualify for the National Register, though, as a contributing resource within the Breckenridge Historic District. The Carriage Barn, and wrought iron fence should also be regarded as contributing resources within the historic district.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible: **XX**

Not Eligible:

Need Data:

45. Is there National Register district potential?

Yes: **XX**

No:

Discuss: **This property is located within the boundaries of the Breckenridge Historic District which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on April 9, 1980.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district, is it:

Contributing: **XX**

Noncontributing:

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **BREC-3; BREC-4**

Frame(s): **24; 1-4, 8**

Negatives filed at: **Town of Breckenridge
150 Ski Hill Road
Breckenridge, Colorado 80424**

48. Report title: **Breckenridge Historic District Historical Building Survey**

49. Date: **October 7, 2000**

50. Recorders: **Carl McWilliams** **Rebecca Waugh**

51. Organizations: **Cultural Resource Historians** **Town of Breckenridge**

52. Addresses: **1607 Dogwood Court** **150 Ski Hill Road**
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525 **Breckenridge, Colorado 80424**

53. Phone numbers: **970/493-5270** **303/629-6966 ext. 142**

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(Continuation Sheet)

21. General Architectural Description (continued)

A **Carriage Barn / Garage** (Photos: Roll Brec-4, Frames 5-7) is located near the alley, 68' east of the house. This one-story structure measures 19' square, and has unpainted vertical wood plank and board-and-batten exterior walls. It rests on a wood timbers on grade foundation, with an earth floor. The roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, with rusted corrugated tin roofing material over 1x wood decking and exposed 2x wood rafters. There are no chimneys, and no windows. A set of paired diagonal wood plank garage doors, side hinged with metal strap hinges, is located on the south elevation. There have been no notable additions or alterations to this building subsequent to its original construction. It is in fair condition.