

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

OAHP1404

**Historic Architectural Component Form**

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Use this form in conjunction with the *Management Data Form*. One of these forms should be completed for each building or structure. Include a photograph, sketch map, and a photocopy of the quad map showing building location.

**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource Number 5ST364 2. Temporary Resource Number: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Map ID Number / Feature Number or Code: Feature 50
4. Building or Structure Name: Cabin
5. Complex/Site Name: Hamilton Mine and Mill
6. Photograph Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**II. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

7. Complex/Building/Structure Type: Front gabled, log cabin
8. Architectural Style: Western Mining Vernacular
9. Building Support System: Workers built the cabin with semi-dove-tailed joints, and supported the floor with log joists and the roof with three log beams.
10. Dimensions: L 13 x W 16 = Square Feet 208 Ft
11. Number of Stories: One
12. Building Plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular
13. Landscaping or Special Setting Features: The cabin is a component of a residential complex centered around the Hamilton Mine's tunnels and mill.
14. Associated Buildings, Features, or Objects - Describe material and function (map number / name):  
F.48: Cabin Remnant; F.49: Privy Remnant; F.30: Mill Remnant

For the following categories include materials, techniques and styles in the description as appropriate:

15. Roof: The roof is front-gabled and consists of planks supported by three log beams.
16. Walls: Workers built the walls with semi-dove-tailed joints and chinked gaps with mortar retained by small logs.
17. Foundation/Basement: Workers laid the floor joists and log wall-footers on a cut-and-fill platform, except for the cabin's northwest edge, which is supported by a stump.
18. Chimney(s): A stovepipe port in the roof indicates that a stove stood in the southeast corner.
19. Windows: Except for the south wall, all other walls featured 28 by 57 inch by double-hung windows, which have been removed.
20. Doors: The south wall features a 30 by 60 inch plank door.
21. Porches: None
22. General Architectural Description: Most of the log cabin stands on a cut-and-fill platform, while a stump supports the northwest corner. The structure is front-gabled, 13 by 16 feet in area, 6 feet high at the roof eaves, and 9½ feet high at the peak. Workers built the cabin with semi-dove-tailed joints and chinked gaps with mortar retained by small logs. The floor consists of planks supported by log joists, and the roof consists of planks supported by three log beams. The south wall features a 30 by 60 inch plank door and the other walls featured 28 by 57 inch by double-hung windows. The cabin's platform extends 10 feet southeast beyond the doorway, providing an activity area. A stovepipe port in the roof indicates that a stove stood in the southeast corner, and the stove, custom-made from sheet iron, remains in the cabin. The cabin currently stands in dilapidated condition. Some roof planks are missing, which admit moisture, bottle collectors pulled up some floorboards, the south wall has shifted, and the cabin leans south. Refuse extends downslope 35 feet and some invaded the site's original mill remnant (F30). Duff probably conceals small items and the area around the cabin may feature shallow buried deposits.

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**III. FUNCTION**

23. Current Use: None  
24. Original Use: Residence  
25. Intermediate Use(s): None

**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

26. Architect: Unknown  
27. Builder: Unknown  
28. Date of construction: Actual \_\_\_\_\_ Assessor \_\_\_\_\_ Estimate Early 1890s to 1900  
based on: Architectural style, and associated artifacts such as wire nails, hand-finished bottles, and hole-in-cap cans. In addition, the Hamilton Mine underwent expansion during the late 1890s, and the cabin was probably built at this time to accommodate a larger crew.  
29. Modifications: Minor \_\_\_ Moderate \_\_\_ Major \_\_\_ Moved \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe Modifications: None  
Additions and Date: None  
30. Associated Contexts and Historical Information: See the description and interpretation of the Hamilton Mine in the 2004 report *Mining the Golden Horseshoe: An Inventory of Select Historic Sites Around Breckenridge, Summit County, Colorado* on file at the OAHP.

**V. OTHER RECORDING INFORMATION**

31. Specific References to the Structure/Building: No  
32. Archaeological Potential: Yes X No \_\_\_ Justify: Shallow buried yard deposits are likely on all sides of the cabin.  
33. Recorder(s): Eric Twitty  
34. Date(s): August 30, 2003

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