

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY
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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 5ST979 2. Temporary Resource Number: _____
3. Map ID Number / Feature Number or Code: Feature 5
4. Building or Structure Name: Cabin
5. Complex/Site Name: Unincorporated Swandyke
6. Photograph Number(s): _____

II. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

7. Complex/Building/Structure Type: Front-gabled, one and one-half story log cabin
8. Architectural Style: Western Mining Vernacular
9. Building Support System: Residents assembled the structure with V-notched logs and supported the roof with common rafters.
10. Dimensions: L 13 x W 15 = Square Feet 195 Ft
11. Number of Stories: One and one-half
12. Building Plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular
13. Landscaping or Special Setting Features: The cabin stands on what was a main road to the town of Swandyke, and amid a neighborhood that was Unincorporated Swandyke.
14. Associated Buildings, Features, or Objects - Describe material and function (map number / name):
F.6: Rock Rectangle; F.7: Well; F.8: Privy

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

15. Roof: The roof consists of common rafters sided with planks clad by tarpaper, trimmed with 2x6 fascia boards.
16. Walls: Residents assembled most of the structure with V-notched logs chinked with rolls of newspaper retained by log strips, and the walls under the gables are made of planks.
17. Foundation/Basement: Workers built a foundation of logs on a cut-and-fill platform.
18. Chimney(s): The roof featured a stovepipe.
19. Windows: The southeast wall's ground-floor features a 29 by 34 inch window with a retro-fitted shutter, and the top-story features a 30 by 30 inch window. The northeast wall features a 28 by 28 inch window.
20. Doors: The southeast wall's ground-floor features a 29 by 66 inch doorway.
21. Porches: Within the last several decades, recent occupants erected a plank porch, 6 by 15 feet in area, along the front. The porch is elevated 3 feet off the ground, as is the entry. The occupants used raw logs for posts, salvaged lumber for the frame, and planks for the top-surface. A staircase descends southeast to the ground.
22. General Architectural Description: The log cabin is front-gabled, one-and-one-half stories, and faces southeast. The structure is 13 by 15 feet in area, 8 feet high at the roof eaves, and 18 feet high at the gable's peak. Residents assembled the structure with V-notched logs chinked with rolls of newspaper retained by log strips. Residents hewed flat the logs' interior and exterior faces, and neatly trimmed the logs' ends. The structure stands on log footers laid on a cut-and-fill platform slightly smaller than the cabin. The roof consists of common rafters sided with planks clad by tarpaper, trimmed with 2x6 fascia boards, and the walls under the gables are made of planks.
Within the last several decades, recent occupants erected a plank porch, 6 by 15 feet in area, along the front. The porch is elevated 3 feet off the ground, as is the entry. The occupants used raw logs for posts, salvaged lumber for the frame, and planks for the top-surface. A staircase descends southeast to the ground.
The cabin possesses a doorway and a few windows retrofitted with plexi-glass. The southeast wall's ground-floor features a 29 by 66 inch doorway and a 29 by 34 inch window with a retro-fitted shutter, and the top-story features a 30 by 30 inch window. The northeast wall features a 28 by 28 inch window.

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The cabin's interior apparently retains integrity. The bottom story, 7 feet high, features a wooden counter in the east corner and a bunkbed in the west corner. The floor consists of planks, and the most recent occupants laid down plastic sheets and added another layer of planks. A staircase ascends along the southwest wall up to a loft, which consists of planks nailed to log joists incorporated into the cabin's log walls.

The cabin's last occupants left an abundance of domestic items and refuse, apparently dating to the 1970s. The cabin may have served as a primitive residence or recreational shelter, and most of the roof is recent. The cabin currently receives heavy visitation by recreationists, who contributed additional refuse. Given the intermittent use during the 1970s and today's visitations, historic artifacts are few, and those remaining lie scattered downslope. Historic items were inventoried while recent refuse was not. Shallow buried yard deposits are possible on the cabin's northeast and southeast sides. The cabin stands in dilapidated condition. The roof leaks, permitting the interior to remain wet for lengthy periods of time, which promotes rot. The porch and loft are unsafe and the footer logs are partially decayed.

III. FUNCTION

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

26. Architect: Unknown
27. Builder: Unknown
28. Date of construction: Actual _____ Assessor _____ Estimate Mid- to late 1890s
based on: Wire nails, architectural style, and artifacts such as hole-in-cap cans. In addition, Swandyke saw occupation only during the 1890s and early 1900s.
29. Modifications: Minor X Moderate _____ Major _____ Moved _____ Date _____
Describe Modifications: Occupants laid down plastic sheets over the original floor and added another layer of planks. They also built the porch.
Additions and Date: None
30. Associated Contexts and Historical Information: For a detailed description and interpretation of Swandyke, see the report on file at the OAHP *Mining the Golden Horseshoe: An Inventory of Select Historic Sites Around Breckenridge, Summit County, Colorado.*

V. OTHER RECORDING INFORMATION

31. Specific References to the Structure/Building: No
32. Archaeological Potential: Yes X No _____ Justify: The area downslope from and south of the cabin may offer shallow buried yard deposits.
33. Recorder(s): Eric Twitty
34. Date(s): August 30, 2003