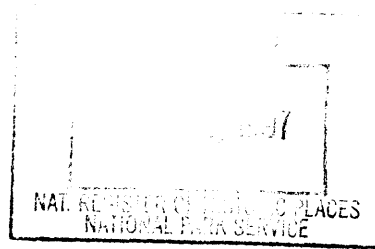


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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instruction in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Stolte House

other names/site number Woody House, Edgerton House, Butler House, 5DT1076

### 2. Location

street & number 1812 Colo. Hwy. 65 [N/A] not for publication

city or town Cedaredge [x] vicinity

state Colorado code CO county Delta code 029 zip code 81413

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [x] nomination [ ] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [x] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [ ] nationally [ ] statewide [x] locally.  
( See continuation sheet for additional comments [ ].)

James Edward Hartman State Historic Preservation Officer September 21, 1997  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Office, Colorado Historical Society  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria.  
( See continuation sheet for additional comments [ ].)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register  
See continuation sheet [ ].
- determined eligible for the  
National Register  
See continuation sheet [ ].
- determined not eligible for the  
National Register.
- removed from the  
National Register
- other, explain  
See continuation sheet [ ].

Signature of the Keeper	Date
<u>Debb Boland</u>	<u>11/17/97</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Stolte House  
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**County/State**

### 5. Classification

#### Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

#### Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

#### Number of Resources within Property

(Do not count previously listed resources.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

#### Name of related multiple property listing.

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

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#### Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

0

### 6. Function or Use

#### Historic Function

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 7. Description

#### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete  
walls Concrete  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof Fiberglass  
other Wood  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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### 8. Statement of Significance

**Applicable National Register Criteria**  
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**  
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**  
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 9. Major Bibliographic References

**Bibliography**  
(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey  
# \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record  
# \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**  
(Enter categories from instructions)  
Architecture

**Periods of Significance**  
1911

**Significant Dates**  
1911

**Significant Person(s)**  
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above).  
N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**  
N/A

**Architect/Builder**  
Unknown

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other:

**Name of repository:**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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County/State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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2. Zone Easting Northing

4. Zone Easting Northing

[ ] See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Gayle H. Butler (Edited by S. Doggett)

organization Owner date 10/01/96

street & number 1812 Colo. Hwy. 65 telephone 970-856-6122

city or town Cedaredge state CO zip code 81413

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

### Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Keith W. and Gayle H. Butler

street & number 1812 Colo. Hwy. 65 telephone 970-856-6122

city or town Cedaredge state CO zip code 81413

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**DESCRIPTION**

The 1911 Stolte House is located north of Cedaredge in Delta County, just east of Highway 65. The house faces south and is sited on a slight rise approximately 225 feet from the highway. The property is surrounded by 40 acres of essentially open, agricultural land. To the east of the house, there are four circa 1982 outbuildings that are not included within the boundaries of this nomination.

The Stolte House is in very good condition and retains a high degree of integrity in location, setting, use of materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The foundation and the walls are of rock faced, ornamental concrete block that was hand molded by a local stone mason. The ornamental concrete block remains unpainted and is in excellent condition. The house is fully capable of conveying its architectural significance as an excellent local example of ornamental concrete block construction as set forth in the Multiple Property Document Form, Ornamental Concrete Block Building in Colorado, 1900 to 1940.

The two-story house, with an attic, has an irregular floor plan consisting of approximately 3,150 square feet. The cross gabled roof is covered with red fiberglass shingles that replaced the original wood ones. On the south facade, a gable is to the east and a small hipped portion of the roof is to the west. Decorative wood shingles, painted white, fill the gable ends. Small vents have been installed at the gable peaks. The boxed eaves, cornice, and other trim are painted white. Windows in the gables ends are 4/4 wood framed double hungs. Toward the north end of the east wall, there is a first floor bay window. Typical windows on the first and second floors are 1/1 woodframed double hungs. The south entry door has a stained glass transom above.

A large open porch on the south wraps the southwest corner of the building and extends approximately one-half the length of the west wall. Although the wrap-around porch was not constructed until 1984, it was attached to ledger bolts set in the block at the time of the original construction in 1911. This 1984 porch replaced a small shed roof entry. The porch roof is supported by turned columns. Its wood fretwork brackets, balustrade, and foundation screening are painted white.

On the north, in 1983, a new kitchen window was installed, replacing two smaller ones, and in 1985, windows replaced the screens of the original shed roof porch.

As typical of many residences of ornamental concrete block construction, the Stolte House does not exhibit strong characteristics associated with a particular style. With its irregular floor plan, multi-gabled roof, and asymmetrical massing, it can perhaps best be classified as Edwardian Vernacular, a post-Victorian style described by Pearce and Wilson. (p. 28)

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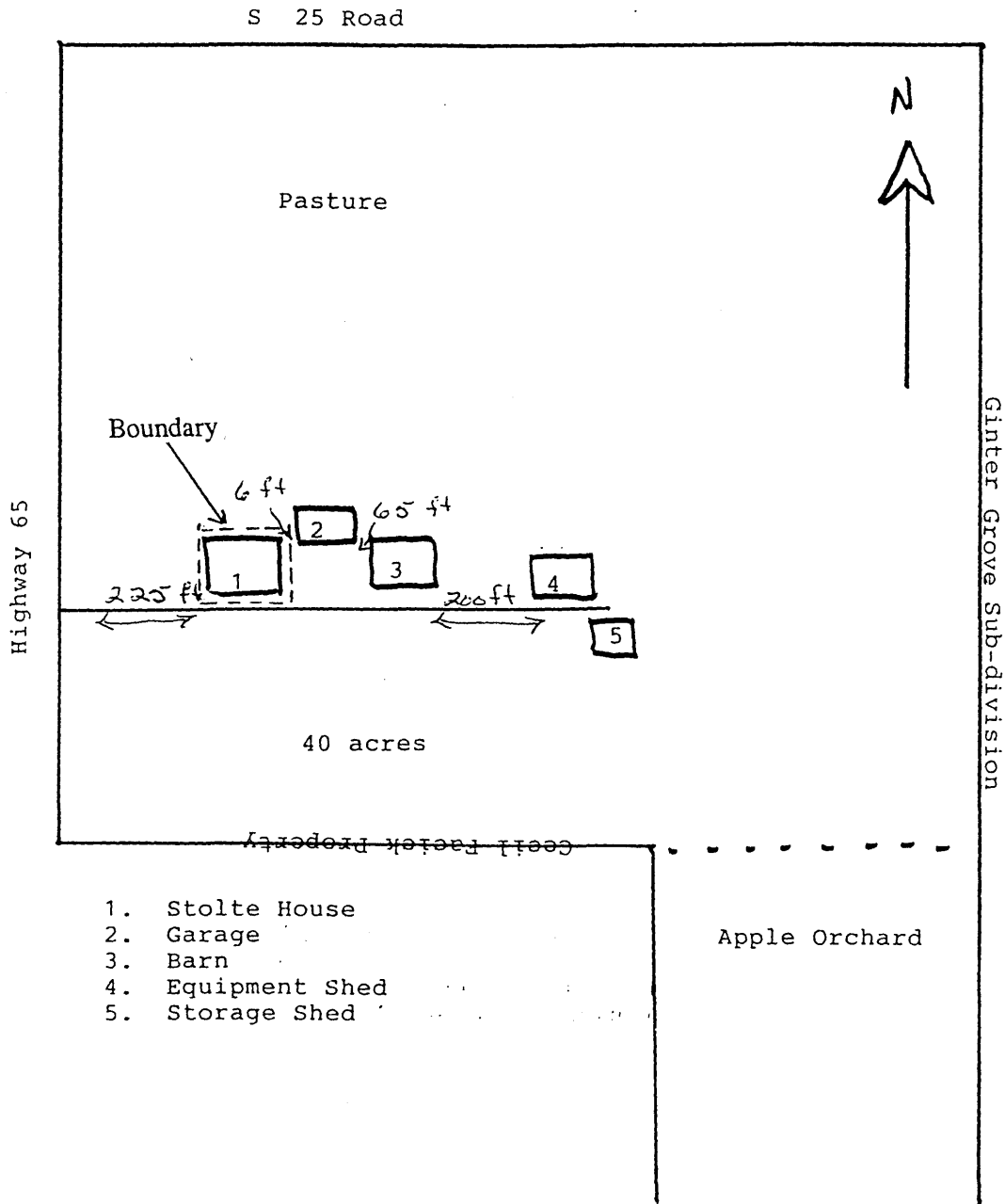
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SITE PLAN



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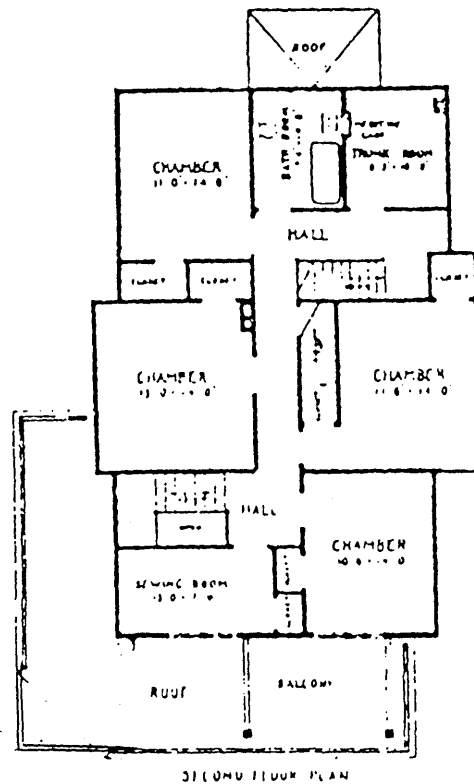
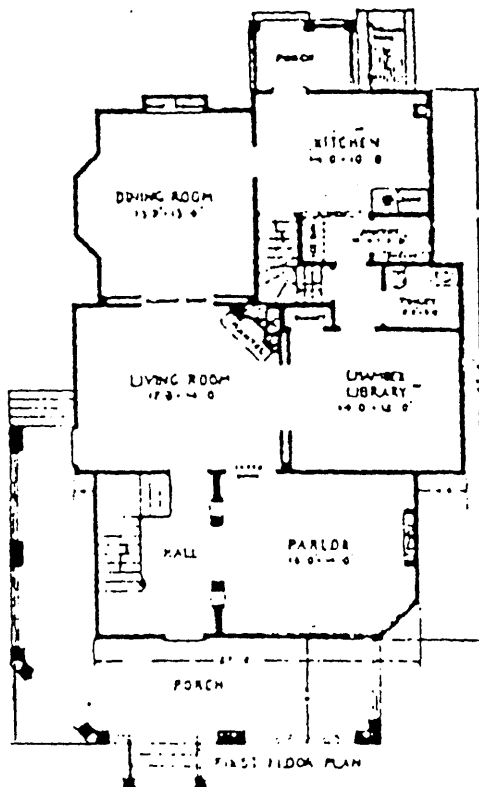
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FLOOR PLAN

Note: not an exact representation



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### SIGNIFICANCE

The 1911, two-story Stolte House is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C for its architectural significance as an excellent local example of ornamental concrete block construction. The property enjoys a highly visible location along Highway 65, just north of Cedaredge, the southern terminus of the Grand Mesa Colorado Scenic and Historic Byway. The building meets the registration requirements for an ornamental concrete block residence as set forth in the Multiple Property Document Form, *Ornamental Concrete Block Buildings in Colorado, 1900 to 1940*. The unpainted blocks, which are in excellent condition, were molded and laid by Cedaredge mason, Virgil Bouldin. The Stolte House exhibits a high degree of integrity and is well able to convey its type of construction.

While the majority of Colorado's identified concrete block manufacturing plants were located in the eastern half of the state, several were located on the Western Slope. Cedaredge was one of three Delta County communities where such plants were known to exist sometime between 1907 and 1925.

As noted in the Multiple Property Document, throughout Colorado, two-story buildings of ornamental concrete block are rare resources. In addition, the Stolte House compares favorably to local extant examples of ornamental concrete block construction. These examples include six one-story residences, several of which have been modified or painted. The only other two-story residence has a simple four square plan and has been painted. Non-residential examples include the painted, small one-story Cedaredge Town Hall and a one-story building associated with the local fish hatchery.

### Historic Background

The Stolte family played an important role in the history of Cedaredge. Arriving by wagon in 1896, Ernst J. Stolte was among the first settlers in the area. Stolte purchased 80 acres north of town and planted some of the area's first apple and cherry orchards. The family was instrumental in developing the local apple industry, an industry that is still thriving today. In 1909, Ernst and his sons constructed a packing shed, and many local residents worked in the Stolte orchards and packing shed. The packing shed was relocated to Cedaredge's Pioneer Town Museum complex in 1991.

Ernst Stolte was born in Hanover, Germany in 1842. He came to America in 1865 and married Elizabeth Lemche in 1870. They lived in Wisconsin until Elizabeth's health failed and, they were advised to move to a dryer climate. They first went to Nebraska, then to Denver, and in 1896 relocated to Cedaredge with their daughter and three sons. One of the sons, Henry, married Rebecca Dulcena Wayman in 1901. They had seven daughters and two sons born between 1902 and 1921. The Stolte House was built for Henry's growing family.

The plans and all of the interior materials were ordered from a 1911 Sears Catalog. These materials were shipped by railroad from Chicago to Delta and then hauled to Cedaredge by wagon. Sears Plan



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#132 called for a wood frame exterior, but the Stoltes decided to substitute ornamental concrete blocks. With the exception of the block work, the building was completed by Henry; his father Ernst, a skilled carpenter; and his brother, Albert.

In 1982, 40 acres of the original 80 acre Stolte property were purchased by the current owners from members of the Stolte family. At that time, the associated outbuildings were in very poor condition. They were removed, and a new storage shed, barn, equipment shed, and garage were constructed. These structures are not included within the boundary of the nomination.

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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The nomination boundary includes the footprint of the Stolte House and 5' of land surrounding its perimeter.

**Boundary Justification**

The nomination includes only that part of the land historically associated with the property retaining its historic integrity.

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