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On April 2, 1885 the Aspen Town and Land Company sold all of Block 23, Aspen Townsite, to James Downing for \$3600. The Aspen Smelting Company owned by the New York investor, Jerome B. Wheeler, bought Block 23 on October 15, 1885, and on May 20, 1886 it became Wheeler's personal property through a quit claim deed. Lots N and O of Block 23 became the site of a threestory, brick and frame Victorian house built by Wheeler and first placed on the tax rolls in 1888. Wheeler's business affairs manager, H. R. Woodward, lived in the house, and on August 24, 1892 it was sold to C. Valentine for \$20,000. The property was subsequently sold on June 30, 1896 to C. Bell for Then in February of 1917, Fred Light purchased the only \$5,000. house for taxes and sold it in the same year to Mary Stallard. Mrs. Stallard owned the property until 1945 during which time it became known as the Stallard House. It was brought by W. C. Tagert and sold again in 1945 to Walter Paepcke. The property was conveyed by him to the Aspen Company and during this period Lots H and I were sold. The alley in Block 23 was never opened or used as a public right of way. Later the property was reconveyed to Paepcke and became part of his trust at his death. In 1967 it was leased by the Aspen Historical Society. Since 1969 the Stallard House has been the property of the Aspen Historical Society and is used as a museum housing many significant items and displays relating to the early mining and skiing days of Aspen.

The outstanding significance of the Stallard House is that it is one of only three remaining brick Victorian three-story residences in Aspen. The structure itself has been altered very little except for the addition of a garage and an open porch encircling the north-east corner. It stands as a fine and rare example of the economic and cultural progress made in the Aspen area in the 1880's.

The Stallard House was built by a wealthy man who constructed a beautiful residence befitting his own economic status and his confidence in the cultural potential of the area. It is a classic example of Victorian architecture enhanced by the significant amount of open space surrounding it. This impressive site consists of all but two lots of an entire block and the house itself is situated magnificently in the center

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Name correction: .

The correct name for the Stallard House-Wheeler House, listed in 1975, is the Wheeler-Stallard House.

The property is located at 620 West Bleeker Street, Aspen, Pitkin County, Colorado.

State Historic Preservation Officer

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