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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Samuel I. Hallett House (Historic Resources of Aspen - MRA)

and/or common Hallett House

2. Location

street & number 432 West Francis Street n/a not for publication

city, town Aspen — vicinity of n/a

state Colorado code 08 county Pitkin code 097

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> multiple resource		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military

4. Owner of Property

name Virginia Stranahan

street & number 577 East Front Street

city, town Perryburg n/a vicinity of state Ohio 43551

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pitkin County Court House

street & number 506 E. Main Street

city, town Aspen state Colorado

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

State Inventory of Historic Sites title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Ongoing n/a federal state n/a county n/a local

depository for survey records Colorado Historical Society - OAHP

city, town Denver state CO

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	n/a deteriorated	n/a unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
n/a good	n/a ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	n/a moved	date _____
n/a fair	n/a unexposed			n/a

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Hallett House is one of the Aspen houses which was built and enlarged through the years around a log cabin. Its present day appearance is that of a Miner's Cottage with a gabled L plan on the front portion with a two story side gable section at the rear. The wood frame and clapboard house is sited on a corner with a low wooden fence around the property on both street sides. There is a large, two story wood barn with a gable roof and cupola at the rear which has been converted into a two car garage. (photo #10, 10a, 10b) It is considered contributing.

There is a front porch or veranda with a low hipped roof supported by rectangular wood posts which wrap around all of the front portion, the west side, the south front and in the L. The paired and single windows throughout are one-over-one, double hung wood sash. The house is notable for its simplicity with only the peaks of the side gables decorated with fish scale shingles and a rectangular, one story bay with a gable roof on the west side.

The transformation of the log cabin into a frame house may have begun in 1892 when Hallett remodeled his house into one of the finest in the neighborhood with a lawn that was the envy of the neighborhood, according to Frank L. Wentworth in his book, Aspen on the Roaring Fork (Lakewood: Francis B. Rizzari, 1950, p. 293). Nothing is known of the changes that took place after that time until the late 1940s when Richard and Margaret Durrance found the log cabin inside the house during remodeling. According to the Aspen Building Department records, a bedroom and bath was added in 1953 and a one story frame bathroom addition with a low pitched roof was put onto the house in 1960. The one story frame addition near the rear on the east side is probably one of these. In 1967, the front porch and roof were repaired.

Little of the original interior elements of the 1892 remodeling remain other than the logs behind the present walls of the dining room and a cast bronze fireplace with bas-relief designs in the downstairs bedroom. The original carriage step, a cut stone block with the name "Hallett" carved into it remains at the front walk near the street. (photo #10c) There is only one street tree remaining on the west side and a large blue spruce in the front yard.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
n/a prehistoric	n/a archeology-prehistoric	n/a community planning	n/a landscape architecture	n/a religion
n/a 1400-1499	n/a archeology-historic	n/a conservation	n/a law	n/a science
n/a 1500-1599	n/a agriculture	n/a economics	n/a literature	n/a sculpture
n/a 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	n/a education	n/a military	n/a social/
n/a 1700-1799	n/a art	n/a engineering	n/a music	humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	n/a commerce	n/a exploration/settlement	n/a philosophy	n/a theater
n/a 1900-	n/a communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	n/a politics/government	n/a transportation
		n/a invention		n/a other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1885 **Builder/Architect** not known

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Hallett House is significant as one of the pioneer log cabins which was incorporated into a wood frame and clapboard house, a change indicative of Aspen's growth and the rising fortunes of its residents during the 19th century silver mining boom. Significance is also found in the association with Samuel I. Hallett, the second owner who was responsible for the 1892 remodeling, and who was one of the "most prominent and successful mine managers and superintendents in Aspen." 1

BACKGROUND

The owner of the original log cabin, constructed ca. 1885-1886, was Thomas Anson, who, in 1887, sold it to Samuel I. and Julia Estelle Hallett. The property remained in the Hallett family until 1935. 2

Hallett, born in Hornellsville, New York in 1858, went to the Black Hills of South Dakota where he gained experience and knowledge in mining techniques. When Hallett arrived in Aspen in 1885, he had little trouble finding management positions with some of the largest mining operations. By the 1890s he was the superintendent of the Smuggler Mining Company, the Smuggler Concentrator and the Aspen Sampling Company. He also served as secretary of the Durant, Compromise, the Late Acquisition and Conemara mining companies as well as the secretary of the Hallam Land Company. 3 Hallett's office was in the Hyman Block (Hyman-Brand Building, listed on the National Register).

By the 1890s, Aspen had become a mature and cultured town with many fine residences and business blocks. In 1892, Hallett remodeled his log cabin home into one faced in clapboard, which was the prevalent material for residential construction in Aspen at that time. 4

The Hallett House is a locally designated landmark.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property under one

Quadrangle name Aspen

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References

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B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 34, lots K, L, M Aspen Townsite

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n/a code n/a county n/a code n/a

state n/a code n/a county n/a code n/a

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

n/a national n/a state X local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Barbara Sudler

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 1-8-87

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

William G. ...
Keeper of the National Register

date 3-6-87

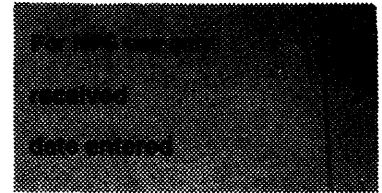
Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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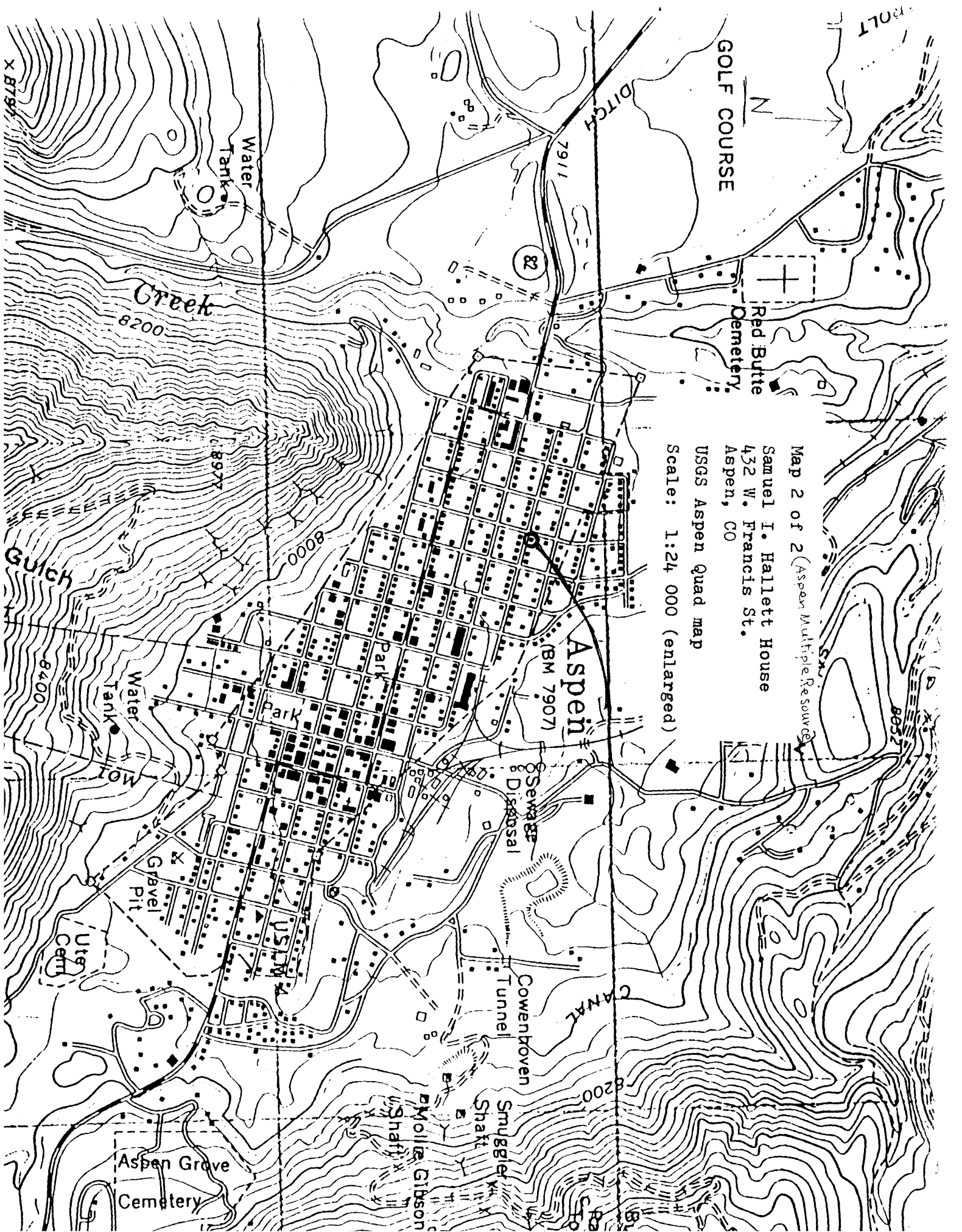
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Footnotes

1. Mines and Mining Men of Colorado: Historical, Descriptive and Pictorial (Denver: John G. Canfield, 1893), p. 49.
2. "Inventory of Historic Sites and Structures:", prepared for the City of Aspen by Vera Kirkpatrick and John Stanford, December, 1980. (Pitkin County Abstract of Lot Books)

Aspen City Directory, 1889, 1892, 1893.
3. Mines and Mining Men, p. 49.

Len Shoemaker, Pioneers of the Roaring Fork (Denver: Sage Books, 1975), pp. 81-82.
4. Frank E. Wentworth, Aspen on the Roaring Fork (Lakewood: Francis B. Rizzari, 1950), p. 293.



Map 2 of 2 (Aspen Multiple Resource)
Samuel I. Hallett House
432 W. Francis St.
Aspen, CO
USGS Aspen Quad map
Scale: 1:24 000 (enlarged)