

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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1. Name

historic Shilling-Lamb House (Historic Resources of Aspen - MRA)

and/or common Shilling-Lamb House

2. Location

street & number 525 North Fifth 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n/a not for publication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	
n/a district	n/a public	X occupied	n/a agriculture	n/a museum
X building(s)	X private	n/a unoccupied	n/a commercial	n/a park
n/a structure	n/a both	n/a work in progress	n/a educational	X private residence
n/a site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	n/a entertainment	n/a religious
n/a object	n/a in process	n/a yes: restricted	n/a government	n/a scientific
	n/a being considered	n/a yes: unrestricted	n/a industrial	n/a transportation
X multiple resource		X no	n/a military	n/a other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ms. Catherine Conover

street & number P. O. Box 57

city, town Glade Park, n/a vicinity of state CO 81523

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 506 East Main Street

city, town Aspen state CO

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Colorado Inventory of
title Historic Sites

has this property been determined eligible? n/a yes X no

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

depository for survey records Colorado Historical Society - OAHP

city, town Denver state CO

7. Description

Condition	n/a	deteriorated	n/a	unaltered	Check one	X	original site
X excellent	n/a	ruins		X altered	n/a moved		date n/a
n/a good	n/a	unexposed					
n/a fair							

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Queen Anne style Shilling-Lamb House is a large, two story frame and clapboard dwelling with a distinctive polygonal corner tower. The house is sited with a large side yard to the south. There are several large shrubs and mature trees planted around the site with no apparent plan.

The house, constructed in the late 1880s or early 1890s, sits on a high foundation of sandstone blocks, probably of local origin. The plan is rectangular, but the wood shingle roof has many shapes including a hip near the rear, gables on each side, a polygonal roof on the tower, and a shed roof with a front gable on the front porch. Two brick chimneys, originally with corbelling at the top, are placed in the center of the roof. The exterior of the house is faced in narrow clapboards painted blue with white trim. The porch, which extends across the front from the tower, has turned wooden posts supporting the roof on each side of the entry and is reached by steps with a wooden railing with turned balusters matching the porch railing. The face of the porch gable contains a carved wood panel and sun-burst ornament.

The main roof's gable ends are faced with "dog-ear" cut shingles, commonly found throughout Aspen. The windows are one-over-one, double hung wood sash. The tower windows are wider than those in the rest of the house.

The house appears very much as it did originally. The few alterations are in keeping with the design and do not alter its integrity. Originally at the south rear, there was a small, gable roof porch with turned posts. This porch has now been expanded into a raised open porch along the south side. The windows on the south side have had some changes with the single second story gable window expanded into a pair of windows and a small square window added under the eaves toward the rear. The south side windows on the first story have had an addition window cut between the two windows near the tower making a group of three windows overlooking the open porch. The original finials on the gables and tower roof are no longer there. The dates of the alterations are not known. (photo #12, 12a)

The Shilling-Lamb House is a designated local landmark. There is no other building on the site.

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	X architecture	n/a education	n/a military	n/a social/	
n/a 1700-1799	n/a art	n/a engineering	n/a music	humanitarian	
X 1800-1899	n/a commerce	n/a exploration/settlement	n/a philosophy	n/a theater	
n/a 1900-	n/a communications	n/a industry	n/a politics/government	n/a transportation	
		n/a invention		n/a other (specify)	

Specific dates	ca. late 1880s early 1890s	Builder/Architect	not known
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Shilling-Lamb House is significant for its unique, undecorated Queen Anne style with a distinctive corner tower, unlike any extant Aspen residence. It is also important that the house, which retains its original integrity, was probably designed locally and built with local materials.

BACKGROUND

Arthur B. Shilling and his brother established one of Aspen's finest dry goods stores in 1885. They sold domestic and imported goods - carpets, boots, shoes and millinery from Paris and New York. Shilling probably constructed his house around 1890 or before when his Aspen business prospered at the height of the silver mining period.¹

The second owner of importance was Albert S. Lamb, a well known Aspen druggist. Lamb came from Leadville ca. 1887 and bought the thriving City Drug Store which was located in the newly completed Aspen Block. Lamb, who changed the name of the drug store to Al S. Lamb, built up a large clientele. Lamb and his business survived the 1893 Silver Crash and he bought this house in 1898.²

The design of the Shilling-Lamb House is among the more unique Queen Anne houses in Aspen with its corner tower and lack of Queen Anne ornament. Houses such as the Smith-Elisha House at 320 West Main Street and the Ola M. Case House at 500 West Francis Street (not part of this nomination) are towerless examples of the more usual Queen Anne style with an abundance of decorative ornament.

Footnotes

1. Historical and Descriptive Review of Colorado's Enterprising Cities (Denver: Jno Lethem, 1893), p. 112.

"Inventory of Historic Sites and Structures:, prepared for the City of Aspen by Vera Kerkpatrick and John P. Stanford, December, 1980.

Colorado Business Directory, 1884-1890.

Aspen City Directory, 1889, 1892.

2. Aspen Weekly Times, April 12, 1887, p. 4.

"Inventory of Sites"

9. Major Bibliographical References

See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property under one

Quadrangle name Aspen

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References

A	1 3	3 4 2	5 0 0	4 3 3 9 8 3 0
Zone	Easting		Northing	
C				
E				
G				

B				
Zone	Easting		Northing	
D				
F				
H				

Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 40, lots H, I 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

11. Form Prepared By

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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 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

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

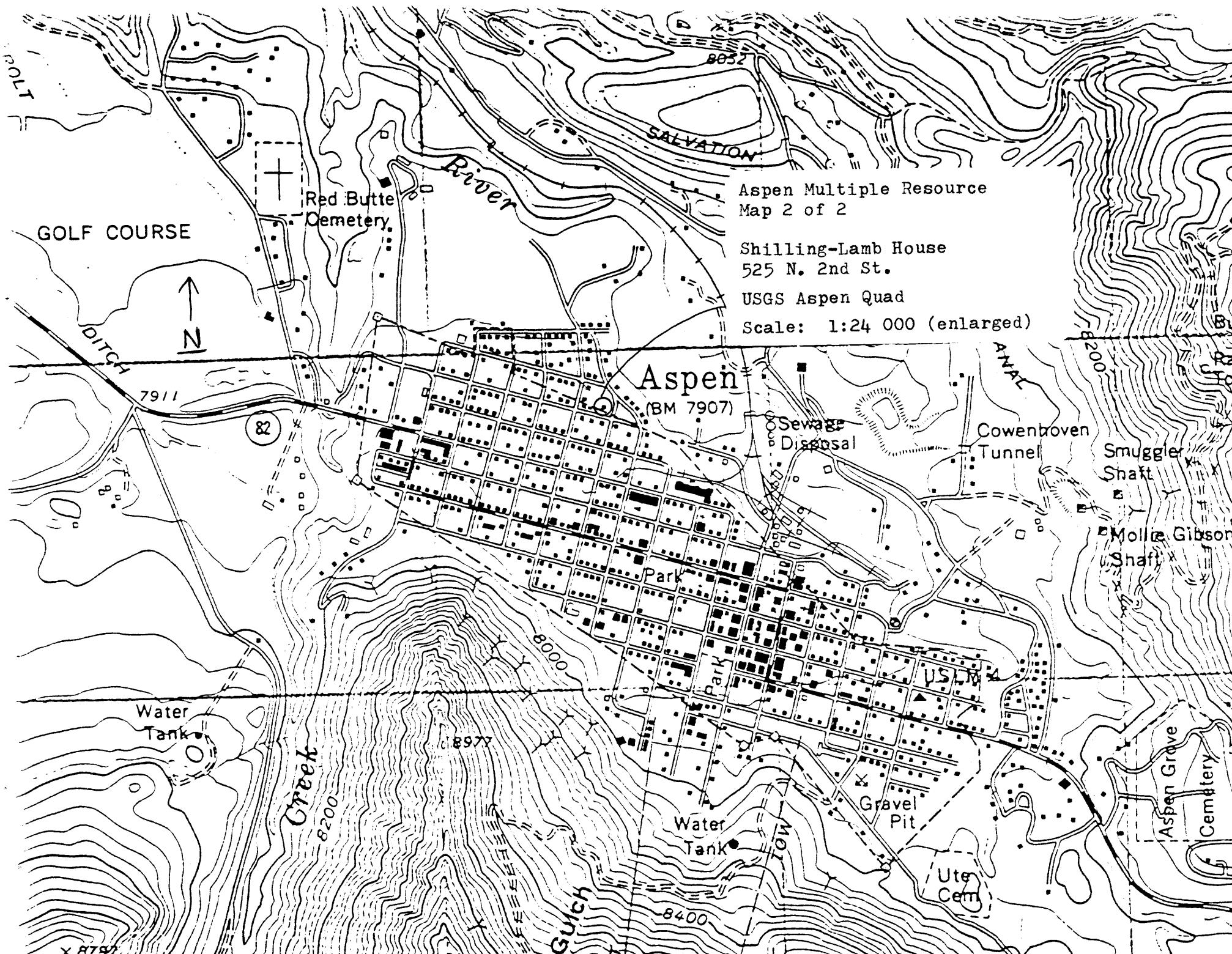
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration





Shilling-Lamb House, 525 North 2nd Street, Aspen photo- ca. 1898
Photo from Colorado Historical Society

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Shilling-Lamb House
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Aspen, Pitkin County, Colorado

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Date: 1898

View: N

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