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REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printers in 12 pitch. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Marble Town Hall

other names/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: 407 Main Street

not for publication

city, town: Marble

vicinity

state: Colorado

code: CO

county: Gunnison

code: 051

zip code: 81623

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	contributing	noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic Resources of Marble, Colorado,
and Vicinity

No. of contributing resources
previously listed in the
National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

Barbara Sudler

6-15-89

Signature of certifying official
State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency or bureau

Date

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
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- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register
- other, (explain:) _____

Entered in the
National Register

Arlene Byers

5/3/89

Signature of the Keeper

Date

<u>6. Functions or Use</u>	
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
<u>DOMESTIC/single dwelling</u>	<u>GOVERNMENT/city hall</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

<u>7. Description</u>	
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
<u>OTHER: DUTCH COLONIAL REVIVAL</u>	foundations: <u>NONE</u>
_____	walls: <u>WOOD/weatherboard</u>
_____	roof: <u>METAL</u>
_____	other: _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Marble Town Hall represents employee housing built by the Colorado-Yule Marble Company of Marble, Colorado. Because the building was (1) constructed as a company cottage by the Colorado-Yule Marble Company between 1905-1917, and (2) represents its original design, workmanship, materials, and setting, it meets the registration requirements of the "Colorado-Yule Marble Company Cottages" property type of the "Historic Resources Marble, Colorado, and Vicinity" multiple property listing. The building has been moved, but meets the registration requirements because it is still located within the town and has retained its original orientation and setting. Two types of Colorado-Yule Marble Company cottages were constructed: large and small. The Marble Town Hall is a large cottage, and is believed to be one of only three large cottages still in existence.

The most distinctive architectural feature of a large Colorado-Yule Marble Company cottage is its gambrel roof line. The large cottages have either a front or side gambrel roof, and the Marble Town Hall is representative of the front-gambrel subtype. Typical of the large cottages, the Marble Town Hall is a one and one-half story, wood-frame building with wood siding. The gambrel roof features overhanging eaves and exposed rafter beams. The building has an inset, full-width, open, front porch with post supports and a wooden balustrade. The center front door is flanked by double-hung windows with simple wooden surrounds. The front gambrel end is sided with square cut shingles, and has a small, four and four, casement-style window. The rear gambrel end has a similar casement style window but has clapboard siding, which appears to be original. Also historic is the cottage's rear exit, which has a small, open, shed porch with post supports. The building has one center chimney and one inside end chimney, both of red brick. Like all of the company cottages, the Marble Town Hall is painted white with green trim, the colors of the Colorado-Yule Marble Company.

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Historic photographs indicate that the large company cottages typically had board and batten siding. The Marble Town Hall, however, has clapboard siding, which may be original. The diamond-shaped windows on the side elevations may also be original.¹ Like many of the buildings in town, the Marble Town Hall has been altered with a corrugated metal roof. The building historically featured a wood shingle roof. Originally located on State Street, the building was moved to its current site approximately twenty years ago, and was renovated as a town hall. The building is still without a foundation, however, and is jacked up with blocks and timbers. The building's redwood porch steps are new, and were built after the move. Some of the building's windows are also boarded.

The Marble Town Hall is located directly north of the Marble High School, on a lot which was formerly occupied by the Marble elementary school. The building faces south, as it did in its original location. Similar to its original location, the Marble Town Hall is located on a heavily-forested lot; the landscaping is natural vegetation.

¹Judy Betz Hughes and Winifred VanOver, former Marble residents, recall that the building had clapboard as early as the 1940s and believe it is original. They also believe that the diamond-shaped windows, which are square windows turned on their sides, are original and not unique to this company cottage.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally

Applicable National Register Criteria X A ___ B X C ___ D
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ___ A X B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

c. 1908

1908-1917

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Colorado-Yule Marble Company

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Marble Town Hall is representative of the company cottages built by the Colorado-Yule Marble Company during its peak years of expansion, 1905-1917. Most of the cottages were built c. 1908, in response to the housing shortage created by the rapid development of the local marble industry after the formation of the Colorado Yule-Marble Company in 1905. Because it is associated with the community development of the town of Marble, as well as the history of the Colorado-Yule Marble Company and the local marble industry, the Marble Town Hall is eligible to the National Register of Historic Places under criterion A. Because it is a rare example of employee housing for the Colorado-Yule Marble Company workers, the Marble Town Hall is also eligible to the National Register under criterion C. Although the building has been moved, it is significant primarily for its architectural value. As such, the Marble Town Hall is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under criterion exception B. The Marble Town Hall falls under two historic contexts identified in the "Historic Resources of Marble, Colorado, and Vicinity" multiple property listing: "Development and Peak Years of the Colorado Yule Marble Mining Industry, 1884-1917," and "Settlement and Development of the Town of Marble, Colorado, 1881-1917." The Marble Town Hall meets the requirements of the "Colorado-Yule Marble Company Cottages" property type.

Although no documentation has been found to establish that the Marble Town Hall was constructed by the Colorado-Yule Marble Company, a former resident remembers the building as being a company cottage.² The building is also

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²Judy Betz Hughes, interview, 12 March 1989.

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virtually identical to company cottages which appear in historic photographs. A xerox copy of one of these historic photographs is included with this nomination.

The Colorado-Yule Marble Company built at least ninety-one cottages for its employees. The company built both small and large cottages. The Marble Town Hall represents the large company cottages, which were built for management of the Colorado-Yule Marble. The Marble Town Hall is believed to be one of only three large company cottages still in existence. The Marble Town Hall is the best maintained cottage and, because it serves as the town hall, is the most likely to be preserved.

Before it was moved to its present site, the Marble town hall was located on the north side of State Street, between West First and West Second Streets where it served as a school.³ The south side of the street was originally lined with company cottages, all of which were removed in the 1940s.⁴ At one time the building was owned by Everett Murphy, a barber. About twenty years ago, the building was relocated to its present site and was refurbished as a town hall. Renovation is not complete, and the building is still jacked up on blocks and timbers.

The Colorado-Yule Marble Company cottages were built in response to the rapid population increase which resulted from the establishment of the company in 1905. Although the Colorado-Yule Marble Company was not the only marble operation in the Yule Creek area, it was, by far, the largest and most successful. With the arrival of the Crystal River and San Juan Railroad in 1906, the town of Marble finally enjoyed the "boom" which had been promised by the first marble discoveries in 1870s. Town lots, which could not be given away the previous year, sold for as much as \$250, and an estimated 250 people moved into the community during that year. Some were Swedes and Italians who had moved into town to work in the quarries; others were eastern businessmen who had invested heavily in the marble operations.

³Judy Betz Hughes, Glenwood Springs, telephone interview, 12 March 1989; Winifred VanOver, Glenwood Springs, telephone interview, March 1989; and photograph R-248, "Marble, Streets" file, photo collection of the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library.

⁴Hughes interview.

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The rapid influx of workers resulted in a severe housing shortage in Marble. Local lumber yards couldn't keep up with demand, and many of the town's residents were forced to share housing or live in tents. In order to ease the housing shortage, the Colorado-Yule Marble Company constructed company houses for its employees. At least ninety-one company cottages were constructed. Both large and small cottages were constructed. The large cottages were, presumably, for management. The small cottages were for laborers.

The small Colorado-Yule Marble Company cottages lined both sides of Park Street, the road leading into Marble, and were located directly north of the Colorado-Yule Marble Company's milling operations. These four-room cottages came wallpapered and furnished, and could be rented for four dollars a month. The large cottages, as represented by the Marble Town Hall, were located within the main part of town and could be rented for twelve to fifteen dollars a month.

The Marble Town Hall is the town's best example of company cottage architecture, and is believed to be one of only three large company cottages still in existence. Architecturally, the building is also significant for its Dutch Colonial Revival styling, which was popular in Colorado in the early twentieth century. The Marble Town Hall's most distinctive feature is its gambrel roof line. The building has overhanging eaves, exposed rafter beams, and an inset, full-width, open, front porch. Like all of the company cottages, the Marble Town Hall is painted white with green trim, the colors of the Colorado-Yule Marble Company.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Hughes, Judy Betz. Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Telephone interview, March, 1989.

Vandenbusche, Duane and Rex Myers. Marble, Colorado: City of Stone. Denver: Golden Bell Press, 1970.

VanOver, Winifred. Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Telephone interview, March, 1989.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): See continuation sheet

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: less than one acre

UTM References

A 1/3 3/1/0/3/8/0 4/3/2/6/8/4/0 B / / / / / / / / / /

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description:

The Marble Town Hall is located on lots 14-17, Block 17, Town of Marble.

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Boundary Justification:

The boundaries are the same as the boundaries of the current ownership of the property by the Town of Marble.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Property: Marble Town Hall
407 Main Street
Marble, Colorado 81623

Photographer: Roger Whitacre

Date: October, 1988

Negative Location: Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
1300 Broadway
Denver, Colorado 80203

<u>Photo Number</u>	<u>View</u>
1	Marble Town Hall Camera Orientation: northwest
2	Marble Town Hall Camera Orientation: southwest