

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 247 Ontario
Park City, Summit County, Utah

UTM: 12 458370 4498940

Name of Structure: William Austin House

T. R. S.

Present Owner: Madeline Smith

Owner Address: P.O. Box 512, Park City, Utah 84060

Year Built (Tax Record):
Legal Description

Effective Age:
Kind of Building:

Tax #: PC 437

Lot 12 and South half Lot 13 Block 53
Less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: probably William Austin

Construction Date: c. 1890

Demolition Date:

Original Use: Residence

Present Use:

Building Condition:

Integrity:

Preliminary Evaluation:

Final Register Status:

- Excellent
- Good
- Deteriorated
- Site
- Ruins
- Unaltered
- Minor Alterations
- Major Alterations
- Significant
- Contributory
- Not Contributory
- Not of the Historic Period
- National Landmark
- National Register
- State Register
- District
- Multi-Resource
- Thematic

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography:

Date of Slides: 1893

Slide No.:

Date of Photographs: 1893

Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other

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Research Sources:

- Abstract of Title
- Plat Records/Map
- Tax Card & Photo
- Building Permit
- Sewer Permit
- Sanborn Maps
- City Directories
- Biographical Encyclopedias
- Obituary Index
- County & City Histories
- Newspapers
- Utah State Historical Society
- Personal Interviews
- LDS Church Archives
- LDS Genealogical Society
- U of U Library
- BYU Library
- USU Library
- SLC Library
- Other Census Records

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: T/L Cottage

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:
(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

This house is a one story frame T/L cottage with a gable roof. A porch spans the west side of the stem-wing into which a door and window have been pierced. The gable end of the cross-wing is distinguished by a three part projecting bay which may be an addition. Similar to other bay windows in Park City, it has a flaring low pitch roof and inset panels above and below the one over one double hung sash windows. Bays of this type were added to spruce up a simple house. Other well preserved examples of this type of bay are found on 222 Sandridge and 59 Prospect, two houses also included in the Park City nomination. The small horizontally placed rectangular window above the bay is a later unobtrusive alteration. There is a rear shed extension which, if not original, was added by 1900, according to the Sanborn Insurance Map. In-period rear extensions are part of Park City's architectural vocabulary. Although in many cases an extension represents a major alteration of the original house, it usually contributes to the significance of a house because it documents the most common and acceptable method of expansion of the small Park City house. Except for the small window above the bay, the house is essentially unaltered and maintains its original integrity.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1890

Built c. 1890, the William Austin House at 247 Ontario is architecturally significant as one of 78 extant T/L cottages in Park City, 17 of which are included in this nomination. The T/L cottage is one of the three most common house types built during the early period of Park City's mining boom era, and significantly contributes to the character of the residential area.

This house was built between 1889 and 1900, as indicated by the Sanborn Insurance Maps. It was probably built in 1890 for William and Alma J. Austin, who mortgaged the property that year for \$250, apparently to finance the construction of this house. That assumption is further supported by the fact that a lien was placed on the property in September of 1890 by Kidder & Bro. Lumber Company for \$196.25 worth of construction materials which they had supplied. The Austins sold the house in 1892 to Edward Leary, whose family owned it until 1902. Nothing is known about either the Austins or Leary. Thomas J. Connor, who bought the house in 1902, apparently owned it until 1941, when it was deeded to the county because of unpaid taxes.