

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 147 Grant UTM: 12 458320 4498840
 Name of Structure: Park City, Summit County, Utah
 Carl G. Johnson House T. R. S.
 Present Owner: Dale and Linda Nelson
 Owner Address: P.O. Box 742, Park City, UT 84060
 Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: PC 583
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:
 Northerly 35 feet of Westerly 1/2 Lot 24 Block 72
 Less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Unknown Construction Date: c. 1885 Demolition Date:
 Original Use: Residence Present Use:
 Building Condition: Integrity: Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:
 Excellent Site Unaltered Significant Not of the National Landmark District
 Good Ruins Minor Alterations Contributory Historic Period National Register Multi-Resource
 Deteriorated Major Alterations Not Contributory State Register Thematic

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography: Date of Slides: 1983 Slide No.: Date of Photographs: 1983 Photo No.:
 Views: Front Side Rear Other Views: Front Side Rear Other
 Research Sources:
 Abstract of Title Sanborn Maps Newspapers U of U Library
 Plat Records/Map City Directories Utah State Historical Society BYU Library
 Tax Card & Photo Biographical Encyclopedias Personal Interviews USU Library
 Building Permit Obituary Index LDS Church Archives SLC Library
 Sewer Permit County & City Histories LDS Genealogical Society Other Census Records

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

1900 Census Records. Summit County, Park City Precinct.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: Hall & Parlor

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

This house is a one story, frame hall and parlor house with a gable roof and a rear shed extension. The facade is generally symmetrical, with a door set slightly off center between the two windows. The door is particularly distinctive, having arch-topped panels. This type of door was common in Utah in the late 1800s, but few remain in Park City houses, and it is particularly unusual to find this type of door on so modest a dwelling. The windows are the double hung sash type with two over two lights. A porch spans the facade, having unique porch piers and a balustrade across the roof top. The balustrade is not original, but dates within the historic period, and does not affect the original character of the building. Both the house and the extension are sided with drop siding, but the seam between the two sections and the mismatched siding grooves indicate that the extension is not original. The extension dates from within the historic period and does not affect the building's original character. 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 ususally contributes to the significance of a house because it documents the most common and acceptable method of expansion of the small Park City house. No alterations have been made which affect the original character of the building.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1885

Built c. 1885, the Carl G. Johnson House at 147 Grant is architecturally significant as one of 76 extant hall and parlor houses in Park City, 22 of which are included in this nomination. The hall and parlor house, the earliest house type to be built in Park City, and one of the three most common house types that were built during the early period of Park City's mining boom era, significantly contributes to the character of the residential area.

This house was built by at least 1889, as indicated by the Sanborn Insurance Maps, but the exact date of its construction and the name of its original owner are unknown. The first recorded transaction involving this property was in 1916, when the Park City Townsite Corporation granted title to the property to Carl G. Johnson as part of their effort to clear up the "extensive property muddle" which had persisted in Park City for almost 40 years. The property muddle came about because many early settlers opposed the townsite proposal and refused to follow legal procedures for owning property.

The Johnsons, about whom nothing is known, probably lived in the house for at least a few years before they received legal title to the property in 1916. Subsequent owners of the house include Andy Vik (1920-24), J.H. Holst (1924-31), and Joe Grover (1931-40). This area along Grant Avenue was part of the Finnish neighborhood in Park City around the turn of the century.¹

¹1900 Census Records.