

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 606 Park Park City, Summit County, Utah UTM: 12 458010 4499350
 Name of Structure: John F. Cunningham House T. R. S.
 Present Owner: Lowell L. and Mary Jane Palm
 Owner Address: c/o Donna J. Lewis P.O. Box 2611, Park City, UT 84060
 Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: PC 118
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:
 Lot 31 Block 8, Park City Survey

Less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: John F. Cunningham Construction Date: 1901 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.):

Park Record. October 27, 1938, p. 1. John F. Cunningham obituary.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: Pyramid House (variant)

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

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

This house is one and one half story variant of the pyramid house. Generally, pyramid houses are characterized by a square plan, a pyramid or truncated hip roof, a symmetrical facade with a door set slightly off-center between two windows, and a low pitch hip roof porch spanning the facade. On occasion half of the facade was recessed and the space remaining was spanned by a porch. One finds that type of arrangement in this house. There is a door and window on the recessed section and a single window on the other half of the facade. Key characteristics of this variant of the pyramid house include the long rectangular form built deep on the lot, the gable roof with a clipped gable on the facade, and the window set in the gable section. All of the windows on the facade were originally broad single pane with transom windows. The transoms contain leaded and stained glass windows. The glass of the window in the gable section was removed and the space was filled with two small double hung sash windows. Because the window frames are dark, the change is not obvious, and the size of the window opening has not been altered. The porch is not original, but was designed to look like a porch of the period of construction. Two large dormers were added to the north and south roof sections. Because they are located at the rear of the building, somewhat hidden from view, and because they were constructed of drop siding that

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Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1901

Built in 1901, the John F. Cunningham House at 606 Park is architecturally significant as one of 69 extant pyramid houses in Park City, 28 of which are included in this nomination. Of the 28 being nominated, eleven are true pyramid houses and seventeen are variants of the basic type. This house is one of the variants of the pyramid house. The pyramid house 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. The type appeared early on, but survived with variations longer than the other two types.

This house was built for John F. Cunningham in 1901 on a site which had evidently been occupied previously by a house built in 1890 by James Berry. The Berry house was apparently destroyed in the fire of 1898 which burned most of the town, and this house was constructed as part of the post-fire rebuilding of the town.

John Francis Cunningham was among the early settlers of Park City, having come to the town with his parents from New York in 1878 at the age of four. As a young man he began working at M.S. Ascheim Mercantile Co., the first major retail enterprise in Park City. He continued with that firm for 32 years, then worked for a time as head of the hardware department at Blyth-Fargo Co., a large general store in Park City, until its destruction by fire in 1927. He then operated a hardware business with his sons George and Robert until retiring in 1936. He died two years later while living in this house. He was survived by his wife, Tene Franklin Beatty Cunningham, two sons, and two step-daughters. Cunningham family members continued to own this house until 1962.

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Description continued:

matches the original siding, they are unobtrusive additions. The house is in good condition and maintains its original integrity.