

Utah State Historical Society

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Site No. \_\_\_\_\_

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 660 Rossie Hill Drive UTM: 12 458760 4499200  
 Park City, Summit County, Utah  
 Name of Structure: Benedictus Carling House T. R. S.  
 Present Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dennis  
 Owner Address: 2533 Yermo Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109

Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: SNS-1  
 Legal Description: Kind of Building: (previously PC 546)

This house is included in the tax file SNS-1 with the house at 623 Deer Valley Road, which is owned by the same people, because ownership of this house is separate from the ownership of the property upon which it sits. That property is part of an extensive mining claim in the area. All legal references to this house describe it as the 15th house (rear) South side of Deer Valley Road, building only. less than one acre

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: possibly Benedictus Carling Construction Date: c. 1890 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 and Parlor House

## Description of physical appearance &amp; significant architectural features:

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

This house is a one story frame hall and parlor building with a gable roof and an original rear shed extension. It has drop siding on the facade, and board and batten siding on the gable ends. Typical of the hall and parlor house in Park City, the facade is generally symmetrical with a door set slightly off-center between two windows. The windows are the two over two double hung sash type. There is a second door into the east side of the building which opens into the rear shed extension. A small set of wooden stairs and platform provide access to the front door. The only alteration of the exterior of the building is the addition of a square window in the east gable end. The change is unobtrusive and does not affect the original integrity of the building.

## Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1890

Built c. 1890, the Benedictus Carling House at 660 Rossie Hill Drive 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. In addition, this house is significant as one of only three well preserved houses with board and batten siding. Although board and batten siding was commonly used in the construction of mining town houses, drop siding was the principle exterior building material for Park City houses.

This house was built by at least 1907, as indicated by the Sanborn Insurance Maps which first covered this area that year, having probably been constructed in the 1880s or '90s, as were the majority of hall and parlor houses in Park City. The first known owners of this house were Benedictus Carling and his wife, Maria, who bought it at an unknown date and owned it until 1900. Benedictus was born in Sweden in 1854 and came to the U.S. in 1879. He and Maria, whom he married in 1879, had at least seven children. Benedictus worked in one of the ore processing mills in Park City.

Edburn Edstrom, who also worked in one of the mills, bought this house from the Carlings in 1900. He was listed in the 1900 census records as the owner/occupant of a house, apparently this one, in this area along Heber Avenue, as it was referred to at that time. Edburn (b. 1863) and his wife, Bessie (b. 1860), both natives of Sweden, were married in 1887 and came to the U.S. in 1891. They had at least seven children. Just six months after they bought this house, the Edstroms sold it to William Y. Bennie.

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History continued:

William Bennie, a miner, was listed in the 1910 census records as the owner/occupant of this house.<sup>1</sup> Born in Scotland in 1858 and married in 1872, Bennie came to the U.S. in 1887. He worked as a miner while living in Park City. His wife, Catherine, joined him in the U.S. in 1892. They had at least two children.

In the late 1920s or early 1930s this house was purchased by William Wood, father and grandfather of the current owners.<sup>2</sup> Wood lived next door at 652 Rossie Hill Drive and rented out the this and three neighboring houses, which he had also purchased (623 Deer Valley Road, and 622 and 660 Rossie Hill Drive).

<sup>1</sup>The address given in the 1910 census for Bennie's residence, 668 Deer Valley Road, is the same as that given for this house on the 1907 Sanborn Insurance Map, so can be reasonably assumed that they are the same house.

<sup>2</sup>Telephone interview with Gladys Dennis, daughter of William Wood, January 25, 1984, Park City, Utah.