

Historic Preservation Research Office

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 363 Park Park City, Summit County, Utah UTM: 12 458100 4499020
 Name of Structure: Walter and Ann Wilcocks House T. R. S.
 Present Owner: Francis M. Jr. and Donna K. Wright
 Owner Address: 7421 Venice Street, Falls Church, VI 22043
 Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: PC 46
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:
 Lots 15 and 16 Block 3, Park City Survey, and Northerly 4 feet Lot 14 Block 3, Park City Survey
 Less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: probably Walter & Ann Wilcocks Construction Date: c. 1898 Demolition Date:

Original Use: Residence Present Use:

Building Condition: Integrity: Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant | <input type="checkbox"/> Not of the | <input type="checkbox"/> National Landmark | <input type="checkbox"/> District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributory | Historic Period | <input type="checkbox"/> National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Contributory | | <input type="checkbox"/> State Register | <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

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

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

1880 Census Records. Summit County, Park City Precinct, p. 2.
 1900 Census Records. Summit County, Park City Precinct, p. 156-A.
 Park Record. June 2, 1900, p. 3. Walter Wilcocks obituary.
 Deseret News. March 12, 1930, p. 10. Ann Wilcocks obituary.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: Pyramid House

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

This house is a one story frame pyramid house with a truncated pyramid roof. Typical of the pyramid house is the square plan, the generally symmetrical facade with a door set slightly off-center between windows, and the hip roof porch. What distinguishes this house from others of the type is the use of decorative features on the facade. Many pyramid houses have simple, unadorned facades, but Victorian moldings around the door and paired windows and a decorative porch distinguish the house at 363 Park. Grooved moldings with decorative corner blocks such as those on this house are typical of the period of construction. The porch is one of the most ornate of those on Park City's pyramid houses that have survived to the present. It has a shed roof, and is supported on lathe turned porch piers. There is a frieze of jigsaw cut ornament across the facade, and a pediment-shaped projection centered over the entrance bay. Decorative brackets top the porch piers, and there is a band of teardrop-shaped decorative points below the frieze. The original balustrade was replaced by a simple, unadorned bannister of two-by-fours. It is a practical and unobtrusive alteration. There is a rear shed extension and a small side extension attached to the north wall. The Sanborn Insurance Map indicates that both extensions were built before 1900. Matching drop siding was used so that the extensions complement the building, and do not affect its

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Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1898

Built c. 1898, the Walter and Ann Wilcocks House at 363 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 true pyramid houses. 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. It appeared early on, but survived with variations longer than the other two types.

This house was probably built c. 1898 by Walter and Ann Wilcocks to replace their two-story frame house¹ which had apparently been destroyed in the great fire of June 19, 1898. The Wilcocks also owned a rental house at 343 Park, which was also apparently destroyed by the fire and was replaced at about the same time with a new house, similar to this house, but smaller and less elaborate. The Wilcocks owned this house until Ann's death in 1930, at which time it was deeded to Ann's nephew, William J. Scoble.

Walter and Ann Wilcocks were born in England, he in 1840 and she in 1845. They immigrated to the U.S. in 1865, one year after their marriage, and came to Park City in 1877 where they remained for the rest of their lives. By at least 1880, Walter was operating a hotel in the town² and had purchased the property on which this house stands. He was also involved in real estate investments in the town (see 343 Park), and, like almost everyone else in the town, probably had some mining interests as well. He died of Bright's disease in 1900. The Wilcocks had no children. Ann Wilcocks continued to live in this house after Walter's death, sharing the home for a time with her nephew, William J. Scoble, who, in 1905, purchased her rental house at 343 Park. Ann,

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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 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. This house is in excellent condition, and maintains its original integrity.

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listed in the 1900 census records as a "capitalist," was apparently active in various investments herself.

Other owners of the house include William J. Scoble (1930-32) and Robert Browning Cunningham and family (1932-57).

¹1889 Sanborn Insurance Map of Park City.

²1880 Summit County Census Records, Park City Precinct, p. 2.