

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

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

### Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 937 Park UTM: 12 457780 4499630  
 Name of Structure: Park City, Summit County, Utah  
 Charles C. Whitehead House T. R. S.  
 Present Owner: Chalet Associates  
 Owner Address: c/o EBB Tide Development, Inc., 917 Glenmeyre #5  
 Laguna Beach, CA 92651  
 Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: SA 15  
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:  
 Lots 9, 10, 23 and 24 Block 3, Park City Survey. .08 acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Charles C. Whitehead Construction Date: c. 1886 Demolition Date:  
 Original Use: Residence Present Use: Residence  
 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. February 18, 1899, p. 2. Charles C. Whitehead obituary.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: Hall &amp; 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 house with a gable roof. Typical of the hall and parlor house, the facade is symmetrical, with a door centered between two windows. There is a small hip roof porch over the door and windows, supported on distinctive porch piers with equally distinctive decorative brackets at the tops of the piers. The slender piers have center sections that were cut out by a jigsaw which contrast with the more typical lathe turned porch elements found on other houses of the period. The delicate brackets combine spindles with the bracket motif. The screen door is original. There are two windows on both the north and south sides of the house, and there is a second entrance into the south wall. All of the windows are the double hung sash type with two over two lights. There are two shed roof extensions, both of which are probably original. 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. The addition of a shed roof over the side entrance is the only obvious alteration of the exterior of the building. It is a minor, unobtrusive change. The house is in good condition and retains its original integrity.

## Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1886

Built c. 1886, the Charles C. Whitehead House at 937 Park 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 1883, Charles C. and Emma C. Whitehead purchased this and surrounding property from George G. Snyder, one of the first settlers in the Park City area and the first person to build a house in what was to become the Park City townsite. Three years later the Whiteheads mortgaged the parcel of land upon which this house currently sits, apparently to finance the construction of this house. The Whiteheads held legal title to the property only until 1889, at which time they either began renting this house from the new owner or they moved into another house on Park Avenue. Charles died in 1899 "at his home on Park Avenue."<sup>1</sup>

Charles C. Whitehead left his home in Michigan around 1858 at the age of 19 to search for gold in South America and Australia. His search eventually led him to California, where he was involved in gold mining there. He later worked in the Comstock and other mines in Nevada, and in most of the older mines in Utah. He came to Park City in 1880 and worked for the Ontario Mine, managing the receipt, loading and hauling of coal to the company's mines and mills. His death at the age of 67 was attributed to an accidental overdose of morphine, which he had taken to relieve the pain of rheumatism.

Mayer S. Ascheim, owner of the largest mercantile store in town, bought this house in 1889 and probably rented it out, as did the next owner, R.C.

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Chambers, superintendent of the Ontario Mine, who bought the house in 1892. Other owners of the house include Louisa E. Wilson (1903-23), Jennie Lake Gasparac (1923-27), and Alice Murdock Berry and family (1927-79).

<sup>1</sup>Park Record, February 18, 1899, p. 2.