

**Structure/Site Information Form**

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 577 Deer Valley Road UTM: 12 458590 4499320  
 Park City, Summit County, Utah  
 Name of Structure: House at 577 Deer Valley Road T. R. S.  
 Present Owner: E. J. G. Inc.  
 Owner Address: #5 Walker Court, Park City, Utah 84060

Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: PC 531  
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:

4 room house North side Heber Avenue #204 Deer Valley (House No. 577 8th house side of Deer Valley formerly house No. 204 North side Deer Valley). Also, beginning at point on Northerly right-of-way line Deer Valley entrance road and also 544.55 feet and East 376.24 feet from East ¼ corner Section 16 T2S R4E; thence North 7 degrees 46 minutes East 109.43 feet; South 79 degrees 37 minutes East 157.61 feet; South (See continuation sheet)

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Unknown 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.):

Cowin, Norma. Telephone interview, March 6, 1984, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Dennis, Gladys. Telephone interview, January 25, 1984, Park City, Utah.  
 Kummer, Bea. Interview, February 10, 1984, Park City, Utah.  
 1900 Census Records. Summit County, Park City Precinct.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: Hall &amp; Parlor House

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. As is typical of Park City hall and parlor houses, it has a rectangular form oriented broadside to the street, a generally symmetrical facade with a door set slightly off-center between two windows, and a porch centered over the openings on the facade. The house is two rooms deep with an original rear shed extension which makes the house look like a saltbox type. There is a second smaller shed extension that was added after the original construction. It projects beyond the west wall, and a door that possibly provides access to a wood or coal shed was added to the south side of that projection. 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. There are two other entrances, both into the rear shed extensions on the east and west sides. There is a window in each of the gable ends. All of the windows are the one over one double hung sash type. Except for the addition of the rear shed extension, which is an unobtrusive change, the house is essentially unaltered and maintains its original integrity.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1890

Built c. 1890, this house at 577 Deer Valley Road 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.

Built by at least 1907, as indicated by the Sanborn Insurance Maps which first covered this area that year, this house was probably constructed in the 1880s or 1890s, as were the majority of Park City's hall and parlor houses. The exact date of construction and the name of the original owner are unknown. By at least 1910 this property, referred to as the "8th house, north side of Deer Valley Road," indicate that it was owned by Rachel and George Urban, who also owned the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th houses along that road as well as property in other parts of town. It is uncertain whether or not those four numbered houses were part of the group of five houses at 321, 339, 345, 555, and 777 Deer Valley Road, which were referred to in another property transaction involving the Urbans in 1912 (see 555 Deer Valley Road). The 1910 census records, which listed the addresses for many of the households surveyed, do not list the address for this house, so it is difficult to determine who was living here at that time.

Rachel Urban was the principal madame of Park City's red light district, which was concentrated on Heber Avenue, the lower portion of Deer Valley Road. There is no substantial evidence, however, to support an assumption that this was one of her "business houses." The documented red light district in Park City is not known to have extended this far east out of town, and older

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577 Deer Valley Road  
History continued:

residents of the area claim that these houses along Deer Valley Road were all occupied only by miners and laborers.<sup>1</sup> The census records appear to support that claim. Like the other property holdings of the Urbans in other parts of town, it is likely that this house, too, was used as investment property. Other owners of the property include Roy Pederson, Ethel M. Kimber and Alma H. Pederson.

<sup>1</sup>Interviews with Bea Kummer (February 10, 1984), and Gladys Dennis (January 25, 1984), Park City, Utah, and Norma Cowin (March 6, 1984) Salt Lake City, Utah.

Legal Description continued:

7 degrees 13 minutes 8 seconds West 92.91 feet to point on 7351.7 feet radius curve running along Northerly right-of-way line Deer Valley entrance road, radius point of radius curve bears South 3 degrees 46 minutes 44 seconds West 7351.7 feet; thence Northerly along arc road curve 151.47 feet to point of tangency; thence North 85 degrees 2 minutes 26 seconds West 7.14 feet along road Northerly right-of-way line to beginning. 16.019 square feet.