

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 959 Park Park City, Summit County, Utah UTM: 12 457740 4499700
 Name of Structure: Joseph D. Harris House T. R. S.
 Present Owner: Kenneth W. and Helen L. Holt
 Owner Address: 1557 West Mable Street, Anaheim, CA 92802
 Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: SA 20
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:

Lots 16 and 17 Block 3, Snyder's Addition to Park City Survey.

Less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: probably Joseph D. Harris Construction Date: c. 1895 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.):

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: Hall & 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 and an original rear extension. Typical of the hall and parlor house, the facade is symmetrical with a door centered between two double hung sash one over one light windows, and a porch spans the facade. The roof edge was extended to form the front porch which is supported on slender square piers. The cabin and its extension were built as a single unit. The only alterations to the exterior of the house are the addition of shutters to the facade windows and the replacement of the front door with one that dates from the 1920s. Both changes are minor, could easily be reversed, and do not affect the original character of the building.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1895

Built c. 1895, the Joseph D. Harris House at 959 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.

This house was built by at least 1900, as indicated by the Sanborn Insurance Maps, and may have been built by Joseph D. Harris around 1896, the year he purchased the property from the Park City Townsite Corporation. Harris may have built the house several years prior to obtaining legal title to the property, a common practice in Park City during the early decades of its settlement. Harris and his wife sold this property to Geneva A. Kimball in 1897. Nothing is known about the Harrises.

Geneva Kimball was involved with the Kimball Investment Company, which owned several rental properties in Park City, including houses at 690, 702, and 807 Park. She apparently rented out this house also until selling it in 1899. Hyrum J. Sweat, who bought the house around 1900, lived there until 1912 with his large, nine member family. Hyrum, born in Utah in 1852, worked in one of the mills in Park City.

Other owners of this house include J.O. Stewart (1912-15) and Joe Halverson (1915-c.1940).