

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 610 Park
Park City, Summit County, Utah

UTM: 12 458000 4499360

Name of Structure: Irinda Watson House

T. R. S.

Present Owner: Michael C. McKee

Owner Address: Box 4464, Park City, Utah 84060

Year Built (Tax Record):
Legal Description

Effective Age:
Kind of Building:

Tax #: PC 117

All Lot 30 Block 8, Park City Survey
Less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Irinda Watson

Construction Date: c. 1905

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

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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, p. 164-A.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: Pyramid House (variant)

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

This house is a one and one half story variant of the pyramid house. Features of this house that are typical of the basic pyramid house are the generally symmetrical facade with a door set slightly off-center between two windows or pairs of windows, and the low pitch hip roof porch spanning the facade. The windows are the double hung sash one over one type. The porch is supported on lathe turned columns topped with lacey decorative brackets. Key characteristics of the variant include: a long rectangular form built deep on the lot, a truncated hip or gable roof with a clipped gable on the facade, and windows set into the gable section. This house fits that description. It has a truncated gable roof, and a pair of second story windows is centered in the gable section over the door. Large dormers project from the north and south sides of the east end of the building. The dormers are probably not original, but because they are located at the rear of the building, and are therefore essentially hidden from view, and because they were constructed of drop siding that matches the original siding, they are unobtrusive and do not affect the original character of the building. Except for the addition of the dormers, the house is unaltered. It is in excellent condition and maintains its original integrity.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1905

Built c. 1905, the Irinda Watson house at 610 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, 11 are true pyramid houses and 17 are variants of the basic type. This house is one of the variants of the pyramid house. 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 continued to be built with variations longer than the other two types.

This house was probably built for Irinda Watson in 1905, as indicated by a lien placed on the property that year by the Summit Lumber Company. Mrs. Watson had owned this property since 1893, but whatever house may have previously been located here was probably burned in the 1898 fire which destroyed much of the town. William A. Watson (b. 1876), the oldest of her four children and a miner, was part owner in this property. Irinda was born in Utah in 1853 and was apparently widowed in the 1890s.

The Watsons sold this house in 1911 to John J. Fitzgerald, who owned it until about 1916. Other owners include Mary Jefford (c.1916-27), and Andrew Petersen (1927-34).