

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 817 Park UTM: 12 457840 4499550
 Park City, Summit County, Utah
 Name of Structure: Burt Kimball House T. R. S.
 Present Owner: John H. and Barbara Cook
 Owner Address: 1355 Foothill Boulevard, Suite 100, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: SA 7
 Legal Description Kind of Building:

Beginning North 28 degrees 50 minutes West 93.56 feet from Southeast corner Block 2
 Snyders Addition to Park City Survey, thence South 61 degrees 20 minutes West 135.1 feet,
 North 31 degrees 48 minutes West 31.7 feet, North 61 degrees 10 minutes East 136.7 feet,
 North 32 feet along Park Avenue to beginning.
 Less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: probably Burt Kimball Construction Date: c. 1889 Demolition Date:

Original Use: Residence Present Use:

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

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| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input 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 checked="" 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

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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.):

Deseret News. July 18, 1919, p. 1, 2nd Section. Burton T. Kimball obituary.
Park Record. January 7, 1882, p. 4.

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Site No:

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: Hall and 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 two rear extensions. The house was sided with aluminum siding in 1965. The addition of siding is considered a major change, but in this case it has not changed the original character of the building. The white lap siding approximates the look and scale of the original wood siding. If the siding were removed it is likely that the house could be restored to its original appearance. The house was raised in 1954 so that a concrete foundation could be poured. Typical of a hall and parlor house, the arrangement of openings on the facade is symmetrical. A door is centered between two double hung sash two over two light widows. There is a single six over six double hung sash window on the south end of the building. Also typical of the hall and parlor house is the plan of two rooms of unequal size. Because the house measures only 12 x 24 feet, it is likely that the rear shed extension was built as part of the original construction. That extension projects beyond the south wall, and there is an entrance into the east side of the projection. According to the present owner, Dr. John Cook, there was a wood shed in the south section of the shed extension which he enclosed in 1965. Between 1900 and 1907 another extension was added perpendicular to the rear of the house in order to provide room for a kitchen. In-period rear extensions are part of Park
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Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c.1882

Built c. 1882, the Burt Kimball House at 817 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 1889, as indicated by the Sanborn Insurance Maps, having probably been built in 1882 for Burt Kimball. This property was purchased in 1884 from George G. Snyder, the original settler of Park City, by Edwin Kimball, apparently a relative of Burt's.¹ It was not uncommon in the early decades of Park City's settlement for individuals to build their houses on property which they had obtained through unofficial rather than legal transactions. Therefore, it is possible that Burt, either by himself or in conjunction with Edwin, had already "bought" this property previous to the 1884 legal transaction, and had this house built, as the following evidence suggests.

The Park Record noted in January of 1882 that Burt Kimball had built a new 12'x24' house with a 12'x12' addition and a new two-story barn measuring 20'x30'.² Those dimensions match fairly closely with those estimated for this house and the barn on the adjacent lot to the north, as shown on the 1889 Sanborn Insurance Map, although the 12'x12' addition on the house does not show up on the map. Actual measurements taken of the house in October 1983 reveal that the original section of this house is indeed 12'x24', but, since the scale and proportions of this house are typical of many other hall and
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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 bedrooms in the top half story of the house. Although this house has received several major alterations, it maintains its integrity as one of the smallest extant examples of the hall and parlor house in Park City.

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parlor houses in Park City, the correlation between those dimensions cannot conclusively prove that this was the house built by Burt Kimball in 1882. The assumption that this was Burt Kimball's house is supported, however, by the existence of the two-story barn on the lot next to this house on the 1889 Sanborn Map. There were very few barns in Park City, since it was a mining town rather than a farming town, and most barns of the size mentioned in the 1882 newspaper account were those of livery stables or freighting businesses. The barn was labeled on the 1889 Sanborn Map as Kimball's Coal Team Barn. It is known that the Kimball Brothers operated the largest livery stable in town, Dexter Livery (at the corner of Park Avenue and Heber Avenue), and that they were also involved in stage lines and freighting. The barn, which has since been torn down, apparently served the Kimball's coal wagon teams, and this house was probably occupied by the manager or caretaker of that operation, most likely one of the Kimballs. Nothing is known for certain about Burt Kimball, but it can reasonably be assumed that he was involved in the Kimball Bros.' operations, and that he was the original owner/occupant of this house. It is possible that "Burt" was the nickname for Burton T. Kimball, a long-time resident and rancher in the Park City area. Burton moved to Los Angeles in 1903 and died there in 1919.

This house remained in the Kimball family until 1917, when it was sold to Henry Kenneth Gibson. Other owners include Deyson G. Larson (1940-69), and Dr. John Cook (1969-present), who at present uses the house as his medical offices.

¹Burt Kimball and Edwin Kimball were almost certainly not the same person. The assumption that they were relatives is supported by the fact that they share the same last name, and by the evidence that they were both associated with this property at about the same time. Edwin Kimball was a successful businessman and one-time mayor of Park City, and there has been nothing found that refers to him as Burt.

²Park Record, January 7, 1882, p. 4.