Property Type:

Utah State Historical Society

Historic Preservation Research Office

Site No.	
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Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION -

STATUS/USE 2

DOCUMENTATION &

Street Address:

1010 Woodside

UTM: 12 457700 4499740

Park City, Summit County, Utah Name of Structure: Wilson I. Snyder House

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Present Owner:

Otto and LaRue Carpenter

Owner Address:

P.O. Box 15, Park City, Utah 84060

Year Built (Tax Record):

Effective Age:

Tax #: SA-43

Legal Description

Kind of Building:

All of Lot 30 Block 4, Snyder's Addition to Park City Survey. Less than one acre.

Original Owner: Possibly Wilson I. Snyder

Construction Date: 1880

Demolition Date:

Original Use:

Residence

Present Use:

Building Condition:

Integrity:

Preliminary Evaluation:

Final Register Status:

Excellent

□ Site

□ Unaltered

Significant

□ Not of the

Good

☐ Ruins

Historic Period □ Contributory

□ National Landmark National Register

☐ District ☐ Multi-Resource

Deteriorated

☐ Minor Alterations Major Alterations

□ Not Contributory

□ State Register

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Photography:

1983

Slide No.:

Date of Photographs:

Views: ☐ Front ☐ Side ☐ Rear ☐ Other

1983

Photo No.:

Views: ☐ Front ☐ Side ☐ Rear ☐ Other Research Sources:

Sanborn Maps

Date of Slides:

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

✓ Obiturary 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.):

Alter, Cecil J. Utah: The Storied Domain. (Chicago and New York: The American Historical Society, Inc., 1932). Vol. II, pp. 82-84.

Park Record. July 17, 1886; July 23, 1898; October 10, 1930, p. 1. Wilson I. Snyder obituar

Date: 4/84

Street		

1010 Woodside

Site No:

Architect/Builder:

Unknown

Building Materials:

Wood

Building Type/Style:

T/L Cottage

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

This house is a one story frame T/L cottage with a gable roof. An open porch originally spanned the west side of the stem-wing. It was enclosed at some time within the historic period. Careful attention was paid to matching the frame siding of the porch with the siding of the original house, and to using windows that are compatible with the character of the building. A small one over one double hung sash window is centered over two windows of the same type on the gable end of the cross-wing. The small window is not original, but was added to make attic space available for use. It is an unobtrusive alteration. Access to the interior of the house is through a door off the enclosed porch into the south side of the cross-wing. There is a large single pane window on the stem-wing. The square and rectangular windows on the south side of the building may not be original, but they, too, are unobtrusive alterations. There is a shed roof rear extension which, according to the Sanborn Insurance Map of 1900, was added sometime between 1889 and 1900. In materials and scale it is compatible with the original house. 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. (See continuation sheet)

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1880

Built c. 1880, the Wilson I. Snyder House at 1010 Woodside is architecturally significant as one of 78 extant T/L cottages in Park City, 17 of which are included in this nomination. The T/L cottage 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. This house is also historically significant as the only house in Park City known to be associated with Wilson I. Snyder, a prominent attorney and mining man in Park City and the state for almost fifty years.

This house was built before 1889, as indicated by the Sanborn Insurance Maps, possibly having been constructed as early as the late 1870s for Wilson I. Snyder. 1880 census records indicate that Snyder was living in a house near this location at that time. Although Snyder did not receive legal title to this and surrounding property until 1890, it was not uncommon during the early decades of Park City's settlement for individuals to build houses on property which they had obtained through informal rather than official transactions. Snyder continued to own this property until 1918, although he probably began using it as rental property in the mid-1880s. It is unknown whether Snyder ever lived in this house, but, since records do not indicate that he owned many other houses in Park City, it is likely that he did live here. Other houses that he is known to have owned have apparently been demolished, including the house he had built in 1886 behind his office on Main Street, and the two story frame house, also on Main Street, which he had built in 1898 after the great fire which destroyed that part of town.

Wilson I. Snyder was born in 1856 near Salt Lake City, and began studying law at the age of 18. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and opened an office soon after in Park City. Park City was just a few miles away from the farming community of Snyderville which had been founded by his relatives. He served (See continuation sheet)

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1010 Woodside Description continued:

Although major changes have been made to the exterior of this building, they reflect typical methods of expansion of the small mining cottage, and all of the changes were made so that the building retains its original character.

History continued:

for a time as Park City Attorney and also as Summit County Attorney. While in Park City he was very active in the leadership and affairs of the local Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodges, and eventually became a grand master in that organization. On 1901, he moved to Salt Lake City to organize a law firm there, but continued to be involved in Park City through his real estate and mining investments, and various legal matters. He served as the representative of the Park City Townsite Corporation in 1916 when they attempted to clear up the "extensive property muddle" by granting clear title to the occupants of numerous properties which had never been legally purchased from the Townsite Corporation, but which had changed hands through unofficial transactions for over 40 years. W.I. Snyder served as president of the Utah Bar Association in 1908, wrote several important articles on mining and mining law, and was an instructor of mining at the University of Utah for a time. He served for many years as vice-president, director and general counsel for the Tintic Standard Mining Company. He died at his home in Salt Lake City (1351 E. 100 S.) in 1930. Preceding him in death were his first two wives, Cynthia Brown Snyder (d.1881), whom he had married in 1877 and who bore him at least two children, and Elizabeth Wells Arrick Snyder, who died in 1921.

¹Park Record, July 17, 1886, p. 3. ²Park Record, July 23, 1898, p. 3.