

Historic Preservation Research Office

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 59 Prospect Park City, Summit County, Utah UTM: 12 458340 4498550  
 Name of Structure: Welch-Sherman House T. R. S.  
 Present Owner: Paul J. Salvatora, Jr.  
 Owner Address: c/o Kim Marks P.O. Box 2348, Park City, UT 84060

Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: PC 227  
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:

The third house on the east side of Prospect Street, Park City, T 2 S, R 4 E, Section 21. Also described as being situated on the following parcel of land: Commencing at the southwest corner of parcel PC 226, which point is South 14 degrees 2 minutes West 25.70 feet from a point which is South 89 degrees 57 minutes West along section line 330.0 feet and South 14 degrees 2 minutes West 131.30 feet from Northeast corner of Section 21 T2S R4E Salt Lake Base and Meridian; thence South 76 degrees 33 minutes 50 seconds (see cont. sheet

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Unknown Construction Date: c. 1891 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.):

Park Record. April 29, 1937, p. 5. Frederic W. Sherman obituary.

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 is a one story frame T/L cottage with a gable roof. A porch spans the west side of the stem-wing. This house is larger than a majority of T/L cottages in Park City, having a long rear extension. The house may originally have been a small T/L cottage, but by 1900, when it first showed up on the Sanborn Insurance Map, it was the size it is today. The rear extension, if not original, was added before 1900. There is no obvious break in the roof line or in the siding which would indicate that type of major change. Because the cross-wing is so long, however, it is likely that it was lengthened some time after the original construction. Whether original or not, in-period 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. Both the cross-wing and the stem-wing are three rooms deep. As was common in T/L cottages there are two doors into the front of the house. One opens into the stem-wing and is flanked by paired windows. The other door opens into the north side of the cross-wing. Both doors have distinctive arch topped panels, a decorative feature common to late nineteenth century houses of which very few are extant in Park City. The most prominent feature on the facade is the

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Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1891

Built c. 1891, the Welch-Sherman House at 59 Prospect 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 for its association with Frederic W. Sherman, a long-time superintendent of the Daly West Mill and the developer of numerous techniques and machinery for concentrating and processing ore.

This house was built between 1889 and 1900, as indicated by the Sanborn Insurance Maps. It was possibly built around 1891, the same time that the house next door at 57 Prospect was built, since both houses have Italianate bay windows, a very unusual feature in Park City. The first recorded transaction involving this property was in 1901 when Andrew and Julia A. Welch sold this house to Frederic W. and Lizzie Sherman. It is unknown when the Welches bought this house, or, during their ownership, whether or not they ever lived here themselves, since they were not listed in the 1900 census records as residents of a house on Prospect Street. Nothing is known about the Welches.

The Shermans owned this house from 1901 until 1916, although by at least 1910 they were renting it out and living in a house on Park Avenue.<sup>1</sup> Although it is uncertain whether or not the Shermans ever lived in this house, this is the only identified house in town associated with Frederic W. Sherman, who served for 18 years as superintendent of the Daly West Mill and was an important figure in the mining industry in Park City.

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59 Prospect

Description continued :

prominent Italianate bay on the gable end. It is a square bay with a hip roof, a single window on each side, and a pair of windows across the front. There are recessed panels across the top, bottom and at the corners of the bay. The bay may not be original, but it represents a common and predictable type of change that was made to a number of Park City houses after the original construction in order to make a simple house fancy. All of the major windows are the one over one double hung sash type. The house is in excellent condition and maintains its original character.

History continued :

Frederic Sherman was born in New York in 1858, and after two years at Oberlin College came west in 1880 and became involved in fur trading, dealing in buffalo hides along the Missouri River. By 1890, he had developed an interest in mining, which led him to Montana, where he was involved in copper concentrating mills and served as superintendent of a few mines there. Sherman came to Park City in the fall of 1899 to accept the position of superintendent of the Daly West Mill. While in that position, he became known for his development of new concentrating methods and improved machinery, and obtained numerous patents for his inventions. He resigned his position as superintendent in 1917, and moved to Arizona where he designed and supervised the construction of concentrating plants in various parts of the state. He later moved to Oregon, where he was involved in the hotel business. His wife, Lizzie Woods Sherman, whom he had married in Butte, Montana in 1895, died in Park City in 1913.

Subsequent owners of this house include John C. Thompson (1916-18), and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hays and family (1918-80).

1910 census records

Legal Description continued:

East 75 feet, South 14 degrees 2 minutes West 53.64 feet, North 75 degrees 58 minutes West 75 feet, North 14 degrees 2 minutes East 53.64 feet to beginning. less than one a