

Historic Preservation Research Office

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 652 Rossie Hill Drive UTM: 12 458740 4499220  
 Park City, Summit County, Utah  
 Name of Structure: Jack M. Murdock House T. R. S.  
 Present Owner: Gladys W. and Richard Dennis  
 Owner Address: P.O. Box 254, Park City, Utah 84060

Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: PC 547

Legal Description: Kind of Building:  
 Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 16 T2S R4E, Salt Lake Base and Meridian; South 990 feet; East 57.76 feet; South 11 degrees 43 minutes West 37.27 feet; South 66 degrees 22 minutes West 0.27 feet; South 255.24 feet; South 66 degrees 22 minutes 55 feet; South 16.51 feet; East 1320 feet; North 473.61 feet; South 89 degrees 58 minutes 38 seconds West 1319.18 feet to beginning; less other properties described in tax file #PC-750-1-X, leaving a balance of 0.47 acres. (See continuation sheet)

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Unknown 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.):  
 Dennis, Gladys. Telephone interview, January 25, 1984, Park City, Utah.  
 1910 Census Records. Summit County, Park City, Utah, p. 3-A.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: T/L Cottage

## Description of physical appearance &amp; 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. A hip roof porch supported on lathe turned piers spans the north side of the stem-wing. A window and door open into the stem-wing. A second door opens off the porch into the east side of the cross-wing. A pair of windows, each with its own pedimental window head, is centered on the gable end of the cross-wing. There is a single window on both the east and west sides of the house. All of the windows are the one over one light double hung sash type. A small, half story shed extension is attached to the rear of the house which complements it in scale and materials. It may be original, but whether original or not, in-period rear additions and extensions are part of Park City's architectural vocabulary. Although in many cases an addition 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. The building is unaltered, is in good condition, and therefore maintains its original integrity.

Photos

## Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1895

Built c. 1895, the Jack M. Murdock House at 652 Rossie Hill Drive 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.

The date of construction and the name of the original owner of this house are unknown, but it is estimated that it was probably built in the 1890s, the years of greatest popularity of the T/L cottage house type in Park City. The ownership records for this property are very sketchy, making it virtually impossible to determine who the original owner of the house was and when it was built. The 1910 census records, which were the first to identify the addresses of the households surveyed, show that the owner-occupant of this house at that time was Jack M. Murdock.<sup>1</sup> Murdock was born in Utah in 1877, married in 1904, and worked as a miner. He did not show up in the 1900 census records as a resident of a house in this area, so he apparently bought this house between 1900 and 1910, and was probably not the original owner. It is unknown how long the Murdocks lived here.

In the late 1920s or early 1930s this house was purchased by William Wood, father and grandfather of the current owners.<sup>2</sup> Wood lived in this house and rented out the three neighboring houses, which he had also purchased (623 Deer Valley Road, and 622 and 660 Rossie Hill Drive).

<sup>1</sup>The address given in the census, 664 Deer Valley Road, is the same as that given for this house on the 1907 Sanborn Insurance Map, so it can be  
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652 Rossie Hill Drive  
History continued:

reasonably assumed that they are the same house.

<sup>2</sup>Telephone interview with Gladys Dennis, daughter of William Wood, January 25, 1984, Park City, Utah.

Legal Description continued:

Also known as the 14th house on the South side of Deer Valley Road.  
Less than one acre.