

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 44 Chambers UTM: 12 458370 4498600
 Park City, Summit County, Utah
 Name of Structure: George Murray House T. R. S.
 Present Owner: David C. and Deanna H. Foulger
 Owner Address: 3887 West 3240 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84120

Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax#: PC 676
 Legal Description Kind of Building:
 Beginning South 89 degrees 57 minutes West 272.21 feet and South 6 degrees 30 minutes West 67.29 feet from the Northeast corner Section 21, T2S R4E, Salt Lake Base Meridian; thence South 6 degrees 30 minutes West 78.48 feet; South 76 degrees 33 minutes 50 seconds East 19.0 feet; South 5 degrees 13 minutes East 12.31 feet; North 78 degrees 18 minutes 60.0 feet North 5 degrees 13 minutes West 82.88 feet; South 89 degrees 57 minutes West 61.93 feet to beginning. Less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Unknown Construction Date: c. 1885 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.):

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: Hall & Parlor House

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 one story hall and parlor house. The hall and parlor house typically has a rather narrow roof pitch and is one room deep. A number of Park City's hall and parlor houses have the rear roof section extended to include a shed extension, but the roof angle at the apex is still comparable with those of typical hall and parlor houses. The angle of the roof pitch of this house is quite wide, having been built to cover a floor plan that is at least two rooms deep. The plan is essentially square. Like other hall and parlor houses, the arrangement of openings on the facade is essentially symmetrical with a door set slightly off center between two double hung sash windows. The porch that spans the facade is not original, according to the Sanborn Insurance Maps. The 1889 map gives no indication of a porch, but one does show up on the 1900 map. Many hall and parlor houses were built without porches, as is reflected in old photographs, but they were added later as an improvement to the home. Porches were generally added in one of two ways: by extending the roof section or by attaching a hip roof porch that may or may not span the width of the facade. The porch of this house is the former type, and because the house was reroofed, it is impossible to tell where the roof stops and the porch begins. The 1889 Sanborn indicates that there was also a porch in the southwest corner (See continuation sheet)

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1885

Built c. 1885, the George Murray House at 44 Chambers 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 before 1889, as indicated by the Sanborn Insurance Maps, but the exact date of its construction and the name of its original owner are unknown. It is located on property granted to the Ontario Silver Mining Company in 1877, and is adjacent to the site of their ore processing mill. George Murray, the first individual owner of record, was granted a quit claim deed to the property in 1928 by the Ontario Silver Mining Company. The Murray family owned the house until 1945.

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Description continued:

and at that early date there were several one story extensions off the rear of the house. At the present time there is one small unobtrusive shed roof extension attached perpendicular to the rear of the 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. The porch was enclosed and a horizontal multi-paned window was inserted into the new wall. An effort was made to match the siding of the new wall with that of the extension so that the change is unobtrusive, and does not affect the building's original character. A door opens into the south side, covered by a simple shed roof porch. The porch is not original, but is also unobtrusive. There is a large six over six light window in each gable end. A door was added beside the window in the north gable end, and stairs were built to provide access to the top half story which was probably converted to an apartment. The change is minor and does not affect the building's original character.