

**Structure/Site Information Form**

1 IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 139 Main UTM: 12 458260 4498780  
 Name of Structure: Park City, Summit County, Utah  
 Thomas Cunningham House T. R. S.  
 Present Owner: Herbert S. and William Armstrong  
 Owner Address: P.O. Box 1510, Park City, UT 84060  
 Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: PC 214  
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:  
 All of Lot 10 and Southerly 796 square feet Lot 11 Block 13, Park City Survey  
 Less than one acre.

2 STATUS/USE

Original Owner: probably Thomas Cunningham 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

3 DOCUMENTATION

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 15, 1905, p.4. Thomas Cunningham obituary.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: Hall &amp; Parlor House

## Description of physical appearance &amp; 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. The facade is generally symmetrical with a door set slightly off center between two windows. There is a porch, which may be original, spanning the facade and extending down the north and south sides of the building. It is supported on square columns. There is a major rear extension added perpendicular to the rear of the house that was probably built shortly after the construction of the original house. The siding of the extension matches the siding of the original section, and this type of extension compares with others of the early period. 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 the house because it documents the most common and acceptable method of expansion of the small Park City house. Perpendicular extensions such as this were less common than shed extensions, but they occur with enough frequency in Park City to indicate that they represent an acceptable form that could be used to enlarge a small house. A window change was made on the north side of the building, but it does not affect the original character of the building. The house is abandoned, is in fair condition, and maintains its original integrity.

## Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1885

Built c. 1885, the Thomas Cunningham House at 139 Main 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, but the exact date of its construction and the name of its original owner are uncertain. Thomas and Mary J. Cunningham obtained legal title to the property in 1892 from the Park City Townsite Corporation, although the house had been built before then and the Cunninghams had probably been living there for at least a few years. It was not uncommon in Park City's early decades for houses to be built on property which the "owners" had obtained through unofficial transactions.

Thomas Cunningham, at the time of his death in 1905, was "one of the camp's old-time citizens." Born in Antwerp, New York in 1850, he had come to Park City in 1878, just six years after the town was established and stayed for the remainder of his life. He worked for twenty years in the Ontario mill, and later in the Daly and King mines. He died of miner's consumption, a common cause of death among miners, leaving behind his wife and four children.

The Cunninghams sold the house in 1903 to Kate Carpenter, who lived there for seven years. Other owners include F.L. Peterson (1910-12), and Samuel Segro and family (1912-51).