

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 939 Empire Park City, Summit County, Utah UTM: 12 457620 4499570
 Name of Structure: Harry W. Haumann House T. R. S.
 Present Owner: Mary Lou Toly
 Owner Address: P.O. Box 14, Park City, Utah 84060
 Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: SA 308
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:

North half Lot 8 and all Lots 9, 10, 11, and 23 Block 29, Snyder's Addition to Park City Survey and all that part of Lot 24 Block 29 Snyder's Addition on the Northerly side of Crescent Tramway and distant along said tram 5 feet from center also 1 foot from Northerly side of barn which stands on Southerly side Lot 24. Less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Harry W. Haumann Construction Date: c.1897 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.):

1910 Census Records. Summit County, Park City Precinct, p. 170-A.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: Pyramid 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 frame pyramid house with a truncated hip roof. It is a variant of the basic four room pyramid house. It is larger, one and one half stories instead of one, runs deeper on the lot, and has been fancied up with pent corners and a decorative porch. The porch has lathe turned piers, a spindle band and a geometric balustrade. Dormers project from the south and east sides of the building. Typical of the pyramid house and its variants is the symmetrical facade with a door slightly off center between two windows. The windows on the facade have broad single panes with leaded glass transom windows. All other windows are the one over one double hung sash type.

An extension was added to the north side of 939 Empire between 1900 and 1907, according to the Sanborn Insurance maps. It has clipped gables, a porch spanning the facade, and a pent northeast corner. The door and broad single pane window on the facade were matched with those on the original section. The extension is set back, attached to the northwest corner of the house. Despite the extension the original integrity of the main block has been maintained. In style, materials and scale, the extension was built to complement the original section, and the setback minimizes its visual impact.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1897

Built c. 1897, the Harry W. Haumann House at 939 Empire is architecturally significant as one of 69 extant pyramid houses in Park City, 28 of which are included in this nomination. Of the 28 being nominated, 11 are true pyramid houses and 17 are variants of the basic type. This house is one of the variants of the pyramid houses. The pyramid house 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. It appeared early on, but survived with variations longer than the other two types.

This house was built between 1889 and 1900, as indicated by Sanborn Insurance Maps, having probably been built in 1897 for Harry W. Haumann and his wife. The property was purchased in November of 1896 by Haumann from the Park City Townsite Corporation, and soon after granted a trust deed, apparently to secure financing for the construction of this house. A \$300 mortgage with the J.C. Weeter Lumber Company in December of 1897 also suggests that the house was built at that time. Haumann, about whom nothing is known, owned the property until 1901, when he sold it to Arthur R. Weeter, who was married that same year.

Arthur R. Weeter was apparently the younger brother of John C. Weeter (843 Norfolk), whose lumber company (J.C. Weeter Lumber Company) was in business in Park City during the 1890s. In addition to sharing the same unusual last name, both men were born in Pennsylvania and both were engaged in the lumber business. Arthur was born in 1877 and probably came to Park City in the mid-to-late 1890s to work in his brother's lumber business. After that business closed its doors, Arthur helped organize the Summit Lumber Company in
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1900, and he was listed in the 1910 census records as a lumber company salesman. The 1910 census records also show him as being the owner/occupant of this house, which was referred to as 937 Empire at that time. His wife, Mattie L., whom he had married in 1901, was also listed as a resident of this house.

The physical appearance of this house is very similar to that of John C. Weeter's house at 843 Norfolk, which is accountable by the fact that the J.C. Weeter Lumber Company was involved in its construction. It is also a possibility, though remote, that this house was built for Arthur Weeter, who may have wanted a home like his brother's. Since the house was built by 1900 and Weeter did not own the property until 1901, the only explanation for that assumption would be that perhaps the 1901 purchase date of the property by Weeter was the date that the deed was filed, but that the actual transaction between Haumann and Weeter had occurred some time earlier. Weeter did have the large addition on the north of this house built between 1900 and 1907, as indicated by the Sanborn Insurance Maps. That addition was apparently intended for use as an apartment, since the 1910 census records show Edward B. Carnan, his wife Margaret, and their seven-year-old son as renting a portion of the Weeter's house. The Weeters owned this house until 1912, then apparently left the area.

Subsequent owners of this house include F.D. Halm (1912-22), Clyde Peter Paul (1922-34), and H.V. Pederson (1934-61).