

Structure/Site Information Form

1 IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 564 Woodside UTM: 12 457980 4499240
 Name of Structure: Park City, Summit County, Utah
 James Cavanaugh House T. R. S.
 Present Owner: Sherla Purdom
 Owner Address: 2319 Comstock, Park City, Utah 84060
 Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: PC 87
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:
 All of Lot 31 Block 5, Park City Survey
 Less than one acre.

2 STATUS/USE

Original Owner: probably James Cavanaugh 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

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.):

1900 Census Records, Summit County, Park City Precinct, p. 155-B.

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 story frame pyramid house with a truncated pyramid roof. Typical of the pyramid house is the square plan and the door set slightly off-center between two groups of windows. The windows are horizontal bands, each with three lights. There is a small gable roof hood over the door. Single windows on both the north and south sides of the building have been eliminated by an infill of drop siding that matches the original siding of the house. The lines of juncture, however, reveal that an alteration was made. Those changes are the only alterations of the exterior of the building, and do not affect its original character.

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HISTORY
Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1891

Built c. 1891, the James Cavanaugh House at 564 Woodside 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 true 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 continued to be built with variations longer than the other two types.

This house was built between 1889 and 1900, according to the Sanborn Insurance Maps, having probably been constructed in 1891 as investment property by James and Esther Cavanaugh. The Cavanaugh's received title to this property in February of 1891, but in July of that year they sold the land and the "house thereon" to Timothy Halloran. However, Halloran sold it back to the Cavanaugh's in 1893, and they continued to own it until 1911. The 1900 census records show the Cavanaugh's living in a house in this area along Woodside Avenue, so it is possible that at that time they were living in this house rather than renting it out. James Cavanaugh (b. 1851) was a miner who had come to the U.S. from his native Ireland in 1875. His wife, Esther, whom he married c. 1878, was also from Ireland (b. 1853).¹

Other owners of the property include Thomas H. Paull (1911-35) and Hensley K. Lefler (1935-40s).

¹The 1900 census records inexplicably show James Cavanaugh's wife's name as Teresa instead of Esther.