## **HISTORIC SITE FORM - HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY**

PARK CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (10-08)

### **1 IDENTIFICATION**

#### Name of Property: John Shields House

Address: 416 Park Ave

City, County: Park City, Summit County, Utah

AKA:

Tax Number: PC-162

Current Owner Name: MAYER JACK R TRUSTEE

Parent Parcel(s):

Current Owner Address: 2365 BLAINE CIR, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84108

Legal Description (include acreage) SUBD: PARK CITY BLOCK 10 BLOCK: 10 LOT: 28 AND:- LOT: 29BUILDING: 0.00PC 162 ALL LOTS 28 & 29 BLK 10 PARK CITY; Acres 0.09

#### 2 STATUS/USE

Property Category ☑ building(s), main □ building(s), attached □ building(s), detached □ building(s), public □ building(s), accessory □ structure(s)	Evaluation* ☑ Landmark S □ Significant S □ Not Historic *National Reg □ listed (date	Site Permit #:	Origi Curre Partial	nal Use: Residential ent Use: Residential eligible
<b>3 DOCUMENTATION</b>				
<ul> <li><u>Photos: Dates</u></li> <li>☑ tax photo:</li> <li>☑ prints:</li> <li>□ historic: c.</li> <li><u>Drawings and Plans</u></li> <li>□ measured floor plans</li> <li>□ site sketch map</li> <li>□ Historic American Bldg. Surv</li> <li>□ original plans:</li> <li>□ other:</li> </ul>	□ abs ☑ tax □ orig □ sev ☑ Sar □ obi □ city vey □ cer □ bio	tract of title	v city/c □ perso □ Utah □ USH □ LDS s □ Park □ unive	l, whether useful or not) county histories onal interviews Hist. Research Center S Preservation Files S Architects File Family History Library City Hist. Soc/Museum ersity library(ies):

Bibliographical References (books, articles, interviews, etc.) Attach copies of all research notes and materials.

Blaes, Dina & Beatrice Lufkin. "Final Report." Park City Historic Building Inventory. Salt Lake City: 2007.

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University of Utah Graduate School of Architecture and Utah State Historical Society, 1991.

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Roberts, Allen. "Final Report." Park City Reconnaissance Level Survey. Salt Lake City: 1995.

Roper, Roger & Deborah Randall. "Residences of Mining Boom Era, Park City - Thematic Nomination." National Register of Historic Places Inventory, Nomination Form. 1984.

#### **4 ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION & INTEGRITY**

Building Type and/o	or Style: P	yramid House			No. Stories: 1	
Additions:   none	⊠ minor	□ major (describe below)	Alterations: $\Box$ none	⊠ minor	a major (describe below)	
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Researcher/Organization: Preservation Solutions/Park City Municipal Corporation Date: 12-2008

General Condition of Exterior Materials:

Good (Well maintained with no serious problems apparent.)

□ Fair (Some problems are apparent. Describe the problems.):

Describe the problems are apparent and constitute an imminent threat. Describe the problems.):

□ Uninhabitable/Ruin

Materials (The physical elements that were combined or deposited during a particular period of time in a particular pattern or configuration. Describe the materials.):

Site: paved parking area in front yard.

Foundation: Not verified; 1949 & 1957 tax cards indicate no foundation, but the 1968 tax card indicates a concrete foundation.

Walls: Drop siding.

Roof: Pyramid roof form sheathed in asphalt shingle.

Windows/Doors: Paired double-hung sash type.

Essential Historical Form: ☑ Retains □ Does Not Retain, due to:

Location: I Original Location I Moved (date \_\_\_\_\_) Original Location:

Design (The combination of physical elements that create the form, plan, space, structure, and style. Describe additions and/or alterations from the original design, including dates--known or estimated--when alterations were made): The one-story frame pyramid house remains as it was described in the national register nomination (see Structure/Site Form, 1983). Changes to the site are minor and do not affect the site's original character.

Setting (The physical environment--natural or manmade--of a historic site. Describe the setting and how it has changed over time.): The setting has not changed substantially over time; the front yard was paved to accommodate a parking area.

Workmanship (The physical evidence of the crafts of a particular culture or people during a given period in history. Describe the distinctive elements.): The physical evidence from the period that defines this as a typical Park City mining era house are the simple methods of construction, the use of non-beveled (drop-novelty) wood siding, the plan type, the simple roof form, the informal landscaping, the restrained ornamentation, and the plain finishes.

Feeling (Describe the property's historic character.): The physical elements of the site, in combination, convey a sense of life in a western mining town of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Association (Describe the link between the important historic era or person and the property.): The Pyramid house is one of the three most common house types built in Park City during the mining era.

This site was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 as part of the *Park City Mining Boom Era Residences Thematic District*, but was not listed because of the owner's objection. It was built within the historic period, defined as 1872 to1929 in the district nomination. The site retains its historic integrity and would be considered eligible for the National Register as part of an updated or amended nomination. As a result, it meets the criteria set forth in LMC Chapter 15-11 for designation as a Landmark Site.

#### **5 SIGNIFICANCE**

Architect: ☑ Not Known □ Known: (source:) Builder: ☑ Not Known □ Known: (source:) Date of Construction: c. 1901<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> National Register nomination; structure appears on the 1907 Sanborn Insurance map.

The site must represent an important part of the history or architecture of the community. A site need only be significant under one of the three areas listed below:

1. Historic Era:

- □ Settlement & Mining Boom Era (1868-1893)
- ☑ Mature Mining Era (1894-1930)
- □ Mining Decline & Emergence of Recreation Industry (1931-1962)

Park City was the center of one of the top three metal mining districts in the state during Utah's mining boom period of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and it is one of only two major metal mining communities that have survived to the present. Park City's houses are the largest and best-preserved group of residential buildings in a metal mining town in Utah. As such, they provide the most complete documentation of the residential character of mining towns of that period, including their settlement patterns, building materials, construction techniques, and socio-economic make-up. The residences also represent the state's largest collection of nineteenth and early twentieth century frame houses. They contribute to our understanding of a significant aspect of Park City's economic growth and architectural development as a mining community.<sup>2</sup>

2. Persons (Describe how the site is associated with the lives of persons who were of historic importance to the community or those who were significant in the history of the state, region, or nation):

3. Architecture (Describe how the site exemplifies noteworthy methods of construction, materials or craftsmanship used during the historic period or is the work of a master craftsman or notable architect):

#### 6 PHOTOS

Digital color photographs are on file with the Planning Department, Park City Municipal Corp.

Photo No. 1: West elevation. Camera facing east, 2006.

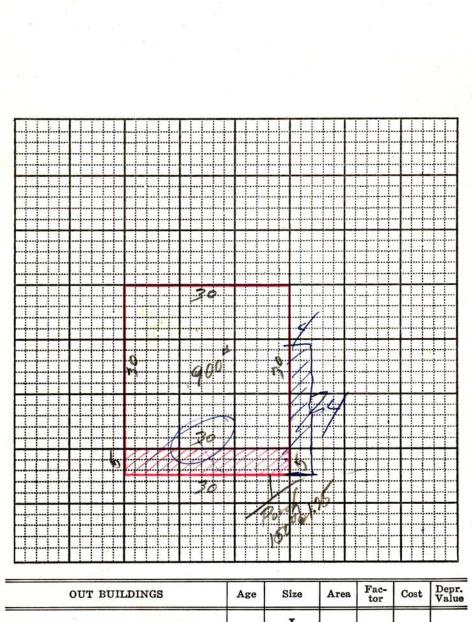
Photo No. 2: West elevation. Camera facing east, 1995.

Photo No. 3: Northwest oblique. Camera facing southeast, 1983.

Photo No. 4: Northwest oblique. Camera facing southeast, tax photo.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> From "Residences of Mining Boom Era, Park City - Thematic Nomination" written by Roger Roper, 1984.

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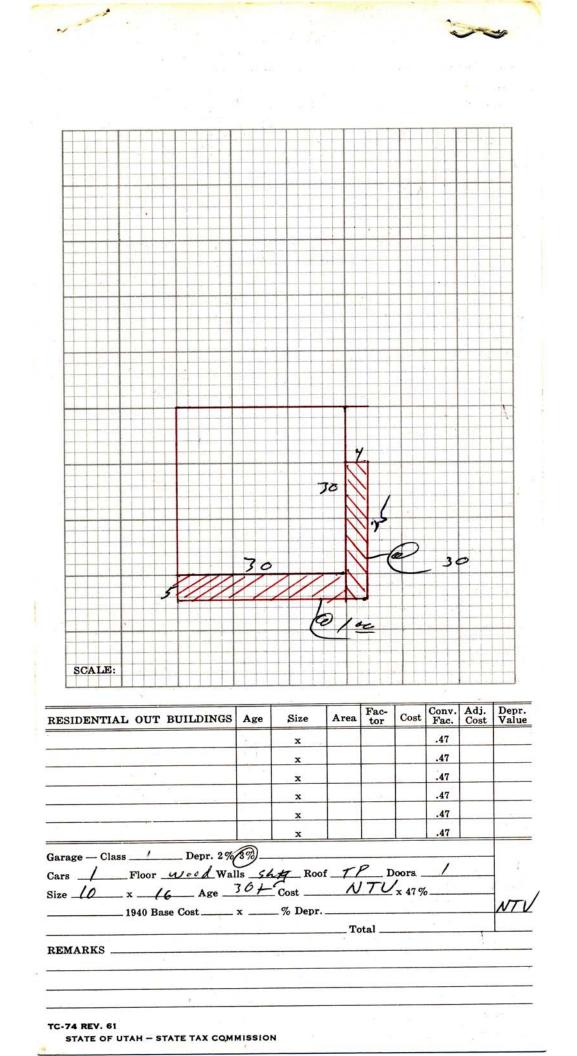
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# Structure/Site Information Form

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DEN	Owner Address:	P.O. Box 1888, Park	City, Utah 84060			
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Bibliographical References (backs. articles. records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.): Park Record. February 1, 1913, p. 1. John Shields obituary. November 30, 1939, p. 1. Margaret A. Shields obituary.

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 hip roof. From the road it looks like a one story house, but the steep downward slope of the property toward the rear allowed for the construction of an almost fully exposed "basement" level below the grade of the road in front of the house. Typical of the pyramid house is the square plan, the symmetrical facade with a door set between two pairs of windows, and the porch spanning the facade. The windows are the one over one double hung sash type. The lathe turned porch piers topped by simple decorative brackets are evenly spaced across the facade. The porch has a low hip roof with a small projecting pediment over the entrance area. The only alteration of the exterior of the building is the boarding up of two windows on the north side of the building. The size of the openings themselves has not been changed, and the change is reversible. The building, therefore, maintains its original integrity.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1901

Built in 1901, the John Shields House at 416 Park 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 was built with variations longer than the other two types.

In the spring of 1901, John and Margaret Shields mortgaged this property for \$2000 to finance the construction of this "two story house" house. This house remained in the Shields family until 1965.

John and Margaret Ann Berry Shields came to Park City in 1883 and remained for the rest of their lives. John Shields was born in Ireland in 1843 and came to the U.S in 1868 after having spent some time in Australia. He engaged in mining in California, Utah and Nevada before homesteading in Kansas in 1876. There he met his future wife, Margaret Ann Berry, who was then a student at a Catholic school. Their decision to move to Park City in 1883 was probably influenced by the opportunity for John to work there in his brother Charlie's general store. He worked in the store for many years and later operated a corner grocery store of his own. John served for two years as a policeman in Park City, three years as a county selectman, and three years as mayor of Park City. His suicide in 1913 shocked the community. Margaret Shields was also active in community affairs, serving in state and local Democratic Party organizations. She lived in this house until her death in 1939.

Park Record, March 23, 1901, p. 3.





