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

PARK CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (10-08)

### **1 IDENTIFICATION**

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

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

Building Type and/or Style: Foursquare House (2 story pyramid )	No. Stories: 2
$ \mbox{Additions:} \ \ensuremath{\boxdot} \ \mbox{none} \ \ \mbox{one} \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$	□ major (describe below)
Number of associated outbuildings and/or structures:	; □ structure(s), #
General Condition of Exterior Materials:	

Researcher/Organization: Preservation Solutions/Park City Municipal Corporation Date: 12-2008

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.):

Foundation: 1949 & 1957 tax cards indicate no foundation, but concrete foundation is noted on the 1968 tax card; not verified.

Walls: Drop siding.

Roof: Truncated pyramid with gable dormers sheathed in standing-seam metal.

Windows/Doors: Double-hung sash type and large single light with transom.

Essential Historical Form: I Retains Does Not Retain, due to:

Location: ☑ Original Location □ 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 two-story frame pyramid house has not been significantly changed since it was described in the National Register nomination form (see Structure/Site Form, 1983).

Subsequent alterations include the addition of a porch balustrade and rail on the entry steps. The changes 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 been significantly altered from what is seen in early photographs or what is suggested in the tax cards and/or Sanborn maps.

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 listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 as part of the *Park City Mining Boom Era Residences Thematic District*. It was built within the historic period, defined as 1872 to1929 in the district nomination, and retains its historic integrity. 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: )

Date of Construction: c. 1898<sup>1</sup>

Builder: □ Not Known ☑ Known: Ellsworth Beggs (source: NR nomination)

<sup>1</sup> National Register nomination.

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: East elevation. Camera facing west, 2006.

Photo No. 2: Southeast oblique. Camera facing northwest, 1995.

Photo No. 3: Northeast oblique. Camera facing southwest, 1983.

<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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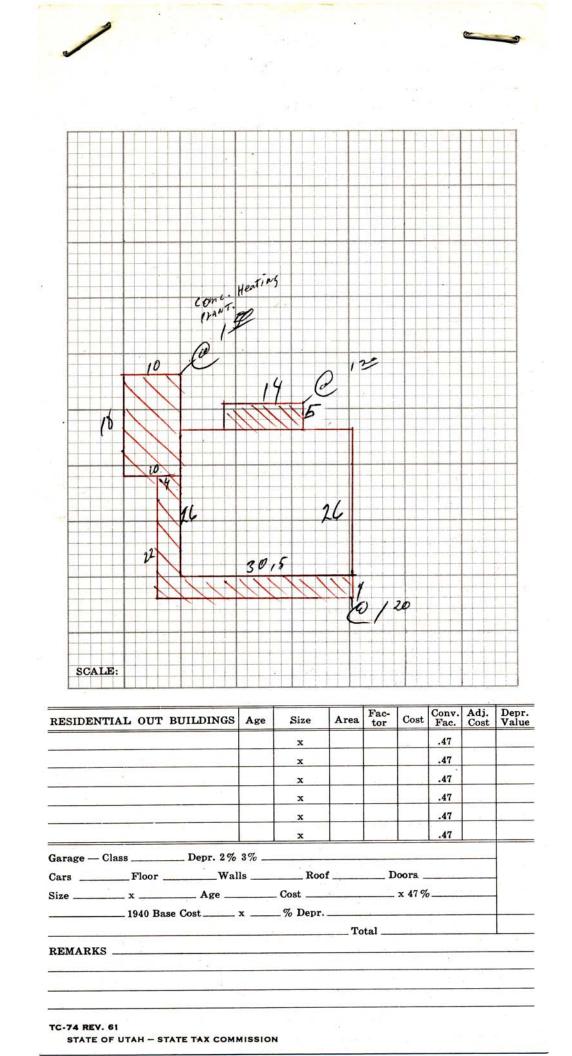
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## **Historic Preservation Research Office**

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# Structure/Site Information Form

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Name of Structure:	Reese Williams House / Park City Hospital	Т.		R.	S.
Present Owner:	Robert J. Lewis				
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Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

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Street Address: 4	121 Park	Site No:
Architect/Builder:	Ellsworth J. Beggs	
Building Materials:	Wood	:
Building Type/Style:	Two Story Box (variant of the Pyramid House)	

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features: (Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

This house is a frame two story box house, a variant of the pyramid house, with a truncated hip roof. It has dormers projecting on the east and south sides, and there is a large stone and frame root cellar attached to the southwest corner of the building. Characteristic of the typical pyramid house, the arrangement of openings on the facade is symmetrical. A door is centered between two broad single pane with transom windows, and there are two one over one double hung sash windows centered above the first floor windows. A hip roof porch supported on lathe turned columns spans the facade. A small gable projects from the center of the porch roof. The fish scale shingles on the pediment of that gable match those on the dormers. There is a double hung sash window in each of the dormer sections. The only alteration of the exterior of the building is the addition of a small frame shed to the east side of the root cellar. It is unobtrusive, and is not even visible from the road. The house has a hall and parlor plan that is two rooms deep. There are two rooms of unequal size across the front of the house on the first floor. The same configuration originally existed at the back of the house, but the Recorriginal room partition was moved to one side so that a bathroom could be added. The building is in excellent condition and maintains its original integrity.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1898

Built in 1898, the Reese Williams House/Park City Hospital at 421 Park is architecturally significant as one of four extant two story box houses in Park City, three of which are well preserved and included in this nomination. The two story box is closely tied with the pyramid house, one of three major house types in Park City. Like the pyramid house, it has a square or nearly square form, a pyramid or truncated hip roof, and a porch spanning the facade. It varies in size from the pyramid house, being a full two stories, as compared with the one or one and one half stories of the pyramid house. The two story box was not common in Park city, but judging from the range of extant buildings in Park City, it seems to have been the preferred design choice for a sizeable Park City house. All of the extant examples of this house are located on prominent sites along Park Avenue, the most prestigious street in Park City, further documenting the significance of this house type as one chosen by those who were seeking more than a utilitarian dwelling. This house is also historically significant as the first hospital in Park City. It served the community from 1900 until at least 1904, when the large Miners' Hospital was constructed.

This house was built in 1898 for Reese Williams by Ellsworth J. Beggs, a local carpenter.<sup>1</sup> Williams died, however, just three days after the house was completed, and his widow and children lived here for only year after his death. Born in Wales in 1851, Reese Williams came to Park City in 1878 to work in the mines. At the time of his death, he was employed at the Silver King Mine, where, judging from the large scale of this house, he apparently held an important, well-paying position.

The large size and central location of this house proved to be an attraction for two Salt Lake City doctors who were interested in opening up a hospital in Park City. On February 3, 1900, the <u>Park Record</u> reported that "T.H. Monahan (See continuation sheet) 421 Park History continued:

and E.H. Howard have been in the Park this week making arrangements for the hospital. They have leased the residence of Mrs. Reese Williams to which an addition will be built in a short time. The new hospital will be thoroughly equipped with the newest appliances, and will be ready to receive patients in ten days."<sup>2</sup> By February 17, 1900, the operating room and one additional room were ready to receive patients, and electric lights were being installed in the upper rooms.<sup>3</sup> The promised addition to the house was apparently never built, although the hospital apparently was successful. The 1900 census records list the following occupants of the Park City Hospital: Edwin Howard, manager of the hospital, Thomas Monahan, surgeon, and eight "inmates," six of whom were miners. The construction of the large Miners' Hospital in the town in 1904 probably rendered this hospital unnecessary. It ceased functioning as a hospital by at least 1910, as indicated by the census records of that year.

This house was probably rented out for residential use by the Williams family for a number of years after the hospital closed its doors. In 1925, Della Macke, a relative of the Williams,<sup>4</sup> sold the house to Henry Thomas. The house remained in the Thomas family for many years.

<sup>1</sup>Summit County Records, Liens Book "B" page 5. The house was completed on November 30, 1898. <sup>2</sup>Park Record, February 3, 1900, p. 3. <sup>3</sup>Ibid. <sup>4</sup>Interview with John C. Green, Jr., April 18, 1984, Park City, Utah. "Jack" Green lived in this house with the Thomases and as owner of the house from

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