



HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY
HISTORIC SITE FORM
 PARK CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION



IDENTIFICATION

Property Name (if any): Wolfgang Gieresch House

Address: 139 Woodside Avenue

Date of Construction: c. 1904

City, County: Park City, Summit County, Utah

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Tax Number: MLCH-A-AM

Current Owner: Steven M. Altschuler (trustee)

Legal Description (include acreage): see continuation sheet

STATUS / USE

Original Use: Single dwelling

Current Use: Single dwelling

Property Type:

National Register of Historic Places:

Evaluation:

Building

Eligible

Landmark Site

Structure

Ineligible

Significant Site

Site

Listed, Date:

Not Historic

DOCUMENTATION

Photographs:

Research Sources:

Tax Photos

Sanborn Maps

City/ County Histories

Newspapers

Prints

Tax Card

Personal Interviews

Other:

Historic

Census Records

Park City Museum

DESCRIPTION

Architectural Style: **T/L cottage type, with addition**

No. Stories: **1.5**

Number of Associated Structures: Accessory building(s). # **0** Structure(s). # **0**

Condition: Good Fair Poor Uninhabitable/Ruin

Location: Original location Moved (Date: _____, original location: _____)

Materials: (Describe the visible materials)

Exterior Walls: **Clad in drop siding**

Foundation: **Concrete**

Roof: **Cross-wing roof form in front and complex roof form with intersecting cross--wings are sheathed in metal material**

Windows/Doors: **Paired double-hung units on the front elevation are not original and appear to be vinyl or vinyl-clad. Simple trim casing with shallow aprons. Fixed casement windows in the additions. Front door is a panel door with upper glazing--one large light**

Additions: Major Minor None

Alterations: Major Minor None

Essential Historic Form: Retains Does Not Retain

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

(Briefly describe the property and its setting. Include a verbal description of the location; a general description of the property including the overall shape, number of stories, architectural style, materials, shape of roof; identify and describe any associated structures; identify any known exterior additions and/or alterations.)

139 Woodside is a T/L cottage that has been significantly modified with the biggest changes occurring after 1995. The T/L cottage, also known as a cross-wing, is one of the main three house types built during the historic Park City mining era. The house has been lifted to make room for a basement level and garage addition and a large addition built to the rear of the house, which is visible from the front of the house. The cross gable roof of the original house is sheathed with corrugated metal, as is the complex roof of the rear addition. The house is clad with drop-novelty wood siding, though the front façade of the house and the side

façade seem to have slightly different types of this siding. The basement level is clad in stone veneer. The windows on the front façade are almost all one-over-one double hung sash type windows, with a pair in the front gable end, another pair in the porch area to the left of the door and another pair on the basement level beneath the porch. The only window on the primary façade that is a different type is a fixed casement window in the gable of the addition. The door is a panel door with an upper lite. The porch is covered by a shed extension of the main roof, which is supported by square wood posts. A simple balustrade runs between the posts and down the stairs to the driveway. A stone retaining wall lines the sidewalk until it is interrupted by the driveway. The cumulative formal and material changes have diminished its historic value.

SIGNIFICANCE

Historic Era:

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

Narrative Statement of Significance:

(Briefly describe those characteristics by which this property may be considered historically significant.)

The history of this house was written about briefly in a 1978 National Register nomination form as follows:

“Sources indicate this structure possibly erected prior to 1889, making it in age an early dwelling, and contributory to the residential district.

Transactions began in 1884 with the property passing from George W. Curtiss to Wolfgang Gieresch, and in 1886 to John Zorllig, then to Jennie Andrews in 1888. John McRae received a Warranty Deed in 1904 from Jennie Andrews Sutton, and promptly granted the deed to one John Green. Abstracts record show a transaction in 1906 from Green to Thomas Galligan with the following notation: "House being on + 10 5/II- Known as house #139."

Rose Galligan was awarded the property by decree in 1919, and in 1922 sold to Edward McCarthy, then to James Leroy Unthank in 1929, and in 1932 to the American Mutual Building and Loan Co. In 1946 to Patrick E. Terry.”

The title search reflects this history. The house stayed in the Terry family until 1992, and then has had a series of owners, with the current owners being Steven and Robin Altschuler.

Edward P. Ferry was a representative of the Park City Townsite Corporation, which owned much of the land in the area. Not much information was found on George W. Curtiss, only that he was a wool sorter at Farr’s

Mill in 1884. He did own at least one other house on this street, 133 Daly Ave, at the same time he owned this house.

Wolfgang Gierisch was born in Utah, and his parents immigrated from Germany. It appears from the 1920 census that he had moved to California by that time, but nothing is known of his life while he owned this property. It is not known if he lived at the property during this time because the houses were not addressed on the censuses in this area until 1920.

No information was found on John Zorlign, nor on Jennie Andrews, who became Jennie Andrews Sutton presumably after marriage. Her name is not present on the 1900 census, which occurred while she owned the property, indicating that she may not have lived there.

No information could be found on John Green. Thomas Galligan, the next owner of the property, was a clergyman from Ireland who immigrated in 1863. He appears on the 1900 census in a house on Woodside Avenue, but due to the lack of addresses on that census it is unknown if it is this house. He lived there with his niece Rose and grandnephew John. He was a reverend at St. Mary's Church from before 1905 to c. 1918 when he died. A playground called the "Galligan Bowl" was dedicated to his memory in 1947. The property went to his niece Rose at the time of his death.

It appears that Rose did not live in the house after her uncle's death, as the house is shown as being rented during the 1920 census, by P.J. O'Neil and his family. P.J. O'Neil was an Irish immigrant, who came to America in 1910 and later married his wife Florence 1915, who was born in Utah. Interestingly, their marriage was performed by Thomas Galligan. He was a miner, but nothing else is known about him.

Not much is known of Edward McCarthy, but he did serve on some boards in the city. He married Annie Shea, a local of Park City, but it seems that they did not live in Park City primarily. James Leroy owned the property after Edward McCarthy, but he is noted as living elsewhere in Summit County at the time of the 1930 census, with the house being occupied by Edgar and Bertha Passey and their family. Edgar was a miner from Idaho, but not much else is known of him.

Patrick Terry bought the house in 1946 according to the title search, but is noted on the 1940 census as owning the house. He was a miner, and he and his family owned the house for many years.

Legal Description (include acreage): LOT A FIRST AMENDED MALACH REPLAT SUBDIVISION; ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT ON FILE IN THE SUMMIT COUNTY RECORDERS OFFICE CONT 2812.5 SQ FT OR 0.06 AC 1477-698 1623-1396 2157-161 STEVEN M ALTSCHULER TRUSTEE OF THE IRREVOCABLE TRUST FOR BENJAMIN J ALTSCHULER 2157-161

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PHOTOGRAPHS

(Provide several clear historical and current photos of the property.)



Photo 1: 139 Woodside Avenue. East elevation. 2020



Photo 2: 139 Woodside Avenue. Southeast oblique. November 2013



Photo 3: 139 Woodside Avenue. East elevation. November 2013



Photo 4: 139 Woodside Avenue. Northeast oblique. November 2013



Photo 5: 139 Woodside Avenue. East elevation. 2008



Photo 6: 139 Woodside Avenue. East elevation. 2006



Photo 7: 139 Woodside Avenue. in 1995



Photo 8: 139 Woodside Avenue in 1982 (Historic Architectural Survey, 1982)



Photo 9: 139 Woodside Avenue. c. 1941 (Tax Photos, Summit County)

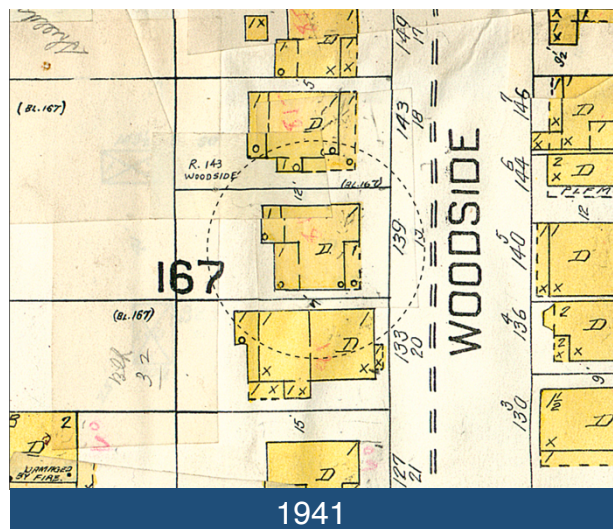
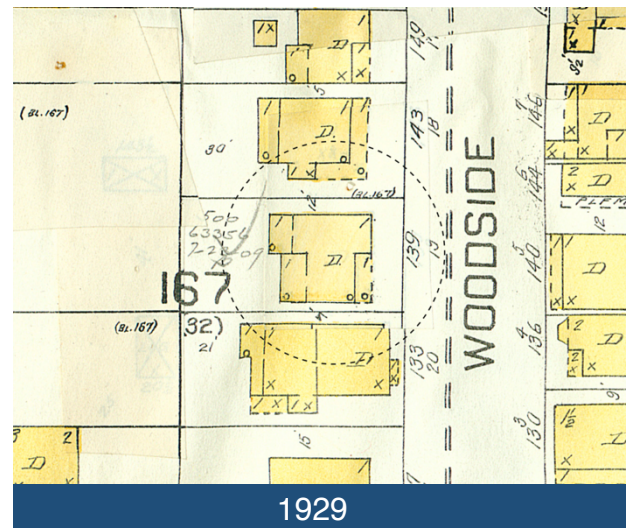
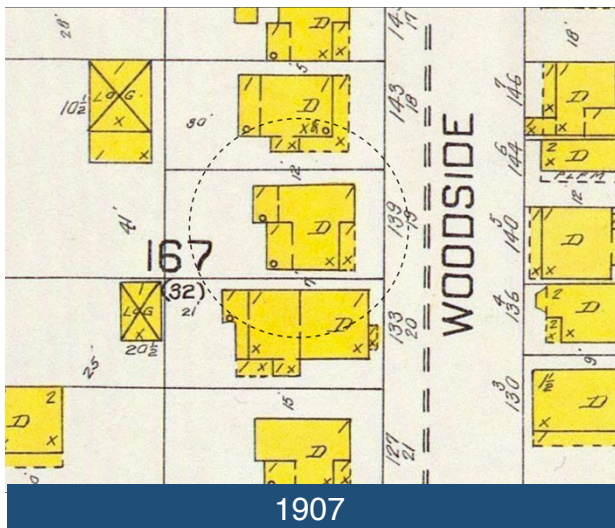
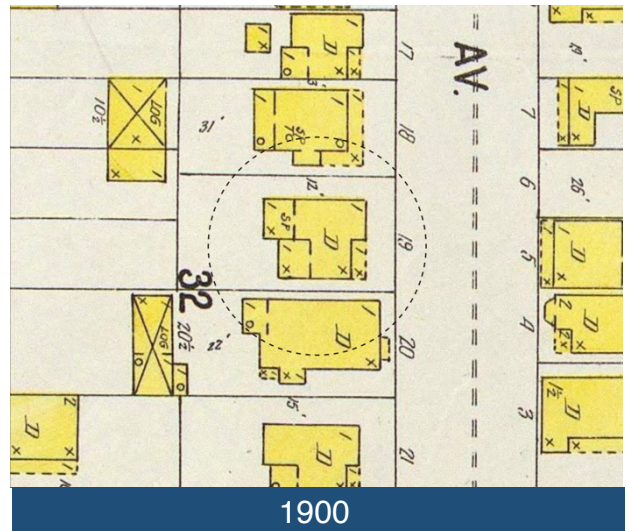
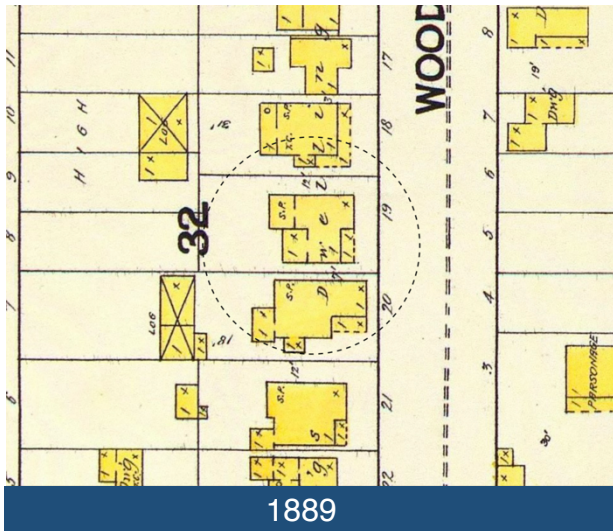
MAPS

(Provide several clear historical and current maps indicating the location of the property in relation to streets or other widely recognized features.)



Figure 1: Aerial view showing the location of 139 Woodside Avenue. (ESRI 2020)

Sanborn Maps



TITLE SEARCH FORM

[Obtain information from title abstract books at County Recorder's Office]

Address: 139 Woodside Avenue

City: Park City, UT

Current Owner: Steven M. Altschuler (trustee)

Address: (see historic site form for address)

Tax Number: MLCH-A-AM

Legal Description (include acreage): Lot A Malach Sub., platted 2003 (PC BK32 L10 & S1/2 L11) (see historic site form for complete legal description)

TRANSACTION DATES	GRANTOR (SELLER)	GRANTEE (BUYER)	TYPE OF TRANSACTION	DOLLAR AMOUNT	COMMENTS
1/17/1882	Edward P. Ferry	George W. Curtis	Deed		
6/27/1884	George W. Curtis	Wolfgang Gierisch	W		"All L10, S1/2 L11"
5/21/1886	Wolfgang Gierisch	John Zorllig	W		"All L10, S1/2 L11"
4/16/1888	John Zorllig	Jennie Andrews	W		
6/8/1904	Jennie Andrews Sutton & husband	John McRae	W.D.		"All L10, S1/2 L11"
7/16/1904	John McRae & wife	John Green	W.D.		
7/11/1906	John Green	Thomas Galligan	Q.C.		
7/28/1922	Rose Galligan, et al	Edward McCarthy	W.D.		
4/17/1929	Edward McCarthy et ux	James Leroy Unthank et ux	W.D.		
4/11/1929	James Leroy Unthank et ux	American Bldg & Loan Co	Mtg.		
11/2/1932	James Leroy Unthank et ux	American Mutual Bldg & Loan Co	W.D.		
1/23/1946	American Mutual Bldg & Loan Co	Patrick E. Terry, et ux	W.D.		
9/15/1975	Thomas B. Terry, et al	Violet S. Terry	W.D.		[estate of Patrick E. Terry]
9/16/1975	Violet S. Terry	Thomas B. Terry, et ux	W.D.		
10/22/1992	Thomas B. Terry & Carolyn A. Olsen	William T. Hyde, et al	Q.C.D.		
1/6/1997	William T. Hyde, et al	Kenneth A. & Suzanne E. Malach	W.D.		

Researcher: John Ewanowski, CRSA Architecture

Date: 12/15/2014

**PROBATE AND GUARDIANSHIP
NOTICES**

**For Further Particulars Consult
County Clerk or Respective
Signers.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Thomas Galligan, de-
ceased.

Creditors will present claims with
vouchers to the undersigned at Park
City, Utah, P. O. Box 53, on or be-
fore the 21st day of January, 1919:

ROSE GALLIGAN,
Executrix of the estate of Thomas
Galligan, deceased.

DAN B. SHIELDS,
Attorney for Executrix.

First pub. Sept. 20, last Oct. 11, '18.

Park Record, 09/27/1918