



HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

HISTORIC SITE FORM

PARK CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION



IDENTIFICATION

Property Name (if any): **William and Rachel Dennison House**

Address: **905 Woodside Avenue**

Date of Construction: **c. 1885**

City, County: **Park City, Summit County, Utah**

Architect/Builder: **Unknown**

Tax Number: **SA-99**

Current Owner: **Willie Holdings LLC**

Legal Description (include acreage): **LOT 2 BLK 10 SNYDERS ADDITION TO PARK CITY M28-117 M73-595 M6-288 M19-614 M40-260 M46-187 GQC-586-A HQC-74 M159-57 M184-518 518-734-735 1682-535 1733-1243 1744-1945 1844-1972 1958-442 2007-1631 2079-166 2145-1766-1784; 0.04 AC**

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 / vernacular style**

No. Stories: **1**

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: **Wooden clapboard siding**

Foundation: **Concrete**

Roof: **Cross-wing form sheathed in asphalt shingles**

Windows/Doors: **Paired double-hung units under the porch and paired casement windows on the gable end.**

Two doors are frame-and-panel units with upper lights

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.)

905 Woodside is a T/L cottage that has been modified. 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 was extended along the stem wing and attached to the neighboring house to the south between 1929 and the 1941, judging from the Sanborn maps. The house remained this way until sometime after 2006, when it was detached and returned to a state closer to its original form. The cross gable roof is sheathed with composition shingles, which is different from the pattern shingles shown in the c. 1940 tax photo. The house is clad with a simple wood siding, differing from the drop-novelty siding shown in the tax photo. The windows have been modified slightly from what is seen in the early tax photo. A paired casement window sits in the front gable end of the

house, whereas the tax photo shows that window being a group of three casement windows. Due to the window being obscured in the early photo, the type of the window in the porch area remains unverified, but the current windows, a pair of one-over-one double hung sash windows, appear different than what is shown earlier. The door is a wood frame and panel door with an upper light. The porch is covered by a shed roof extension of the main roof and supported by square wood posts with decorative embellishments. These posts have a simple railing running between them. A wood stair leads up to the porch from the sidewalk. The foundation is concrete and can be seen where the house meets grade. Although the form remains legible, 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.)

This house was built before the drawing of the 1889 Sanborn map, thus it is difficult to determine exactly when it was constructed. The property was owned by the Park City Townsite Corporation at the time of construction, and may have been used to house workers. It was purchased by Rachel Dennison in 1895.

William and Rachel Dennison appear on the 1900 census, living in another house on Norfolk Avenue. It is unknown if they rented out this house at this time. William worked as a carpenter in the town. He was in the army and his term of service expired while he was stationed in Park City. He then got married there and remained in the city for the rest of his life. They did reside at this house during the 1910 census, but the 1920 census shows them living at 909 Woodside, with this house being vacant. William died in 1928, and his wife moved to Salt Lake thereafter. The house was not occupied during the 1930 census.

The house was sold to Edward Jacobson in 1932, but was foreclosed upon by 1934, and came under the ownership of the county. A missing page in the title history makes it impossible to know what happened after from 1935 to 1966. It was likely during this time that this house was connected to the neighboring house. The house is currently owned by Willie Holdings LLC.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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



Photo 1: 901 Woodside Avenue. East elevation. November 2013



Photo 2: 905 Woodside Avenue. Southeast oblique. November 2013



Photo 3: 905 Woodside Avenue. East elevation November 2013



Photo 4: 905 Woodside Avenue. Northeast oblique. November 2013



Photo 5: 905 Woodside Avenue. East elevation. 2006



Photo 6: 905 Woodside Avenue. in 1995



Photo 7: 905 Woodside Avenue in 1982 (Historic Architectural Survey, 1982)



Photo 8: 905 Woodside Avenue. c. 1941 (Tax Photos, Summit County)

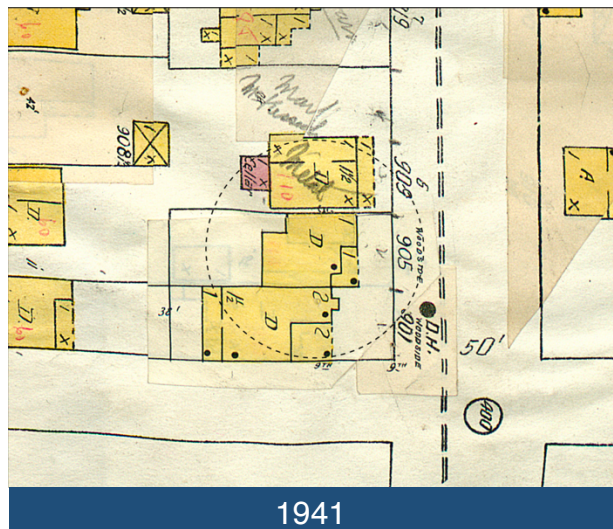
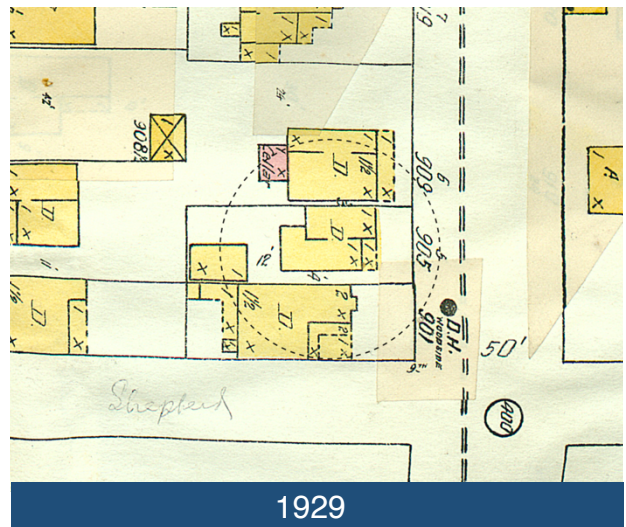
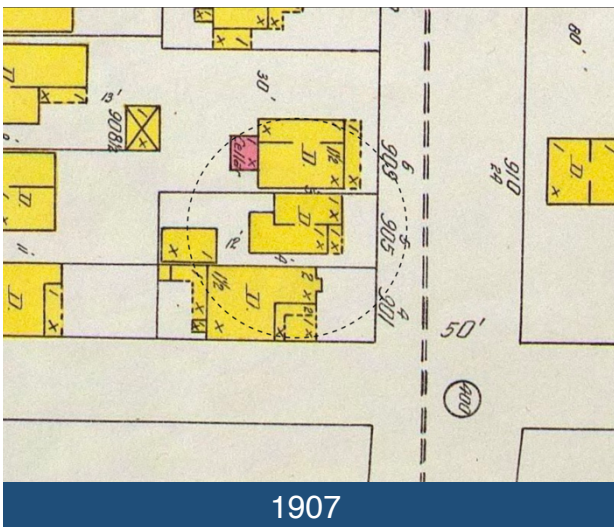
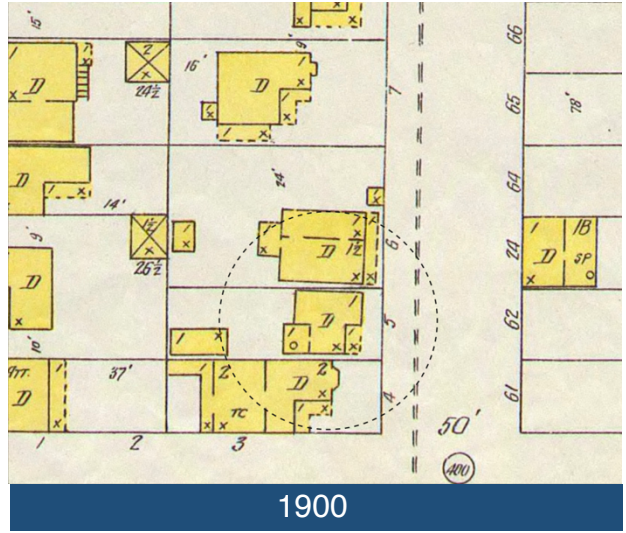
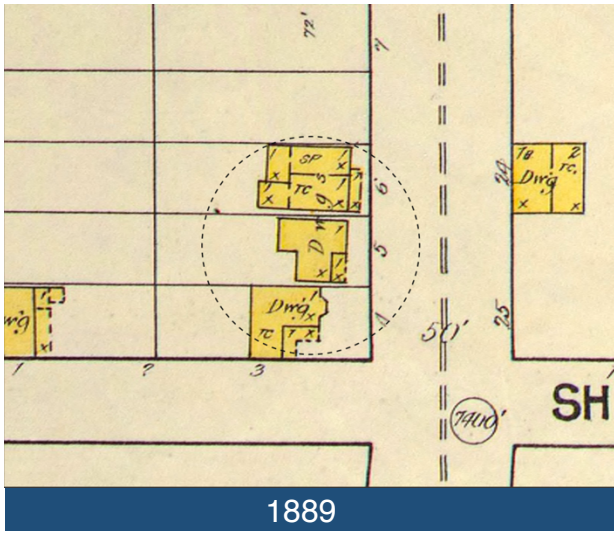
MAPS

(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 905 Woodside Avenue. (ESRI 2020)

Sanborn Maps



TITLE SEARCH FORM

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

Address: 905 Woodside Avenue

City: Park City, UT

Current Owner: Willie Holdings LLC

Address: (see historic site form for address)

Tax Number: SA-99

Legal Description (include acreage): SA BK10 L2 (see historic site form for complete legal description)

TRANSACTION DATES	GRANTOR (SELLER)	GRANTEE (BUYER)	TYPE OF TRANSACTION	DOLLAR AMOUNT	COMMENTS
11/14/1883	Geo. G. Snyder	David C. McLaughlin	W		[L 1-32]
9/20/1895	D.C. McLaughlin & wife	Rachel Dennison	W		"2"
10/20/1932	Rachel Dennison	Edward J. Jacobson	W.D.		
4/10/1934	Ephraim Adamson Sheriff	Matilda B.J. Hansen Adm'x	Sheriff's Deed		
12/21/1935	Co. Treasurer	Summit Co.	Tax Sale		
	[book 2, page 285 missing]				
5/17/1966	Lester & Madaleen W. Taylor	Siegried Clyde & Luida Smith Bree	Q.C.D.		
1/10/1969	Siegried Clyde & Luida Smith Bree	Terra, Inc.	W.D.		
8/14/1972	Terra, Inc.	Edward & Barbara J. Paquette	Q.C.D.		
6/1/1970	Edward & Barbara J. Paquette	Woodrow M. & Linda Hassinger	Q.C.D.		
4/8/1981	Woodrow M. & Linda Hassinger	Estate Mortgage Company	W.D.		
9/19/1983	Estate Mortgage Company	American Savings & Loan Assoc.	W.D.		
4/19/1989	American Savings & Loan Assoc.	Donna Bacon	W.D.		
4/19/1989	James & Donna K. Bacon Delaney	Elayne Scoofakes	W.D.		
3/2/2005	Elayne Scoofakes	LRS Park City LLC	W.D.		
9/13/2005	LRS Park City LLC	John A. Schultz, et al	W.D.		

Researcher: John Ewanowski, CRSA Architecture

Date: 1/7/2015

Biographical Research

Wm. Dennison Dies

At his home in this city this morning William Dennison, for the past forty-seven years a well known resident and carpenter of this city, died from general debility due to advanced age.

About a year ago Mr. Dennison suffered a paralytic stroke, from which he only partially recovered, since that time he gradually failed in health.

Deceased was born in Springfield, Illinois, in 1851. When a young man he enlisted in the U. S. army, Sixth Infantry, and was ten years in the service, five years stationed in the east, and for years stationed at Fort Bliford, at the mouth of the Yellowstone, during the Indian trouble in that section, when General Custer and his soldiers were trapped and killed. Mr. Dennison was appointed as one of the body guard to escort General Custer and wife on one of their visits to military posts in Montana. He was also in the same regiment as the late Dr. LeCompte during the latter's military career. Mr. Dennison's company came to Salt Lake in 1881, and that same year because of threatened Indian trouble in the Duchense country, his company was ordered to that section. They camped at Park City, and while awaiting further orders, remained here several weeks, during which time Mr. Dennison's time having expired, he was mustered out of the service while in our

city, and here he remained the rest of his life.

In 1882 he was married in this city to Miss Rachel Jacobsen, a sister of Mrs. Frank Hansen, Sr. They had no children. His widow survives him.

It was one of Mr. Dennison's proud boasts that when a little chap in his home town of Springfield, he was privileged to sit on the lap of beloved President Abraham Lincoln.

Arrangements for the funeral have not as yet been completed. It will likely be next Monday afternoon, from the L. D. S. church. The pall bearers will be three nephews of deceased, and three grand nephews, namely: Frank and Bert Hanson, of this city, Arthur Hanson, of Provo, nephews, Tom and Wallace Hanson, of this city, and Arthur Hanson, jr., of Price, grand nephews.

Mrs. Wm. Dennison Dies at Salt Lake

At the home of her nephew, Mr. Arthur Hansen, Salt Lake, Monday morning, Mrs. Rachel Dennison, widow of the late William Dennison, passed away, after a lingering illness with cancer of the stomach.

Mrs. Dennison was born in Bergen, Norway, in 1859, and came to America in 1874. She came to Park City in 1881, and was married to Mr. Dennison in 1884, by Rev. Jargne, of the Methodist church. She made her home continuously in Park City, until after the death of her husband. She was always a consistent member and active worker of the L. D. S. church, and had a legion of friends who will regret to hear of her death. Mr. Dennison died in this city three years ago. After the death of her husband Mrs. Dennison moved to Salt Lake to make her home.

Surviving her is one sister, Mrs. Matilda Hanson, of Roosevelt, Utah, and one half brother, David Jacobson, of Salt Lake.

Funeral services were held in Salt Lake Thursday afternoon, and was attended by many Parkites.

Park Record, 11/4/1932

Park Record, 3/30/1928