



**HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY**  
**HISTORIC SITE FORM**  
 PARK CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION



**IDENTIFICATION**

Property Name (if any): The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Meetinghouse

Address: 424 Park Ave

Date of Construction: c. 1897

City, County: Park City, Summit County, Utah

Architect/Builder, if known: unknown

Tax Number: PC-161

Current Owner: Various (condos) (attn: Blue Church Lodge LLC)

Legal Description (include acreage): BLUE CHURCH LODGE CONDOMINIUM THE SAME AS IS RECORDED & ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY RECORDER; ? AC

**STATUS / USE**

Original Use: religious

Current Use: Multiple dwellings

Property Type:

National Register of Historic Places:

Evaluation:

Building

Eligible

Landmark Site

Structure

Ineligible

Significant Site

Site

Listed, Date:

Non Historic

05/22/1978 – Individually listed

**DOCUMENTATION**

Photographs:

Research Sources:

Tax Photos

Sanborn Maps

City/ County Histories

Newspapers

Prints: 2006 (3), 1995, 1978 (3)  tax Card

Personal Interviews

Other:

Historic

Census Records

Park City Museum

**DESCRIPTION**

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Architectural Style: Religious Type

No. Stories: 2

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

Condition:  Good  Fair  Poor  Uninhabitable/Ruin

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

Materials: (Describe the visible materials)

Exterior Walls: Drop siding

Foundation: Stone

Roof: Truncated hipped roof form sheathed in metal material

Windows/Doors: Large pointed (Gothic) arched multi-pane windows and double-hung sash type

Additions:  Major  Minor  None

Alterations:  Major  Minor  None

Describe Additions/ Alterations (Dates):

Essential Historic Form:  Retains  Does Not Retain

**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

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(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.)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Meetinghouse was the first chapel of this church in Park City, and was described in the 1978 National Register nomination as follows:

“The structural style of the church is considered utilitarian wood Gothic. It measures 74 feet long by 42 feet wide containing four levels; and has a stone foundation, wood lapsiding, large arched windows, and a large steeple topped with a weather vane. The roof treatment is mansard, with a dormer facing west and a metal roof covering. Interior space is now luxury apartments with a large semi-public lounge.

At the time of reconstruction, in 1900, the large assembly room, measured 40 ft. by 40 ft. and 18 ft. high with two vestry rooms. It contained six large chip glass windows with decorated gothic art glass ransoms. The walls and ceiling were papered with pole terra cotta paper and the woodwork was finished in cherry.

In the conversion of the structure from a church to apartments, the exterior was carefully reconstructed to conform as closely as possible to the original design. Window and door openings are exactly in the same location but insulated glass windows (to be substituted with stained glass) have been substituted for energy conservation. The interior has been significantly altered; but some of the original pews and other artifacts remain of the early church. Also, an addition was added to the church between 1926-1930, a thirty foot addition to the rear.”

The structure has remained largely unchanged since the writing of this description. The lack of changes and the well preserved nature of the building give it much historical value and integrity, and the meetinghouse maintains a strong association with the historic Park City mining era. Overall, the form and materiality of the meetinghouse remains intact and the meetinghouse retains its historic value.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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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 the Park City LDS Meetinghouse was detailed in the 1978 National Register nomination as follows:

“The Park City Mining District dates to a beginning in 1868, with the discovery and location of various claims, among the more important were those by Rufus Walker and Ephraim Hanks. The discovery of ores and organized mining efforts in Utah is credited to the efforts of Col. Patrick E. Connor and his men, a group of California and Nevada volunteers, sent to Utah by the Secretary of War in 1862 to "watch" the Mormons and protect the Overland Mail. Connor's men included many who were veterans of the California and Nevada mining fields. As such, the men, in passing their time, prospected the mountains in search of precious metals. When the first discoveries were made in the Park City area, Connor's men were among those active in the vicinity.

In 1872, the discovery of the Ontario mine started Park City's establishment as one of the West's richest silver camps. Other operations such as the Daly Mining Company, also contributed to the district's reputation. Mining in Utah for precious metals as promoted and advanced primarily by "Gentiles"; that is, non-Mormons. Irish influence was very pronounced and from the outset, Park City was a "Gentile Camp".

Opposition to Mormons in Park City appeared very intense. In 1886 an organization known as the "Loyalty Legion" allegedly wrecked the home of an individual named (Gad) Davis, leader of the city's Mormons. Additionally, the group encouraged mining companies not to hire Mormon miners. A "ban" existed for approximately seven years,

when in 1894, church leaders prevailed upon the mining companies to employ Mormon miners. This coincided with the movement of Mormon entrepreneurs into mining ventures all over the state.

Church membership grew and meetings were held at Roy's grocery store on Main Street. In 1894 Margaret D. Mason deeded lots 26 and 27, block 10 to the Trustees of the Park City branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, reserving for herself the rear fifteen feet of property for a consideration of \$600.00. At a business meeting held at Park City on March 3, 1895 and attended by President William W. Cluff, a committee of three consisting of Frederick Rasband, Orvis J. Call, and George W. Curtis, was appointed to select a building site on which to erect a meeting house. In August, 1895, a building committee comprised of Thomas L. Allen, John Adamson, Frederick Rasband, Hugh Reid, and Fred Thompson, was selected for the erection of the church.

Sources indicate that in 1896, \$1,136.19 was raised for the new meeting house. Work continued on the building in 1897 with nearly \$1,200 having been raised. On March 1, 1897, the basement was completed to the extent that it was used for a priesthood meeting. A second meeting was held there in April, with Charles Rasband replacing George W. Curtis as branch clerk. The meeting house was destroyed by fire June 19, 1898 – the "Great Fire" destroyed many of Park City's structure on the upper main street area.

Action to remedy the problem was quickly taken. In July, Willard Sorenson and William E. Potts were elected trustees to hold the deeds to the Church property. By September, 1898, the building committee previously chosen was reorganized with Thomas L. Allen, Chairman, William E. Potts, secretary and James R. Glade, treasurer. This committee took the necessary steps for the erection of a new structure.

Construction commenced approximately in 1899 and the finished portion of the two-story structure was formally opened for use on Sunday, March 18, 1900 and consisted of the assembly area. The main room was 40 ft. by 40 ft. and 18 ft. high with two vestry rooms, 11 ft. by 16 ft. and 11 ft. by 14 ft. respectively. At the March meeting a silver sacrament service was presented to the branch by the Relief Society with numerous visitors attending and a formal address presented by Apostle George Teasdale.

In 1925 Margaret D. Mason deeded the rear 15 feet of lots 26 and 27, block 10 to the Park City Church. During the following year, steps were taken to construct a 30 foot addition to the rear of the building which was completed between 1926 -1930. By 1938, work commenced on the Ward Amusement Hall in the lower level of the structure.

The church remained as the meeting house until 1957 when church members voted to build a new chapel at a cost of \$114,000. In December, 1962, the new church was dedicated. The old structure was in private hands until 1976 when it was purchased by its present owner.

Thus, the Church was the first chapel of the LDS Church in Park City, rebuilt after the 1898 fire. Its wood Gothic style renders the structure as a rare "existing" example of this style utilized by the LDS Church. In fact, the use of the frame Gothic style for a meeting house dates to the turn of the century and the Park City and Eureka chapels remain the only significant examples of the frame type. In addition, the Park City meeting house is the largest frame structure existing in the town that dates back to the conflagration of 1898.

This structure represented the culmination of years of struggle by the Mormon community in a "Gentile" camp and has served a basic function in tending to the religious needs of the Park City Mormon population. In 1976, the Park City Council designated the structure as a historic building.”

The building is currently used as condominiums, and thus has more than one owner at this point.

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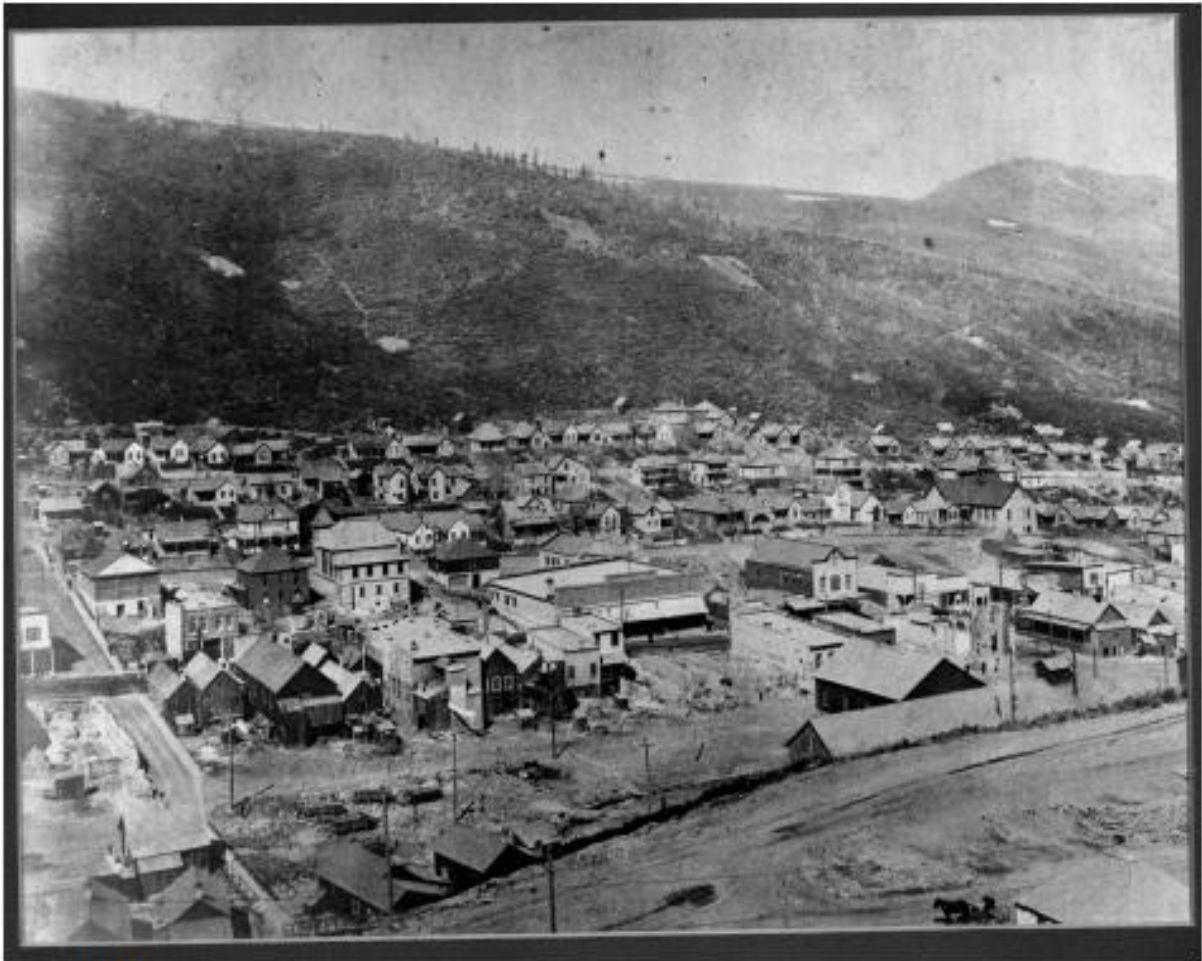
## PHOTOS

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

*424 Park Avenue, Park City, Summit County, Utah*

*Intensive Level Survey—Biographical and Historical Research Materials*



c. 1900





PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

PARK CITY L.D.S. MEETING HOUSE  
("BLUE CHURCH LODGE")

Photo by Phillip F. Notarianni 9-19-77  
Neg. at Utah State Historical Society

Southeast View

183 JAN 10 1978

Summit County MAY 22 1978





PARK CITY L.D.S. MEETING HOUSE  
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Northwest View

JAN 10 1978

MAY 22 1978

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Summit County

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Southwest View

MAY 22 1978

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Summit County

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PARK CITY LDS MEETING HOUSE ("Blue Church Lodge")

Park City, Summit County

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Negative at Utah State Historical Society

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*424 Park Avenue. Northwest oblique. November 2013.*



*424 Park Avenue. West elevation. November 2013.*



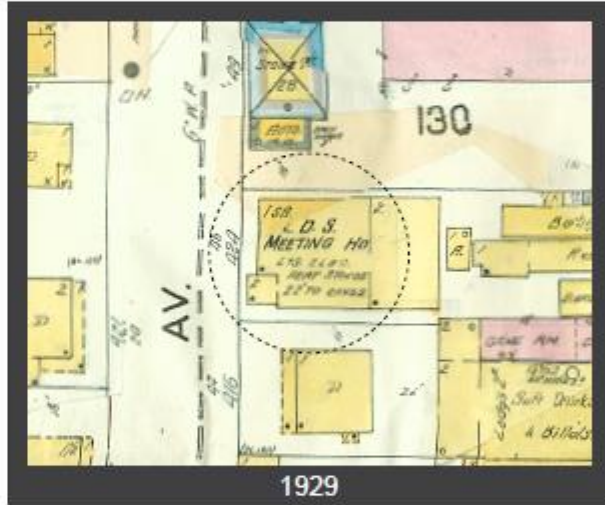
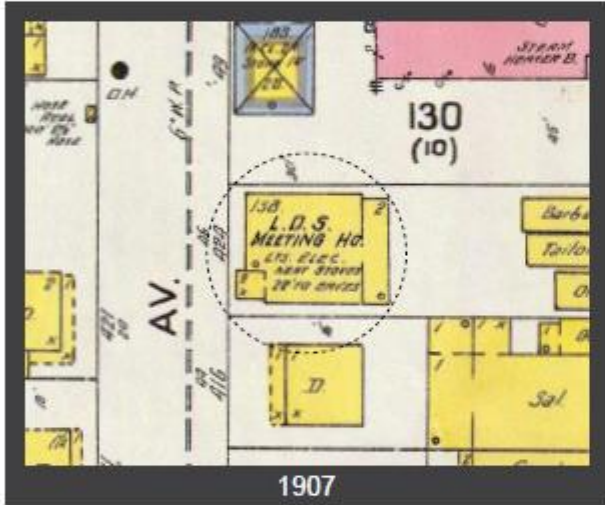
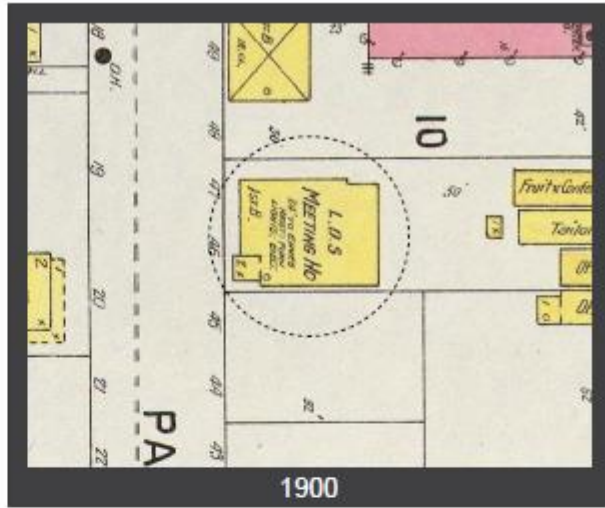
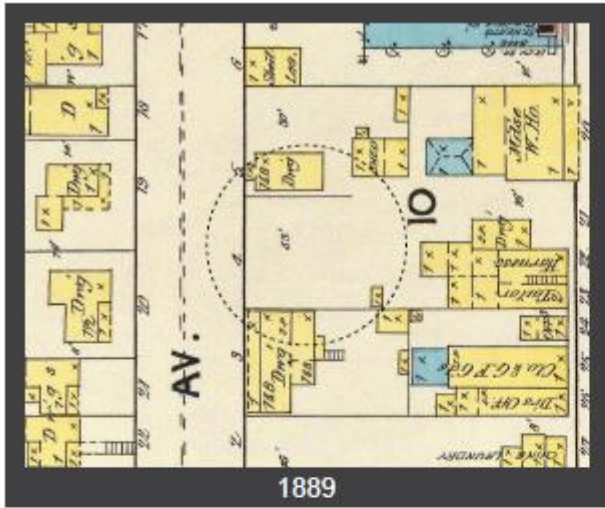


*424 Park Avenue. Southwest oblique. November 2013.*

## MAPS

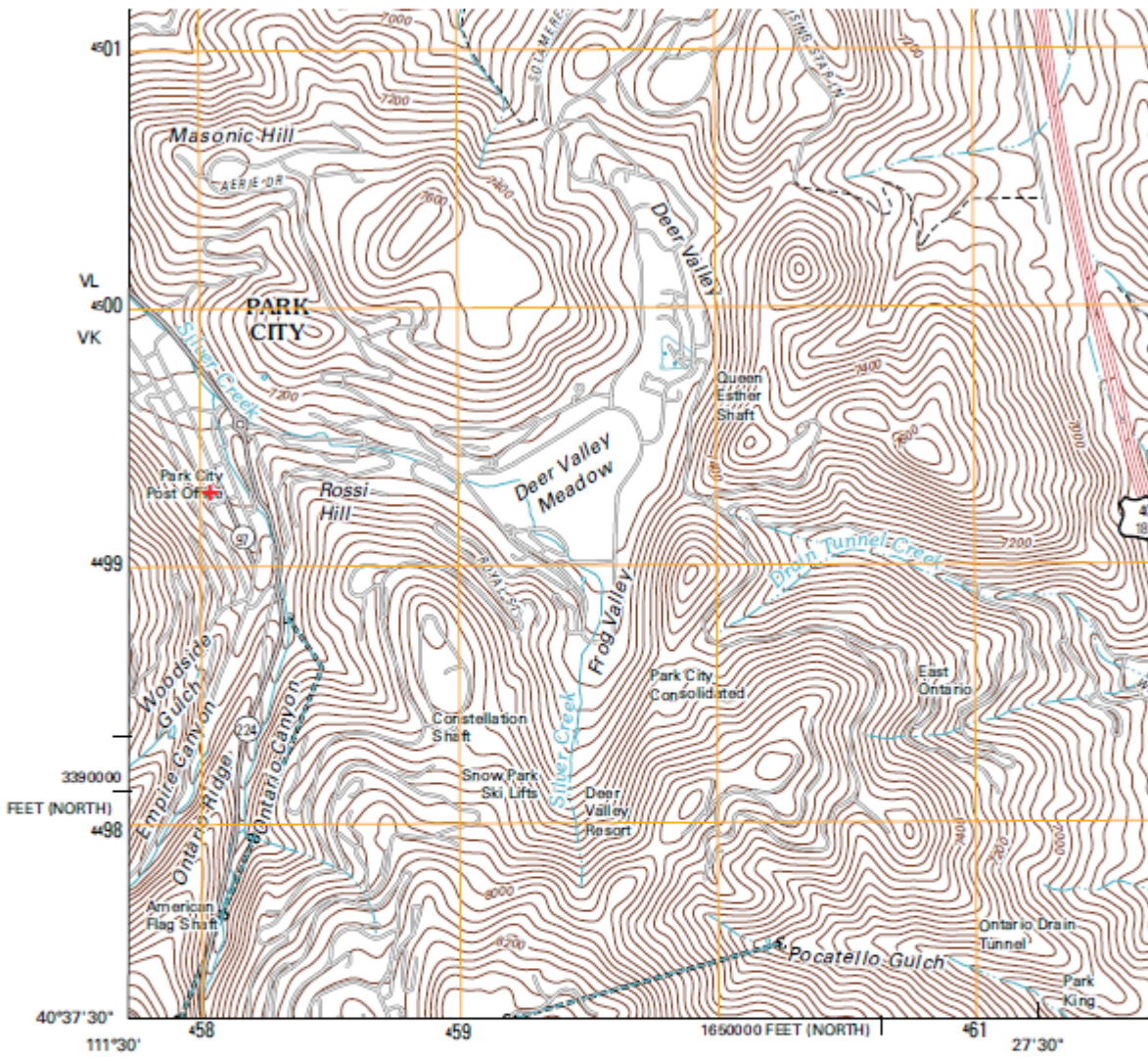
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424 Park Avenue, Park City, Summit County, Utah  
Intensive Level Survey—Sanborn Map history



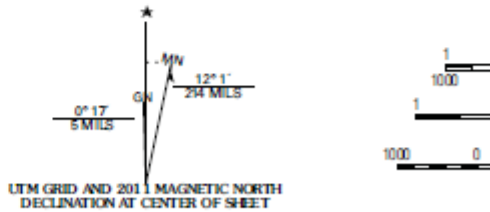


424 Park Avenue, Park City, Summit County, Utah  
 Intensive Level Survey—USGS Map



Produced by the United States Geological Survey  
 North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83)  
 World Geodetic System of 1984 (WGS84). Projection and  
 1 000-meter grid: Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 12T  
 10 000-foot ticks: Utah Coordinate System of 1983  
 (north and central zones)

Imagery.....NAP, July 2009 - August 2009  
 Roads.....©2006-2010 Tele Atlas  
 Names.....GNIS, 2009  
 Hydrography.....National Hydrography Dataset, 2009  
 Contours.....National Elevation Dataset, 2008



U.S. National Grid
100,000-m Square ID
VL 00
Grid Zone Designation
12T

+ location on USGS Park City East 1:24000 Quadrangle Map (2011)

**TITLE SEARCH FORM**

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

Address: 424 Park Avenue

City: Park City, UT

Current Owner: Various (condominiums)

Address: (see historic site form for address)

Tax Number: PC-161

Legal Description (include acreage): The Blue Church Lodge Condo., platted 1984., (PC BK10 L26 & L27) (see historic site form for complete legal description)

TRANSACTION DATES	GRANTOR (SELLER)	GRANTEE (BUYER)	TYPE OF TRANSACTION	DOLLAR AMOUNT	COMMENTS
11/21/1882	Margaret J. Wheeler	Elizabeth E. Weir	W		"25,26"
5/5/1886	Elizabeth E. Weir	Margaret J. Wheeler	Q		"26"
5/19/1893	E.P. Ferry, by atty-in-fact	Margaret Delia Mason	W		"26,27"
9/20/1895	Margaret D. Mason	Trustees, PC Branch Church of L.D.S.	W		"pt. 26, pt. 27"
4/26/1901	Margaret D. Mason	Helen J. Mason	W.D.		"Easterly 15ft of Lots 26 and 27"
12/20/1902	Fred Rasband et al	Bp. Fred Rasband	Deed		"Resurvey 15 ft in rear on each lot [26&27]"
9/21/1904	Bp. Fred Rasband	Park City Corp of L.D.S. Church	Deed		"60 ft. deep"
11/28/1925	Margaret Mason Whitney	L.D.S. Church	W.D.		"E15ft. front & rear 26, 27"
11/16/1962	PC Corp of the Church of J.C.L.D.S.	Joan J. Woodbury	Special W.D.		"That pt of L26&27 fronting on Park Ave"
2/23/1976	Joan J. Woodbury, a woman	Lothaire R. Rich, adm.	W.D.		[adm. of Estate of Rae Ann Jackson]
6/1/1976	Lothaire R. Rich, adm.	Robert J. & Judith C. Lewis	Adm. Deed		[adm. of Estate of Rae Ann Jackson]
12/22/1983	Robert J. & Judith C. Lewis	Robert J. & Judith C. Lewis, et al	W.D.		[sold as condos]

Researcher: John Ewanowski, CRSA Architecture

Date: 4/2/2014



# QUESTIONNAIRE ASSESSMENT LEVEL STUDY

## UTAH STATE TAX COMMISSION

THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE HELD STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND USED FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY. IT WILL IN NO WAY INDIVIDUALLY AFFECT THE TAXES ON THIS PROPERTY.

GRANTEE (BUYER) Rae Ann Jackson Charles Woodbury GRANTOR (SELLER)

PROPERTY SERIAL NUMBER P.C-161 GEOG. CODE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY Block 10 lots 26 & 27

Former Church Property, Hasn't been Appraised  
JTD 9-12-69

1. ADDRESS OF PROPERTY 424 Park Ave.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER ANY OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW, PLEASE FILL IN WHAT YOU CAN AND RETURN IN POSTPAID ENVELOPE ENCLOSED.

<p>2. IN THIS TRANSACTION WHAT WAS THE TOTAL PRICE? <span style="float: right;">\$ 20,000.00</span></p> <p>CONSISTING OF: DOWN PAYMENT: CASH <u>\$5000.00</u> <span style="float: right;">\$ 5,000.00</span> OTHER CONSIDERATION (SPECIFY): <u>15,000.00</u> <span style="float: right;">\$ 15,000.00</span></p> <p>3. WAS THIS A CONTRACT SALE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>4. IF CONTRACT SALE, SPECIFY CONDITIONS OF SALE: <u>10 yrs. at 7 1/2% int.</u></p> <p>5. IF THIS WAS NOT A CONTRACT SALE WAS: A: NEW MORTGAGE PLACED <input type="checkbox"/> B: OLD MORTGAGE ASSUMED <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>6. MORTGAGE INTEREST RATE _____ % MORTGAGE MATURITY DATE _____</p> <p>7. FINANCING: <input type="checkbox"/> F.H.A. <input type="checkbox"/> V.A. <input type="checkbox"/> CONVENTIONAL</p> <p>8. YEAR OF SALE <u>1969</u></p> <p>9. CONDITION OF MAJOR BUILDING AT TIME OF SALE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOUND <input type="checkbox"/> NEEDS MINOR REPAIRS <input type="checkbox"/> NEEDS MAJOR REPAIRS <input type="checkbox"/> UNSOUND</p> <p>INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY: NAME <u>Bonnie Novelle</u></p> <p>ADDRESS <u>416 Park Ave.</u></p>	<p>10. FOR WHAT PURPOSE WILL THIS PROPERTY BE UTILIZED? <input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURAL <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) _____</p> <p>11. DID THE PRICE INCLUDE ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY SUCH AS: <input type="checkbox"/> CARPETS <input type="checkbox"/> DRAPES <input type="checkbox"/> BUILT-IN'S <input type="checkbox"/> STOCK-IN-TRADE <input type="checkbox"/> MACHINERY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) <u>pulput &amp; benches stove &amp; fridge.</u> ESTIMATE VALUE \$ _____</p> <p>12. WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES THIS PROPERTY? <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE OR TWO FAMILY DWELLING <input type="checkbox"/> URBAN LOT <input type="checkbox"/> APT. BLDG. 3 OR MORE UNITS <input type="checkbox"/> UNDEVELOPED SUBURBAN LOT <input type="checkbox"/> COMM. BLDG. (STORE OR OFFICE) <input type="checkbox"/> IRRIGATED FARM LAND <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL BLDG. (FACTORY) <input type="checkbox"/> DRY FARM LAND <input type="checkbox"/> RANGE LAND <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER EXPLAIN <u>Family type accomodations</u></p> <p>13. ARE YOU PRESENTLY CONSIDERING DEMOLISHING PRESENT BUILDINGS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>14. DID THE SALE RESULT FROM? <input type="checkbox"/> BANKRUPTCY <input type="checkbox"/> THREATENED FORECLOSURE <input type="checkbox"/> ESTATE SETTLEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE OF THESE</p> <p>15. WAS THE SALE IN YOUR OPINION? <input type="checkbox"/> ABOVE NORMAL PRICE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REASONABLE FAIR CASH VALUE <input type="checkbox"/> BELOW NORMAL PRICE</p> <p>16. WAS SALE BETWEEN RELATIVES <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>17. PLEASE SPECIFY ANY RIGHT (MINERAL OR WATER) RESERVED IN DEED. <u>none</u></p> <p>18. WAS SALE HANDLED THROUGH REAL ESTATE BROKER? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>DATE <u>Sept. 9, 1969</u></p>
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420,000 1969 Sales Price  
 AF-161  
 Serial Number  
 1 OF 1  
 Card Number

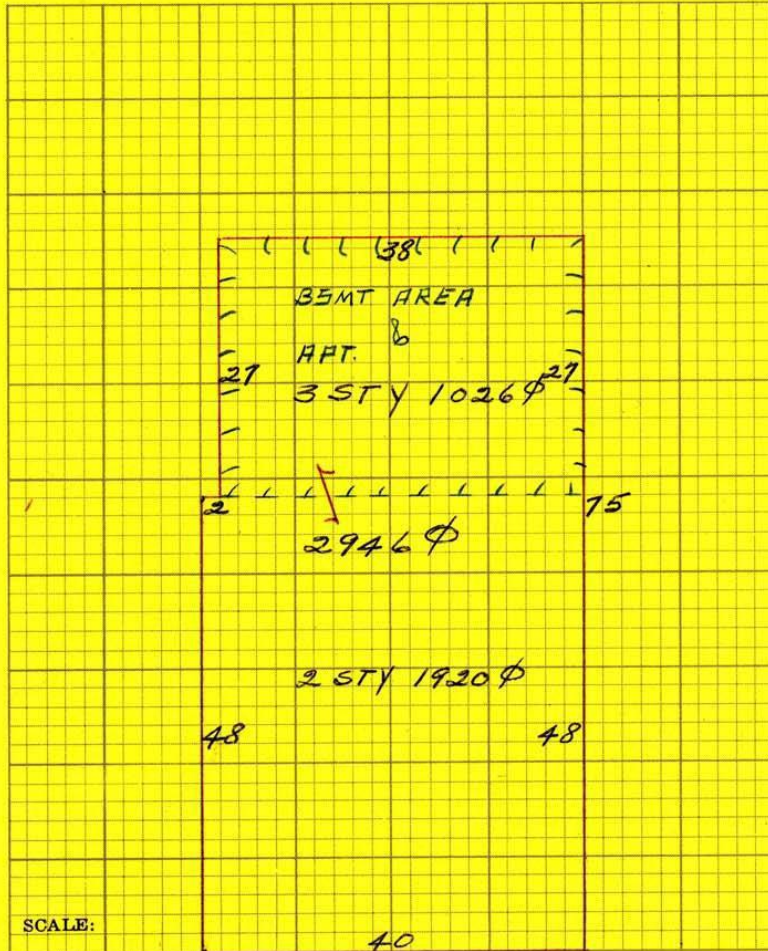
Owners Name 90 Lane Ann Jackson  
 Location Lots 26 & 27 Blk 10, P.C. Sub, Park City  
 Kind of Bldg Old Church St. No. 424 Park Ave.  
 Class 1 2 story stone Type 1 2 3 4. Cost \$ 11,175-6372 X 100 %

Stories	Dimensions	Sq. Ft.	Factor	Totals	Totals
2	40 x 48 x	1920	-	\$ 11,175	\$
3	27 x 38 x	1026	-	6,372	
	x x				

Att. Gar.—C.P. x Flr. Walls Cl. —

Description of Buildings	Additions	Additions
Foundation—Stone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sills		
Ext. Walls <u>Sdg</u>		
Roof Type <u>Gable</u> Mtl. <u>tin</u>		
Dormers—Small _____ Med. _____ Large _____		
Bays—Small _____ Med _____ Large _____		
Porches—Front _____ @ _____		
Rear _____ @ _____		
Porch _____ @ _____		
Planters _____ @ _____		
Ext. Base. Entry <u>27 x 38 = 1026 @</u>		
Cellar-Bsmt. — $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ <u>82</u> Floor <u>conc</u>		841
Bsmt. Gar. _____		
Basement <u>1</u> Rms. _____ Fin. Rms. _____	FLD	2475
Attic Rooms Fin. _____ Unfin. _____		650
Plumbing {	Class <u>2</u> Tub. _____ Trays _____	340
	Basin <u>2</u> Sink <u>1</u> Toilet <u>2</u>	110
	Wtr. Sfr. _____ Shr. St. <u>1</u> O.T. _____	
	Dishwasher _____ Garbage Disp. _____	
Heat—Stove _____ H.A. _____ FA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HW _____ Stkr _____ Elec. _____		1301
Oil _____ Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coal _____ Pipeless _____ Radiant _____	FLD	881
Air Cond. — Full _____ Zone _____		
Finish—Fir. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hd. Wd. _____ Panel _____		
Floor—Fir. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hd. Wd _____ Other _____		
Cabinets <u>1</u> Mantels _____		
Tile—Walls _____ Wainscot _____ Floors _____		
Storm Sash—Wood D. _____ S. _____; Metal D. _____ S. _____		
Awnings — Metal _____ Fiberglass _____		
Total Additions		6598
Year Built <u>1901</u> Avg. <u>1901</u> Replacement Cost <u>24145</u>		
Age <u>2</u> Obsolescence _____		
Inf. by <u>VAQ</u> { Owner - Tenant - Neighbor & Record - Est. Adj. Bld. Value _____		
Conv. Factor _____		
Replacement Cost—1940 Base _____		
<u>"C" Stone</u> Depreciation <u>30%</u> _____		
1940 Base Cost, Less Depreciation _____		
Total Value from reverse side _____		
Total Building Value \$ _____		
Appraised ① <u>4-13-</u> 19 <u>70</u> By <u>1533</u>		
Appraised ② _____ 19 _____ By _____		





RESIDENTIAL OUT BUILDINGS	Age	Size	Area	Fac-tor	Cost	Conv. Fac.	Adj. Cost	Depr. Value
		x				.47		
		x				.47		
		x				.47		
		x				.47		
		x				.47		
		x				.47		

No Garage — Class \_\_\_\_\_ Depr. 2% 3% \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cars \_\_\_\_\_ Floor \_\_\_\_\_ Walls \_\_\_\_\_ Roof \_\_\_\_\_ Doors \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_ x 47% \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1940 Base Cost \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ % Depr. \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS *Formerly a Church Bldg., Sold by Park City Realty Co, 90 Bonnie Howell 649-9506. Purchased from Joan J. Woodbury 1969 Sales price \$20,000*

Researcher: Philip F. Notarianni  
 Date: August, 1978

Site No. SU-10-92

Utah State Historical Society  
 Historic Preservation Research Office  
**Structure/Site Information Form**

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 424 Park Avenue Plat PC Bl. 10 Lot 26-27  
 Name of Structure: Blue Church Lodge (Park City, LDS Meeting House) T. R. S.  
 Present Owner: Robert J. & Judith C. Lewis c/o Roy Reynolds UTM: 12/458110/4499100  
 Owner Address: P.O. Box 1720, Park City, UT 84060 Tax #: PC-161

AGE/CONDITION/USE 2

Original Owner: LDS Church Construction Date: 1897 Demolition Date:  
 Original Use: religious  
 Present Use: Occupants:  
 Single-Family  Park  Vacant  
 Multi-Family  Industrial  Religious  
 Public  Agricultural  Other  
 Commercial  
 Building Condition: Integrity:  
 Excellent  Site  Unaltered  
 Good  Ruins  Minor Alterations  
 Deteriorated  Major Alterations

STATUS

Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:  
 Significant  National Landmark  District  
 Contributory  National Register  Multi-Resource  
 Not Contributory  State Register  Thematic  
 Intrusion

DOCUMENTATION 4

Photography: Date of Slides: Date of Photographs:  
 Views: Front  Side  Rear  Other   
 Views: Front  Side  Rear  Other   
 Research Sources:  
 Abstract of Title  City Directories  LDS Church Archives  
 Plat Records  Biographical Encyclopedias  LDS Genealogical Society  
 Plat Map  Obituary Index  U of U Library  
 Tax Card & Photo  County & City Histories  BYU Library  
 Building Permit  Personal interviews  USU Library  
 Sewer Permit  Newspapers  SLC Library  
 Sanborn Maps  Utah State Historical Society Library  Other

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):  
 Summit County Recorder and Assessor Records, Summit County Courthouse, Coalville, Utah.  
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5 ARCHITECTURE

Architect/Builder: unknown

Building Materials: wood

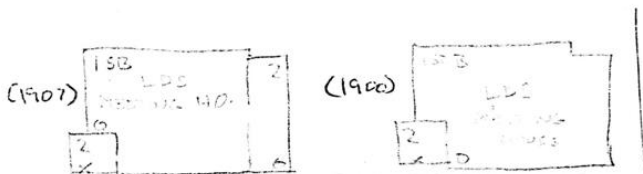
Building Type/Style: Institutional/Gothic

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

The structural style of the church is considered utilitarian wood Gothic. It measures seventy-four feet long by forty-two feet wide containing four levels; and has a stone foundation, wood lapsiding, large arched windows, and a large steeple topped with a weather vane. The roof treatment is mansard, with a dormer facing West and a metal roof covering. Interior space is now luxury apartments with a large semi-public lounge.

A thirty-foot addition was added to the rear of the building sometime between 1926 and 1930.



6 HISTORY

Statement of Historical Significance:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal Americans    | <input type="checkbox"/> Communication          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military          | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Science            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Minority Groups   | <input type="checkbox"/> Socio-Humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Arts                | <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration/Settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> Political         | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation        |   |

The Church was the first chapel of the LDS Church in Park City, rebuilt after the 1898 fire. Its wood Gothic style renders the structure as a rare "existing" example of this style utilized by the LDS Church. The Park City Meeting house is the largest frame structure existing in the town which dated back to the conflagration of 1898.

This structure also represented the culmination of years of struggle by the Mormon Community in a "Gentile" camp and has served a basic function in tending to the religious needs of the Park City Mormon population.

For additional information see the National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form.



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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

LDS Park City Meeting House

AND/OR COMMON

Blue Church Lodge

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

424 Park Avenue

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Park City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

01

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Utah

CODE

049

COUNTY

Summit

CODE

043

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Robert J. Lewis

STREET & NUMBER

9289 Ivy Tree Lane

CITY, TOWN

Great Falls

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Summit County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main

CITY, TOWN

Coalville

STATE

Utah

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Local Park City Historic District

DATE

October 5, 1977

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Utah State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

STATE

Utah



**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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The structural style of the church is considered utilitarian wood Gothic. It measures 74 feet long by 42 feet wide containing four levels; and has a stone foundation, wood lapsiding, large arched windows, and a large steeple topped with a weather vane. The roof treatment is mansard, with a dormer facing west and a metal roof covering. Interior space is now luxury apartments with a large semi-public lounge.

At the time of reconstruction, in 1900, the large assembly room, measured 40 ft. by 40 ft. and 18 ft. high with two vestry rooms. It contained six large chip glass windows with decorated gothic art glass ransoms. The walls and ceiling were papered with pole terra cotta paper and the woodwork was finished in cherry.

In the conversion of the structure from a church to apartments, the exterior was carefully reconstructed to conform as closely as possible to the original design. Window and door openings are exactly in the same location but insulated glass windows (to be substituted with stained glass) have been substituted for energy conservation. The interior has been significantly altered; but some of the original pews and other artifacts remain of the early church. Also, an addition, was added to the church between 1926-1930, a thirty foot addition to the rear.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1897; Rebuilt 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Park City Mining District dates to a beginning in 1868, with the discovery and location of various claims, among the more important were those by Rufus Walker and Ephraim Hanks. The discovery of ores and organized mining efforts in Utah is credited to the efforts of Col. Patrick E. Connor and his men, a group of California and Nevada volunteers, sent to Utah by the Secretary of War in 1862 to "watch" the Mormons and protect the Overland Mail. Connor's men included many who were veterans of the California and Nevada mining fields. As such, the men, in passing their time, prospected the mountains in search of precious metals. When the first discoveries were made in the Park City area, Connor's men were among those active in the vicinity.

In 1872, the discovery of the Ontario mine started Park City's establishment as one of the West's richest silver camps. Other operations such as the Daly Mining Company, also contributed to the district's reputation. Mining in Utah for precious metals was promoted and advanced primarily by "Gentiles"; that is, non-Mormons. Irish influence was very pronounced and from the outset, Park City was a "Gentile Camp".

Opposition to Mormons in Park City appeared very intense. In 1886 an organization known as the "Loyalty Legion" allegedly wrecked the home of an individual named (Gad) Davis, leader of the city's Mormons. Additionally, the group encouraged mining companies not to hire Mormon miners. A "ban" existed for approximately seven years, when in 1894, church leaders prevailed upon the mining companies to employ Mormon miners. This coincided with the movement of Mormon entrepreneurs into mining ventures all over the state.

Church membership grew and meetings were held at Roy's grocery store on Main Street. In 1894 Margaret D. Mason deeded lots 26 and 27, block 10 to the Trustees of the Park City branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, reserving for herself the rear fifteen feet of property for a consideration of \$600.00. At a business meeting held at Park City on March 3, 1895 and attended by President William W. Cluff, a committee of three consisting of Frederick Rasband, Orvis J. Call, and George W. Curtis, was appointed to select a building site on which to erect a meeting house. In August, 1895, a building committee comprised of Thomas L. Allen, John Adamson, Frederick Rasband, Hugh Reid, and Fred Thompson, was selected for the erection of the church.

Sources indicate that in 1896, \$1,136.19 was raised for the new meeting house. Work continued on the building in 1897 with nearly \$1,200 having been raised. On March 1, 1897, the basement was completed to the extent that it was used for a priesthood meeting. A second meeting was held there in April, with Charles Rasband replacing George W. Curtis as branch clerk. The meeting house was destroyed by fire June 19, 1898 -- the "Great Fire" destroyed many of Park City's structure on the upper main street area.

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 Leonard J. Arrington, "Abundance From the Earth: The Beginnings of Commercial Mining in Utah," Utah Historical Quarterly, 31, 3 (Summer, 1963), 192-219.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Philip F. Notarianni, Historian

September 27, 1977

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Utah State Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

603 East South Temple

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Salt Lake City

Utah

**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

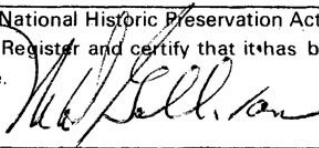
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



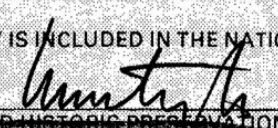
TITLE Michael D. Gallivan, State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

October 26, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER



DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

5-22-78

DATE

4-16-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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Action to remedy the problem was quickly taken. In July, Willard Sorensen and William E. Potts were elected trustees to hold the deeds to the Church property. By September, 1898, the building committee previously chosen was reorganized with Thomas L. Allen, Chairman, William E. Potts, secretary and James R. Glade, treasurer. This committee took the necessary steps for the erection of a new structure.

Construction commenced approximately in 1899 and the finished portion of the two-story structure was formally opened for use on Sunday, March 18, 1900 and consisted of the assembly area. The main room was 40 ft. by 40 ft. and 18 ft. high with two vestry rooms, 11 ft. by 16 ft. and 11 ft. by 14 ft. respectively. At the March meeting a silver sacrament service was presented to the branch by the Relief Society with numerous visitors attending and a formal address presented by Apostle George Teasdale.

In 1925 Margaret D. Mason deeded the rear 15 feet of lots 26 and 27, block 10 to the Park City Church. During the following year, steps were taken to construct a 30 foot addition to the rear of the building which was completed between 1926 - 1930. By 1938, work commenced on the Ward Amusement Hall in the lower level of the structure.

The church remained as the meeting house until 1957 when church members voted to build a new chapel at a cost of \$114,000. In December, 1962, the new church was dedicated. The old structure was in private hands until 1976 when it was purchased by its present owner.

Thus, the church was the first chapel of the LDS Church in Park City, rebuilt after the 1898 fire. Its wood Gothic style renders the structure as a rare "existing" example of this style utilized by the LDS Church. In fact, the use of the frame Gothic style for a meeting house dates to the turn of the century and the Park City and Eureka chapels remain the only significant examples of the frame type. In addition, the Park City meeting house is the largest frame structure existing in the town that dates back to the conflagration of 1898.

This structure represented the culmination of years of struggle by the Mormon community in a "Gentile" camp and has served a basic function in tending to the religious needs of the Park City Mormon population. In 1976, the Park City Council designated the structure as a historic building.