

# HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY HISTORIC SITE FORM

PARK CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION



#### **IDENTIFICATION**

STATUS / USE

Property Name (if any): William Austin House

Address: 252 Marsac Avenue

Date of Construction: c. 1890 City, County: Park City, Summit County, Utah

Architect/Builder, if known: unknown Tax Number: PC-437

Current Owner: Katherine M. Eldridge (trustee)

Legal Description (include acreage): PART LOT 12 & S1/2 LOT 13 BLK 53 PARK CITY SURVEY HQC-210 FWD-

251 GQC497 JQC-25 M226-386-388-390 339-523 502-146 521-297 1656-1288 1955-1143 KATHERINE M

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Original Use: single dwelling	Current Use: single of	lwelling				
Property Type:	National Register of	Historic Places:	Evaluat	tion:		
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Structure	☐ Ineligible		Signi	ficant Site		
Site	Listed, Date:		☐ Non Historic			
	7/12/1984 - Minin	g Boom Era Residences	Themati	c District		
DOCUMENTATION						
Photographs:	Research Sources:					
Tax Photos	Sanborn Maps	City/ County Histor	ies	Newspapers		
Prints:	tax Card	Personal Interviews		Other:		
Historic	Census Records	Park City Museum				

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Architectural	Style: Crosswing type /	Vernacular style		
No. Stories: 1	.5			
Number of As	ssociated Structures:	☐ Accessory building	y(s).#	☐ Structure(s). #
Condition:	Good	☐ Fair	Poor	☐ Uninhabitable/Ruin
Location:	☐ Original location	☐ Moved (Date:	original locat	ion:
Materials: (De	escribe the visible mater	rials)		
Exterior Walls	: The gable end is clad	in wooden vertical boa	rd and batten s	siding and the walls have horizontal drop
or novelty sid	ing			
Foundation: T	he foundation is not vis	ible in the photographs	and therefore	its material cannot be verified
Roof: The gal	oled roof is sheathed in	standing-seam metal ro	oofing. The use	of a metal roof dates from at
least 1958 as	it was mentioned on th	e 1958 tax card		
Windows/Doc	ors: A pair of vinyl casen	nent windows, most like	ely replacemen	ts, appears in a horizontal
opening in the	e gable-end. Doors are	not visible in the availab	ole photograph	S
Additions:	Major	Minor	None	
Alterations:	Major	Minor	None	
Describe Add	litions/ Alterations (Date	es):		
Essential Hist	oric Form: Retains		□Do	es 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.)

252 Marsac was described by Roger Roper in a 1984 National Register nomination as follows:

"This house is a one story frame T/L cottage with a gable roof. A porch spans the west side of the stem-wing into which a door and window have been pierced. The gable end of the cross-wing is distinguished by a three part projecting bay which may be an addition. Similar to other bay windows in Park City, it has a flaring low pitch roof and inset panels above and below the one over one double hung sash windows. Bays of this type were added to spruce up a simple house. Other well preserved examples of this type of bay are found on 222 Sandridge and 59 Prospect, two houses also included in the Park City nomination. The small horizontally placed rectangular window

above the bay is a later unobtrusive alteration. There is a rear shed extension which, if not original, was added by 1900, according to the Sanborn Insurance Map. In-period rear extensions are part of Park City's architectural vocabulary. Although in many cases an extension represents a major alteration of the original house, it usually contributes to the significance of a house because it documents the most common and acceptable method of expansion of the small Park City house. Except for the small window above the bay, the house is essentially unaltered and maintains its original integrity."

Though current images of this house are obscured by vegetation and other buildings built in the area, it appears that the house is largely unchanged from the time of the 1984 description. New corrugated metal roofing has been put on to replace the one present at the time of the description. The same drop novelty siding shown in the 1983 photo is present in the most recent images, and it is assumed that the board-and-batten siding shown on the rear gable was also present at that time. The overall form and materiality of the house remain intact and the house retains 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.)

From the 1984 National Register nomination, written by Roger Roper:

"Built c. 1890, the William Austin house at 247 Ontario is architecturally significant as one of 78 extant T/L cottages in Park City, 17 of which are included in this nomination. The T/L cottage 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.

"This house was built between 1889 and 1900, as indicated by the Sanborn Insurance Maps. It was probably built in 1890 for William and Alma J. Austin, who mortgaged the property that year for \$250, apparently to finance the construction of this house. That assumption is further supported by the fact that a lien was placed on the property in September of 1890 by Kidder & Bro. Lumber Company for \$196.25 worth of construction materials which they had supplied. The Austins sold the house in 1892 to Edward Leary, whose family owned it until 1902. Nothing is knows about either the Austins or Leary. Thomas J. Connor, who bought the house in 1902, apparently owned it until 1941, when it was deeded to the county because of unpaid taxes."

#### **REFERENCES**

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1993

#### **PHOTOS**

(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.)

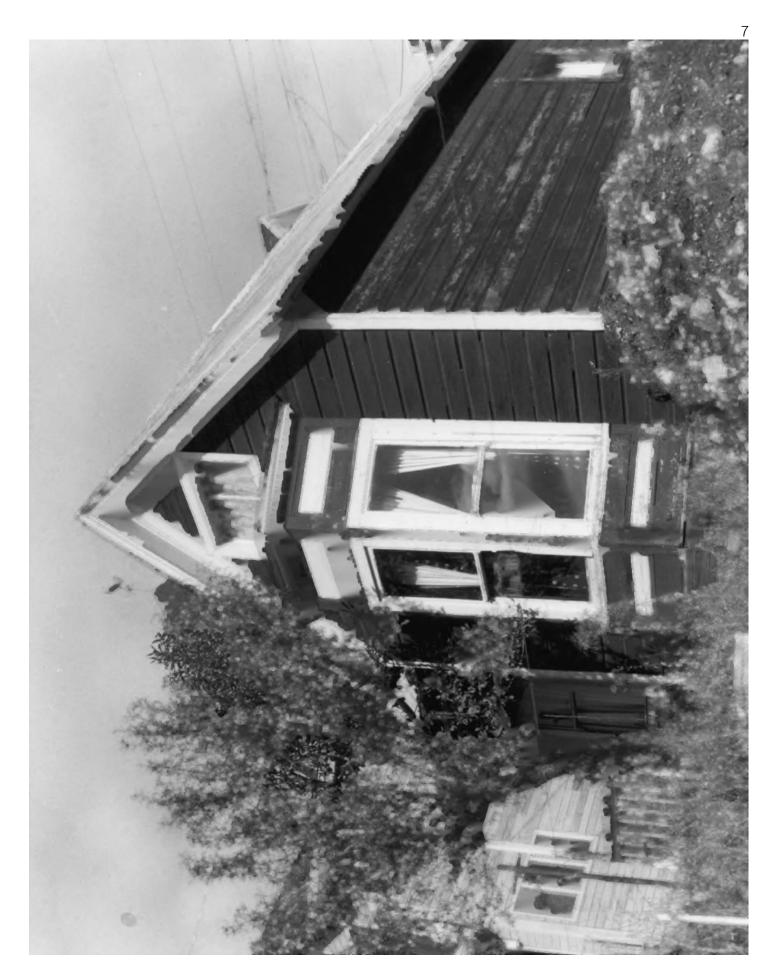
252 Marsac Avenue, Park City, Summit County, Utah Intensive Level Survey—Biographical and Historical Research Materials



c. 1941 (Summit County)



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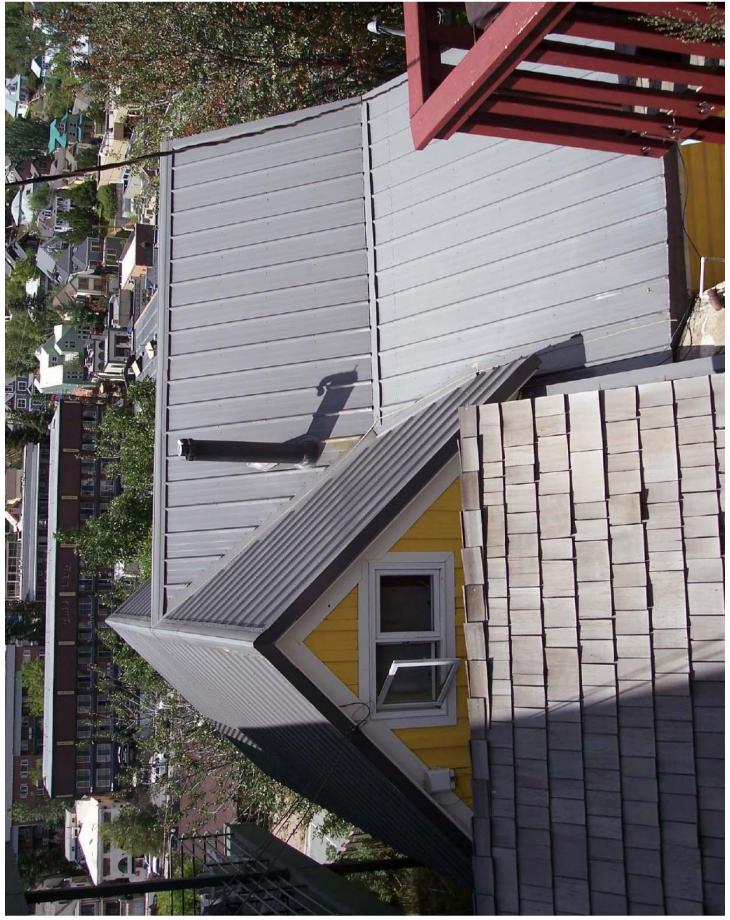


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Park City, Summit County, Utah William Austin House 247 Ontario

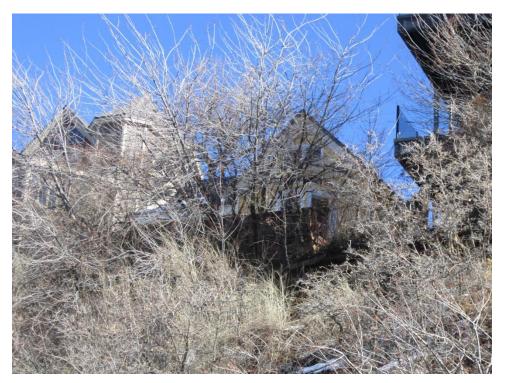
Southwest corner

State Historical Society 1983 October Temme, Photo by Debbie Utah Negative



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252 Marsac Avenue. Southwest oblique. November 2013.



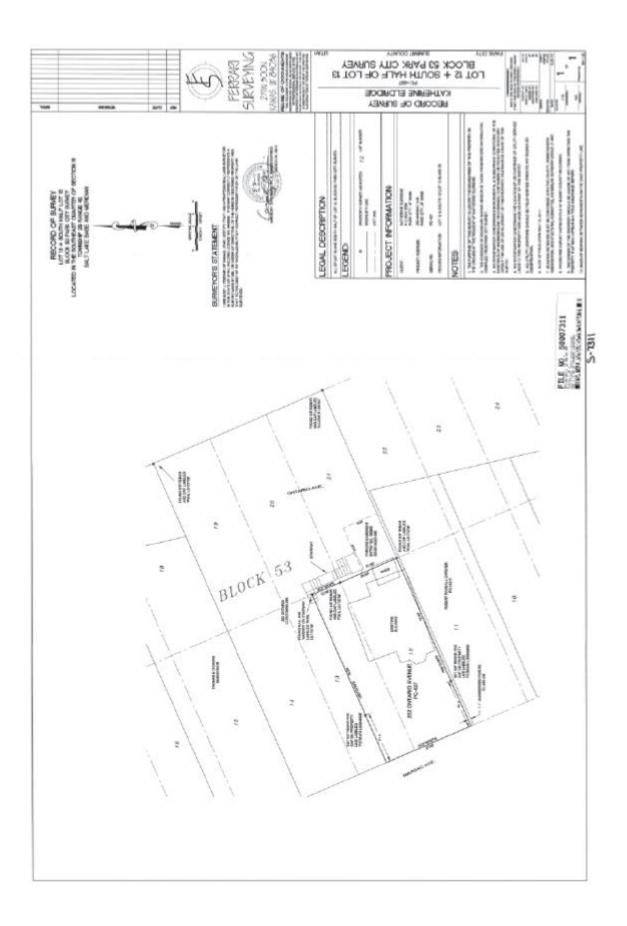
252 Marsac Avenue. West elevation. November 2013.



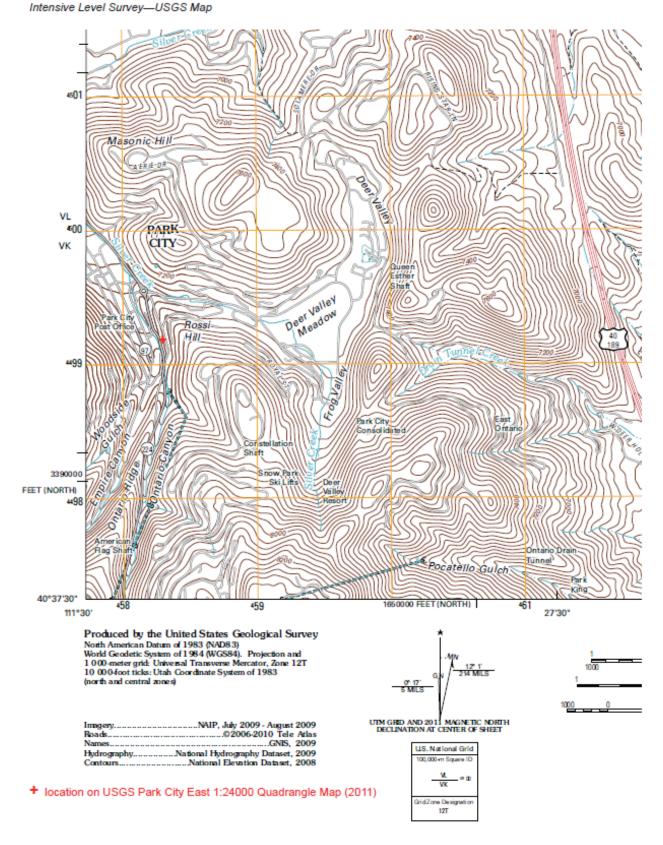
252 Marsac Avenue. Northwest elevation. November 2013.

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





## 252 Marsac Avenue, Park City, Summit County, Utah



	Utah State	e Historical Society	
erty Type:	Historic Prese	rvation Research Office	Site No
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Legal Description	William Austin House Madeline Smith  P.O. Box 512, Park Cord):  Effecti Kindo	tity, Utah 84060 ve Age:	UTM:12 458370 4498940 T. R. S. Tax#: PC 437
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Research Sources:  Abstract of Title  Plat Records/Map  Fax Card & Photo	Date of Slides: 1893  Front Side Rear Other  Sanborn Maps City Directories Biographical Encyclopedias Obiturary Index County & City Histories	' · · · .	f Photographs: 1893 Photo No.:
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Researcher:

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Date: 4/8/

Street Address: 247	Ontario	Site No.
Architect/Builder:	Unknown	
Building Materials:	Wood	
Building Type/Style:	T/L Cottage	

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

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

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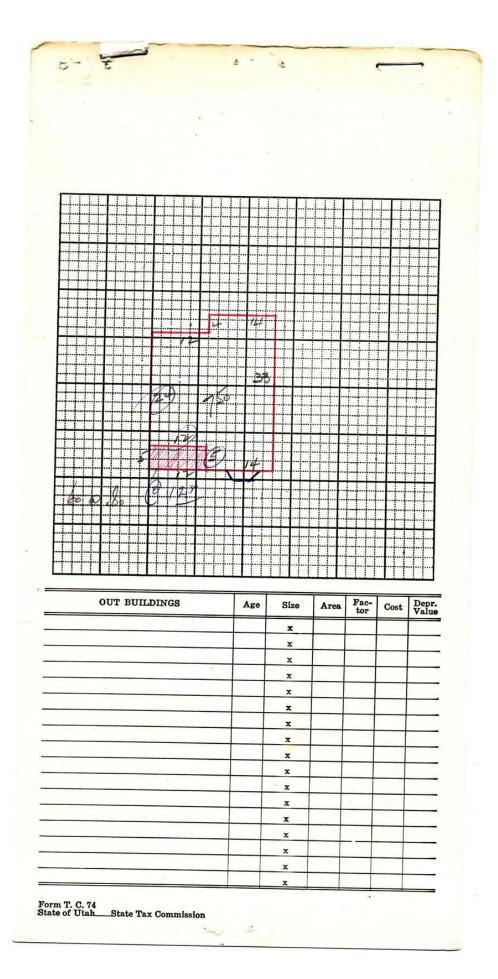
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7/19/1890	Wm. Austin & wife	John Cannon	Mortgage	\$250.00	
4/26/1892	William & Alma J. Austin	A.B. Richardson, Cashier	Mortgage	\$250.00	
7/12/1892	William & Alma J. Austin	Edward Leary	W		
10/10/1892	Edward Leary	William Austin	Mortgage	\$450.00	
12/3/1892	Ed. Leary, et al	Dennis J. Leary	W.		
8/30/1902	Dennis Leary & wife	Thomas J. Connor	W.D.		
10/6/1947	Summit County	John Daly, et ux	Q.C.D.		[following 1936 tax sale]
7/15/1961	Melda Daly, widow	Larry & Nancy Broadhead	Q.C.D.		
6/13/1977	Larry & Nancy Broadhead	A. Madeline Smith	W.D.		
4/25/1985	A. Madeline Smith	Louis C. Hudson	Q.C.D.		
11/30/1988	Louis C. Hudson	A. Madeline Smith, et al	Q.C.D.		
5/16/1989	A. Madeline Smith, et al	Christopher Larson	W.D.		
10/29/2004	Christopher Larson	Katherine M. Eldridge	W.D.		

Researcher: John Ewanowski, CRSA Architecture

Date: 5/2/2014

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