

# HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY HISTORIC SITE FORM

PARK CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION



#### **IDENTIFICATION**

Property Name (if any): James Kescel House

Address: 614 Park Avenue

Date of Construction: c. 1905 City, County: Park City, Summit County, Utah

Architect/Builder, if known: unknown

Tax Number: PC-116

Current Owner: SFT Ventures LLC

Legal Description (include acreage): LOT 29 BLK 8 PARK CITY SURVEY M64-74GQC-40 IQC-294 M56-225 M98-

242 M103-807 442-76 445-249 592-452 786-363 1688-592 2043-975; 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 ☐ Non Historic Listed, Date: **DOCUMENTATION** Photographs: Research Sources: Tax Photos City/ County Histories Sanborn Maps Newspapers Prints: 1995 & 2006 tax Card Other: Personal Interviews Park City Museum Census Records Historic

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Architectural Style: Modified "L" cottage or "T" cottage					
No. Stories: 1					
Number of Associated Structures:	☐ Accessory buildi	ng(s). #	Structu	re(s). #	
Condition: Good	Fair	Poor	Uninhal	bitable/Ruin	
Location: Original location	n ☐ Moved (Date:	original lo	cation:	)	
Materials: (Describe the visible ma	iterials)				
Exterior Walls: Drop-novelty wood	siding where there was	s once brick; u	pper gable is of	f patterned shingles.	
Wooden porch supports, railing, a	nd details.				
Foundation: : Not visible and there	fore its material cannot	be verified			
Roof: Wooden shingles					
Windows/Doors: Possible original	picture window with trar	nsom above or	n front elevation	n porch (unable to	
verify based on photos alone.) Visi	ble doors are of wood,	with decorative	e lower horizont	tal panels beneath	
a larger upper panel of glazing.					
Additions: Major	Minor	None			
Alterations: Major	Minor	None			
Describe Additions/ Alterations (D	ates):				
Essential Historic Form: Retains	5		Does Not Retai	in	

#### 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.)

614 Park is a T/L cottage that has undergone many cosmetic changes. The T/L cottage, also known as a crosswing, is one of the main three types of houses built during the historic Park City mining era. Several minor formal changes have been made to the house, including the addition of a brick chimney on the side of the cross-wing where the porch meets the house and the expansion or renovation of the porch to make it wider. The cross gable roof is sheathed with wooden shingles and has three gable dormers on the north side of the roof. These dormers were not present in the c. 1940 tax photo and were added by the 1995 photo. The house is clad with wooden drop siding, which replaced the bricktex siding described in the 1978 Site Information form. That bricktex siding may be

the same as is shown in the early tax photo, but this is unconfirmed. The upper gable is clad with fishscale shingles and decorated with barge boards. The windows all appear to be fixed panes, with a large vertically oriented window in the front gable end. Three windows are set in each dormer, and additional triple windows are found along the north wall including in the protruding bays. The door is an ornate frame and panel door with a large upper light. The porch is covered by a hip roof that begins just below the main roof and is supported by lathe turned posts with decorative spindlework stretching between. A simple balustrade stretches between the lower parts of the posts. Decorative woodwork lines the gable. All of the decorative details have been added since the c. 1940 photo, which shows a very plain house with very little ornamentation. Though the original structure may not have exhibited some of the details present today, the elements are akin to those found in other Park City homes of that era. The overall form and materiality of the building remains intact and the building 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.)

This house was built sometime between 1900 and 1907, judging from the Sanborn Insurance maps from those years. It is likely that the house was owned by James Kescel at that time. James Kescel was involved in mining during his thirty one years of living in Park City, including being superintendent of the Judge Mill, and was also involved in several of the social organizations. He moved away from Park City to Monroe, New York sometime before 1912. The property was decreed to Evva Zink in 1921.

No information could be found on Evva Zink, but it appears that she could have rented the house out, as it was occupied by Thomas Reese and his family during the 1920 census. Thomas worked as a barber, and lived in the house with his wife Amelia and their five children. By the time of the 1930 census, the house was being rented by Charles Thomas, his wife Drucilla, and their two daughters. Charles was a blacksmith for a mine at that time. By 1937, the house had gone up for a tax sale and was purchased by Charles. He and his family continued to live in the house at the time of the 1940 census, at which time he was working as a policeman for the city. The property stayed in their family for many years, but was eventually sold in 1977. It is currently owned by SFT Ventures LLC.

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#### **PHOTOS**

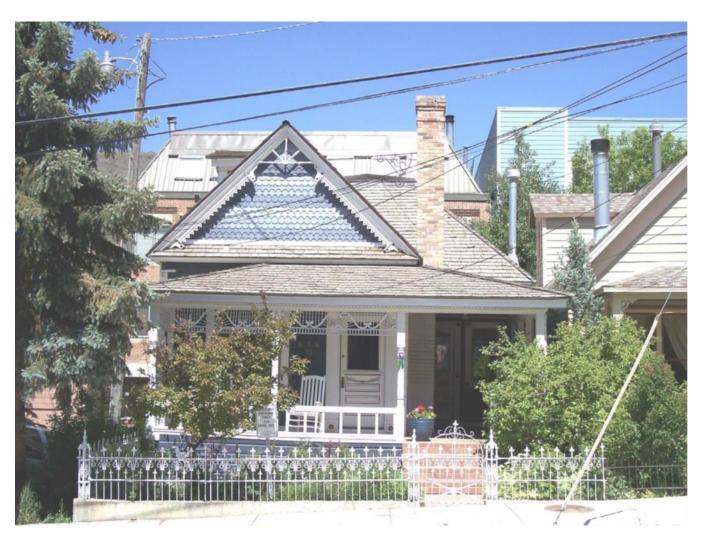
(Provide several clear historical and current photos of the property as well as locational maps indicating the location of the property in relation to streets or other widely recognized features.)

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



Tax photo c. 1940









614 Park Avenue. West elevation. November 2013.

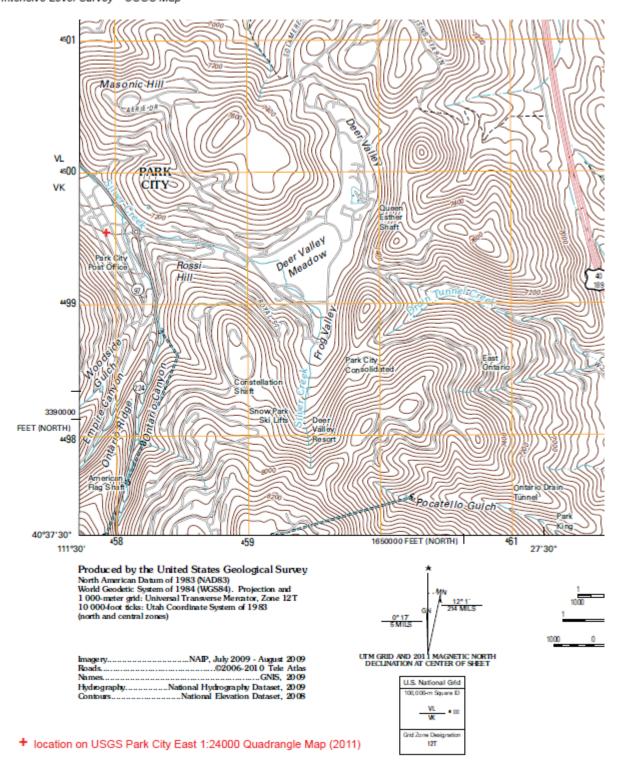


614 Park Avenue. Northwest oblique. November 2013.

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



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



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

Tax Number: PC-116

Legal Description (include acreage): PC BK8 L29 (see historic site form for complete legal

Address: 614 Park Avenue Park City, UT

(see historic site form for address) Current Owner: SFT Ventures LLC Address:

description)

TRANSACTION DATES	GRANTOR (SELLER)	GRANTEE (BUYER)	TYPE OF TRANSACTION	DOLLAR AMOUNT	COMMENTS
3/6/1893	Joseph & Selma O. Dye	Verdeon J. Bosler	Mortgage	\$400.00	"29" [rest of form]
7/28/1896	David C. McLaughlin & wife	Joseph Z. Dye	Μ		
8/19/1895	Joseph Z. Dye	James T. Kescel	Mort.	\$650.00	
7/12/1898	Joseph Z. Dye	James T. Kescel	W.D.		
6/20/1921	Third J.D. Court	Evva J. Zink, et al	Decree		
8/27/1937	Summit County	Charlie A. Thomas	O.C.D.		[result of tax sale]
5/1/1974	Drucilla R. Thomas, a widow	Drucilla R. Thomas,et al	Q.C.D.		[with J. Thomas Goodman & D. Thomas Burton]
11/9/1977	Jean Thomas Goodman, et al	Robert C. Johnston, a single man	W.D.		
2/27/1985	Robert C. & Cynthia Johnston	Kay M. Lewis, trustee	Trustee's Deed		
8/26/1987	Kay M. Lewis	First Security Financial	Trustee's Deed		
9/23/1987	First Security Financial	Howell E. Begle Jr.	W.D.		
1/4/1991	Howell E. Begle Jr.	Elisabeth A. Jensen	W.D.		
2/11/1994	Elisabeth A. Jensen	Carolyn L. & Thomas H. Fey	W.D.		
3/30/2005	Carolyn L. & Thomas H. Fey	L. Fey Investment Co. LLC	W.D.		
8/11/2010	L. Fey Investment Co. LLC	SFT Ventures LLC	W.D.		

Researcher: John Ewanowski, CRSA Architecture

Date: 4/13/2014

# James T. Kescel Dies Suddenly

A telegram received Teerday from Joe Reseat, conveyed the aid information that his father, Amers T. Kesnel, for many years a prominent and beloved resident of this constraintly, and died end-denly at his home in Monroe, New York, Monday, Beart diseans was the cause—death being instantaneous.

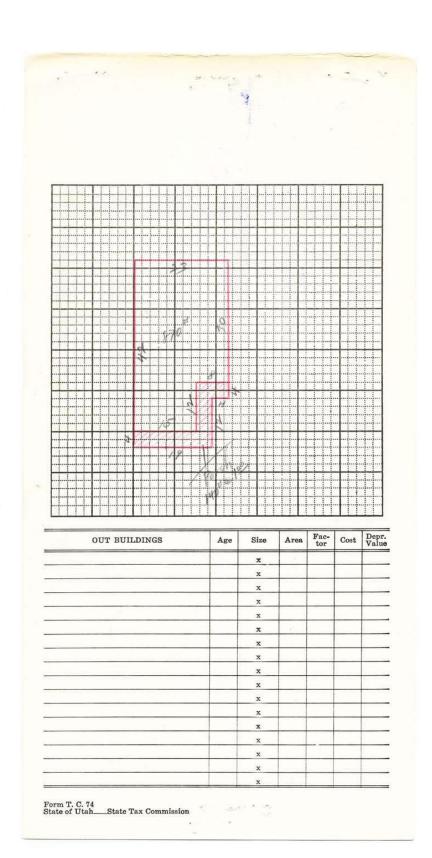
December 2, 1800, He came to the United States when five years of age, the family making thair home in Monroe, New York, at that time. Upon reaching man's estate, Mr. Reseat followed mining, and was superintendent of mining companies for years in New York state. Later he was eaunged in his mining operations in West and Eouth America. In 1877 he take a send Eouth America. In 1877 he came west, locating in Park City in 1868. He followed mining operations in our city—with the exception of live years—during which time he was city consolated as exceedingly cupable officer. That was in 1884 and 1885. He also carved as city councilman for two years.

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Mirs. Kescel died in this city, leaving three children, two sons and one daughter, Joseph T. Junes, and Mrs Minnie. In 1901 Mr. Reseal married Miss May T. Webb, of Monroe, the latter passing away in 1918—at their home of spindiches in Fark City, he was preminent in fraternal and civic affaire, and

Park Record 5/16/1930

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Researcher:

Philip F. Notarianni

Date:

August, 1978

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## Utah State Historical Society Historic Preservation Research Office

# Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION	Street Address: Name of Structure: Present Owner:	614 Park Avenue Plat PC\$B1.8 Lot T. R. S. Robert C. Johnston UTM:	29
	Owner Address:	P.O. Box 1974, Park City, Utah 84060 Tax #: P.C -	116
2	Original Owner:	Construction Date: @1904 Demolition Date:	
	Original Use:	residential	
AGE/CONDITION/USE	Present Use:  Single-Family  Multi-Family  Public  Commercial	Occupants:  Park	
AGE/0	Building Condition:  Excellent Good Deteriorated	Integrity:  □ Site □ Unaltered □ Ruins □ Minor Alterations (remodeling in progress) □ Major Alterations	
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DOCUMENTATION	Research Sources:  Abstract of Title Plat Records Plat Map Tax Card & Photo Building Permit Sewer Permit Sanborn Maps	City Directories  Biographical Encyclopedias  Obituary Index  County & City Histories  Personal Interviews  Newspapers  Utah State Historical Society Library  LDS Church Archives  BYU Library  BYU Library  USU Library  SLC Library  Other	
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Architect/Builder:	UNKNOWN		
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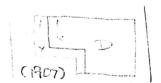
Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features: (Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

One-story gable frame dwelling with brown brick-tex siding. Scalloped shingles adorn the gable end; and the front porch is an overhang, covered with sheet metal, and supported by four posts.

The structure as of the summer of 1978 is under-going remodeling.



From 1907 Sanborn Map:



### Statement of Historical Significance:

- □ Aboriginal Americans
- □ Agriculture
- □ Architecture
- ☐ The Arts
- □ Commerce
- ☐ Communication
- □ Conservation
- □ Education
- □ Exploration/Settlement
- □ Industry
- □ Military Mining

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- ☐ Minority Groups □ Political
- □ Recreation
- ☐ Religion
- ☐ Science
- □ Socio-Humanitarian
- □ Transportation

Contributory to the Park City Residential Historic District as a miner's cottage. Current remodeling represents an adaptive re-use of the structure to the Park City recreational area.

According to abstracts, the first owner of record of the property, in the 1890's, was Joseph Z. Dye. Dye took out a mortgage from James T. Kessel in 1896; and transacted a Warranty Deed to Kesel in 1898. No other transactions appear until the property went to Summit County through a tax sale in 1932; and to W.D. Sutton in 1937. But in 1937 it again went up for tax sale and in 1942 to Charles A. Thomas, who apparently had redeemed the property from the 1937 sale.

No available information on Dye. However, W.D. Sutton, who had a "brief" connection with the home, hailed from a prominent Park City merchant family. With his brother, E.D. Sutton, he operated E.D. Sutton and Co., considered by some sources as the first combined meat and grocery store in Utah (established in 1890). William Sutton served as treasurer of the company. Sutton had earlier worked at the Ontario Mine, having arrived in Park City in about 1883.

During 1907-09 Sutton was a member of the Utah State House of Representatives, and the Park City Council. He was Utah State Treasurer from 1921 through 1925; and at the time of his death, September, 1941, served as the Treasurer and a director of the Newhouse Realty Co.

Active in fraternal organizations, especially the Masons, Sutton, with his son, started a tradition of sponsoring free Thanksgiving Day turkey dinners for crippled children in the Shriner's Hospital.