



HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY
HISTORIC SITE FORM
 PARK CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION



IDENTIFICATION

Property Name (if any): Wilson-Shields House

Address: 139 Park Avenue

Date of Construction:

City, County: Park City, Summit County, Utah

Architect/Builder, if known: unknown

Tax Number: PC-3-X

Current Owner: Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City Real Estate Corp.

Legal Description (include acreage): LOTS 5-10, 21-28, PORTIONS OF LOTS 4 & 29 ALSO THE S'LY 17 FT OF LOT 11 BLK 1 PARK CITY SURVEY IN SEC 16, T2SR4E, SLBM M3-112 KWD-499 MWD-408-537 OWD-97 NWD-198 HQCD-193 2129-087; 0.67 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:

Non Historic

7/12/1984 Mining Boom Era Residences Thematic District

DOCUMENTATION

Photographs:

Research Sources:

Tax Photos

Sanborn Maps

City/ County Histories

Newspapers

Prints: 2006, 1995, 1983

tax Card

Personal Interviews

Other:

Historic

Census Records

Park City Museum

USHS Preservation Files

Abstract of title

DESCRIPTION

Architectural Style: T/L cottage

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: wooden drop siding

Foundation: concrete

Roof: Cross-wing roof form sheathed in standing seam metal

Windows/Doors: square casement and grouped 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

(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.)

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The house remains largely unchanged since the writing of this description. The only substantial change was the standing seam metal roof that replaced the shingled roof present when the above description was written. 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.)

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PHOTOS AND MAPS

(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.)



Wilson/Shields House
139 Park
Park City, Summit County, Utah

View from Southeast corner

Photo by Roger Roper, October 1983
Negative: Utah State Historical Society





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139 Park Avenue. Northeast oblique. November 2013.



139 Park Avenue. East elevation. November 2013.



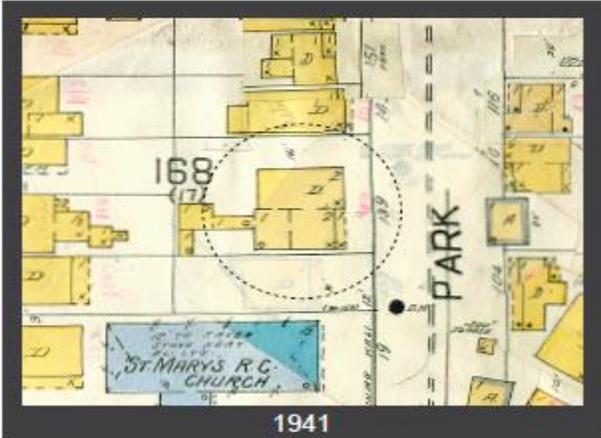
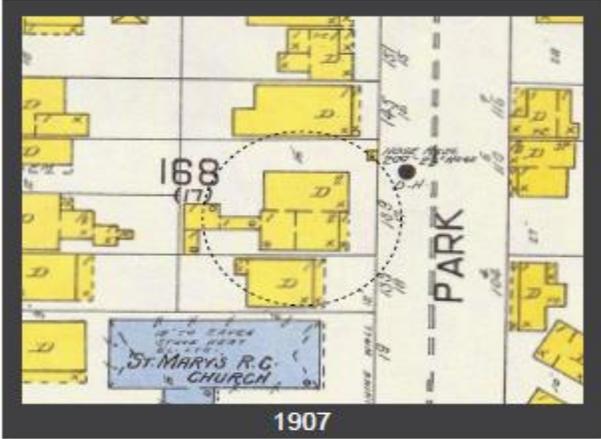
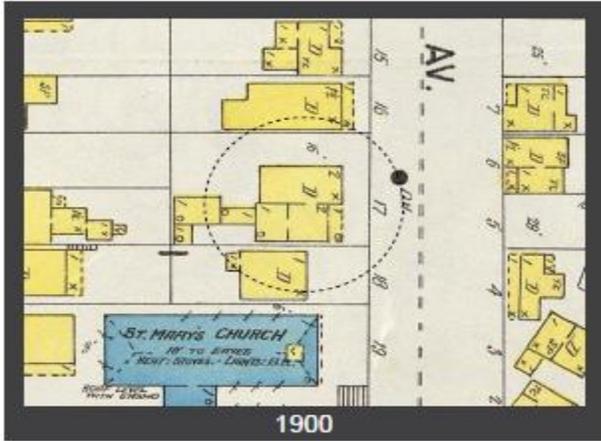
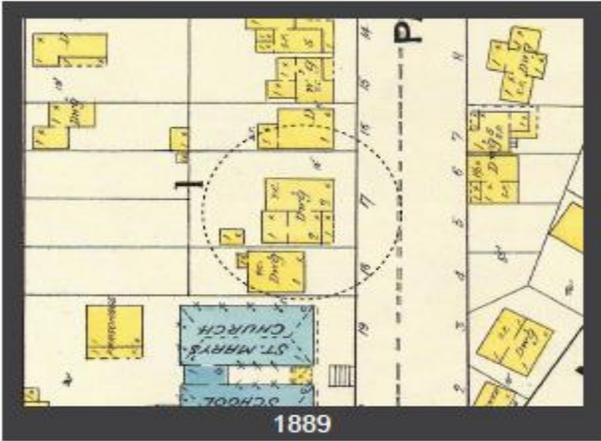
139 Park Avenue. Southeast oblique. November 2013.

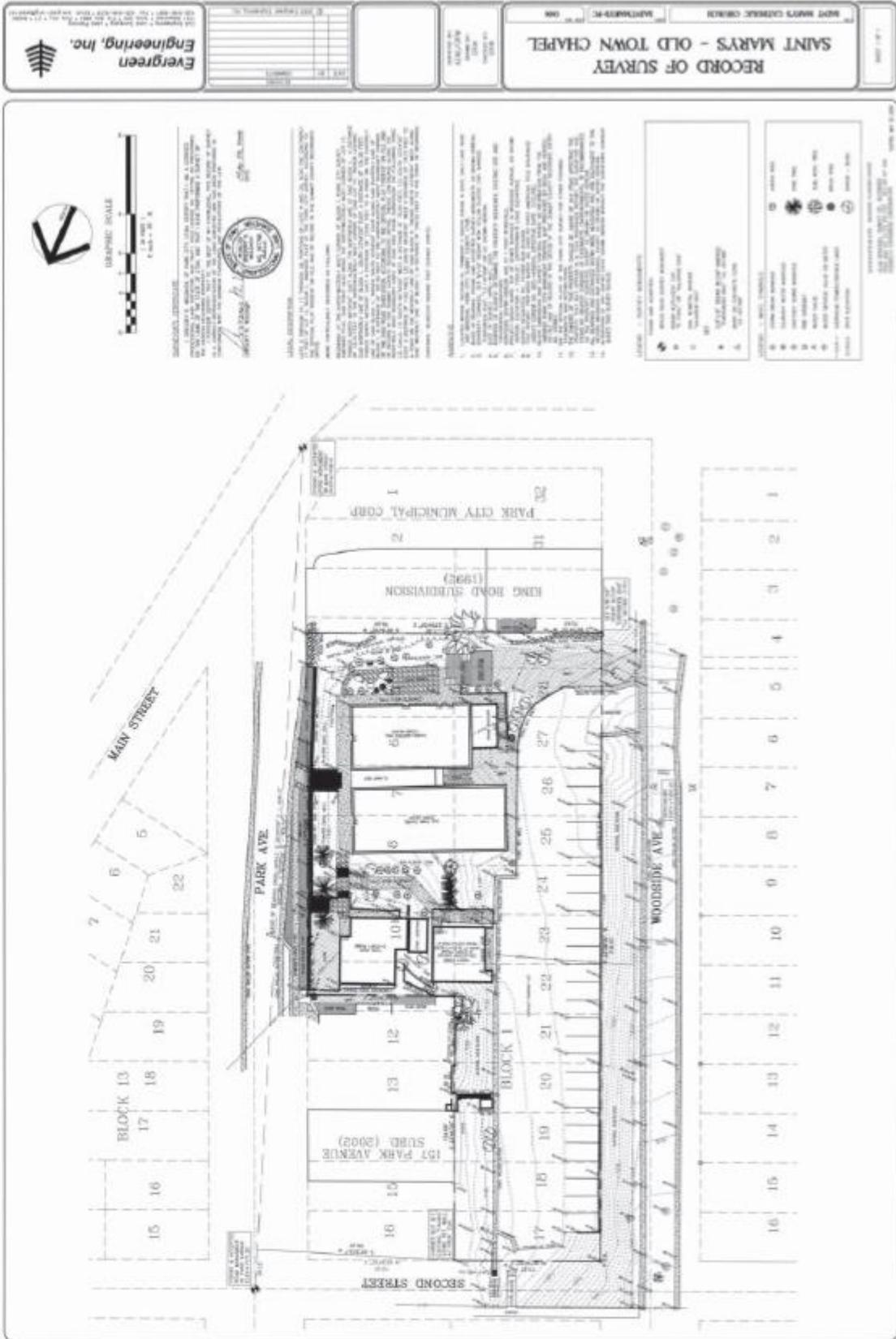




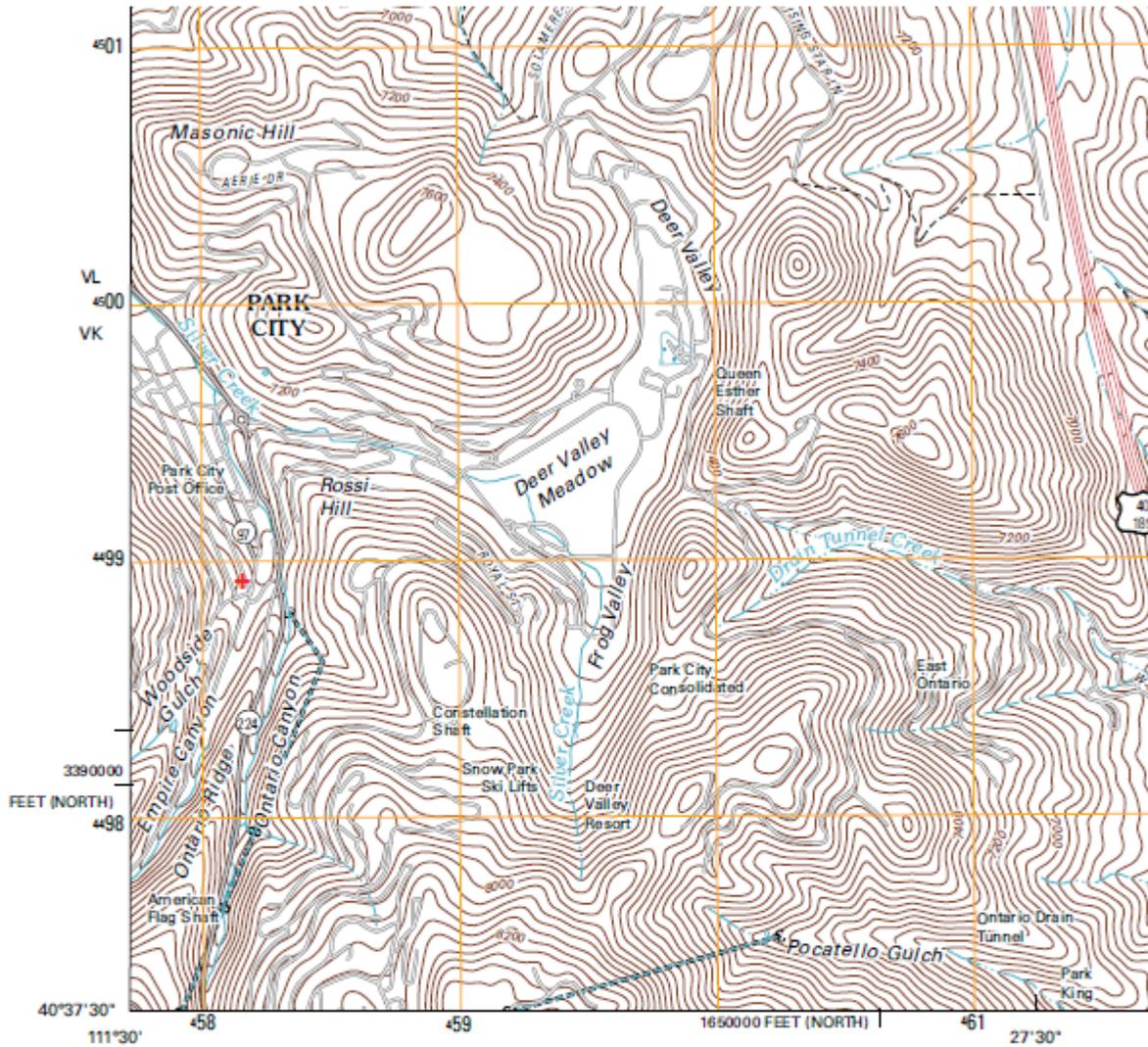
MAPS

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



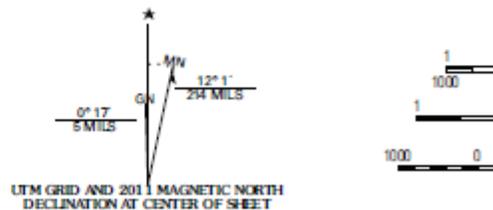


139 Park Avenue, Park City, Summit County, Utah
 Intensive Level Survey—USGS Map



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



UTM GRID AND 2011 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

U.S. National Grid
100,000-m Square ID
VL VK
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]

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City: Park City, UT

Current Owner: Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City Real Estate Corp.

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Tax Number: PC-3-X

Legal Description (include acreage): House is situated on PC BK1 L 10&11

TRANSACTION DATES	GRANTOR (SELLER)	GRANTEE (BUYER)	TYPE OF TRANSACTION	DOLLAR AMOUNT	COMMENTS
9/16/1881	Edwd. P. Ferry	Gilia Brack	W		"10, 11"
3/7/1884	Mrs. Gillia A. Brack	William Dix & Robert Wilson	W		"10, 11, 22, 23"
8/24/1889	William Dix	Mrs. Martha F. Wilson	W		"10, 11, 22, 23"
5/17/1890	Martha F. Wilson	Alvin D. Bowers	Mortgage	\$200.00	"10, 11"
7/18/1890	Martha Gillis	Mary E. Sullivan	Mortgage	\$350.00	"10, 11"
3/30/1890	Mrs. E.M. Gillis	F.E. Gregg	Mortgage	\$150.00	"10, 11"
9/20/1890	Mrs. E.M. & Martha Gillis	[illegible]	Mortgage	\$750.00	"10, 11"
10/21/1891	John L. Weber, Sheriff	Frank Richardson & W.G. Robson	W		"10, 11, 22, 23"
8/22/1892	Frank Richardson & W.G. Robson	Henry Shields	Q.C.		"10, 11, 22, 23"
10/24/1894	Henry Shields & wife	James Ivers	Mortgage	\$1000.00	"10, 11, 22, 23"
12/28/1912	Henry Shields	Aramintha C. Shields	W.D.		"10, S17ft. 11, 22"
9/20/1920	Third J.D. Court	Margaret Shields Worel et al	Order		"10, S17ft. 11, 22"
7/26/1921	Margaret Shields Worel et al	George Kelly	W.D.		"10, S17ft. 11, 22"
8/16/1921	George Kelly, et ux	Roman Catholic Bishop	W.D.		"10, S17ft. 11"
5/21/2012	Roman Catholic Bishop of S.L.C.	Catholic Diocese of S.L.C. RE Corp.	Q.C.D.		[all of PC-3-X]

Date: 3/31/2014

Researcher: John Ewanowski, CRSA Architecture

Utah State Historical Society

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Site No. _____

Structure/Site Information Form

1 IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 139 Park UTM: 12 458210 4498750
 Park City, Summit County, Utah
 Name of Structure: Wilson-Shields House T. R. S.
 Present Owner: Roman Catholic Church
 Owner Address: P.O. Box 669, Park City, Utah 84060

Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: PC 3X
 Legal Description Kind of Building:
 Lots 5-10, 21-28 portions of Lots 4 and 29 Block 1, Park City Survey, being in
 Section 16, T2S R4E Salt Lake Base and Meridian
 .67 acres.

2 STATUS/USE

Original Owner: probably Martha F. Wilson Construction Date: c. 1889 Demolition Date:
 Original Use: Residence Present Use:
 Building Condition: Integrity: Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:
 Excellent Site Unaltered Significant Not of the National Landmark District
 Good Ruins Minor Alterations Contributory Historic Period National Register Multi-Resource
 Deteriorated Major Alterations Not Contributory State Register Thematic

3 DOCUMENTATION

Photography: Date of Slides: 1983 Slide No.: Date of Photographs: 1983 Photo No.:
 Views: Front Side Rear Other Views: Front Side Rear Other

Research Sources:
 Abstract of Title Sanborn Maps Newspapers U of U Library
 Plat Records/Map City Directories Utah State Historical Society BYU Library
 Tax Card & Photo Biographical Encyclopedias Personal Interviews USU Library
 Building Permit Obituary Index LDS Church Archives SLC Library
 Sewer Permit County & City Histories LDS Genealogical Society Other Census Records

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

1900 Census Records. Summit County, Park City Precinct, p. 183-B.
 Park Record. December 12, 1919, p. 1. Henry Shields obituary.

Researcher: Roger Roper

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ARCHITECTURE

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Wood

Building Type/Style: T/L Plan House

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

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