

Way We Were
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From Cowboys to Comedians

Park City is no stranger to famous faces. From the very beginning many have found the romance of a western mining town intriguing, and wished to invest with the mining companies. Some came merely for a visit while staying in nearby Salt Lake while others came here once and decided to stay. Over time we have racked up quite the list of Hollywood individuals. Anywhere from silent movie star Charlie Chaplin to comedian and actor Robin Williams, you name it they've probably been here.

In the summer of 1965 actor, both on stage and in film, Hugh O'Brian became one of those famous faces to grace the town with his presence. He spent one afternoon visiting Park City and the new Treasure Mountains Resort, and had just enough time to get a couple promotional photographs in. He was traveling with the musical comedy, "Guys and Dolls," playing at the Valley Music Hall in North Salt Lake. Along with several other members of the cast they dined at the resort, enjoyed the gondola and train rides, and the beautiful mountain scenery. They also took time out of their schedule to stop by the territorial jail, and pose for a quirky photo-op!

Hugh O'Brian is best known for his work playing the honorable lawman and cowboy Wyatt Earp in the television series "The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp," from 1955 through 1961. He was also known to be quite the hunk back in the day!

It has been said that Park City draws in an interesting mixture of people all throughout the year, an element that has changed very little throughout its history. With the opening of Treasure Mountains Resort in December of 1963 a new kind of crowd began to flow into town. And slowly but surely Park City has been all but transformed.

For more information about the history of Treasure Mountains, visit the Park City Museum's exhibit Mines to Moguls: 50 Years of Park City Skiing, now on display until Sunday, May 25th.



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Credit: Park City Museum & Historical Society

Caption: Hugh O'Brian posing for a photo shackle in the territorial jail, now a part of the Park City Museum



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Credit: O'Brian on far right with fellow *Guys and Dolls* Cast members visiting Treasure Mountain Resort, see Ski School sign in background.