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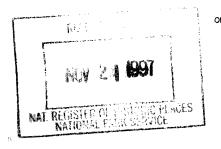
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### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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#### **Narrative Description**

The Yard-Groesbeck House, built in 1891, at 157 W. 200 South is a two story Victorian Eclectic gabled cross-wing house of frame construction with exterior walls clad in drop siding. The current owner reports that the home was first built as a one story Victorian T-cottage, which was expanded to its present size shortly after its construction. The front rooms are said to have been used as office space by the builder and original owner, who operated a lumber yard on the premises. The building is configured with the stem wing projecting east, parallel to 200 South. The cross of the "T" runs on a north south axis along the west side of the house.

The facade features a one-story porch spanning the north side of the east-projecting wing. The principal entry is situated in the corner of the junction of the east wing with the front cross gable. Rather than facing the street, the doorway faces east, and opens into the side of the front gable. The porch roof, supported by turned wood posts, serves as the platform for a roofless second floor porch edged by an out-of-period wrought iron railing. Beneath the porch roof, the facade features two evenly spaced tall narrow double-hung windows, each having rectangular lights arranged one-over-one. The window surrounds exhibit decorative detailing consisting of fluted trim with carved corner blocks. On the upper story, two doorways open onto the upper porch. One is situated directly above the main entry; another is centered on the north facing wall. The doorways are of original construction, with decorative wood surrounds.

The west portion of the facade is occupied by a front-facing gable. Paired tall narrow double-hung windows (one-over-one lights, with carved wood surrounds) are situated left of center on the first and second stories. A doorway with transom and carved wood surrounds (fluted trim, with corner blocks) opens into the front gable end at its western edge. This door appears to have served as the outside entry for the owner's office within the house.

The west side wall exhibits few decorative details. There are no openings on the forward portion of the wall. Toward the rear, there are two second story windows similar to those previously described. A single window is situated on the first story, directly below the rear-most of the second story windows.

The rear (south) gable end of the cross wing has two windows symmetrically arranged on the upper story. The lower story of the house is spanned in the rear by a shallow, one story shed roofed extension. Additionally, there is a one story gabled wing which projects back from the eastern half of the shed roofed extension. Although this wing appears on Sanborn Maps, the windows and door have been replaced with out-of-period materials. A fireplace projects off of the west side of this wing.

The east face of the house is dominated by the two story gable end of the stem wing. Affixed to the north portion of the gable end is a one story rectangular bay with a bracketed cornice, and wall cladding of fish-scale shingles above the level of the window sills. The principal bay window consists of four large, tall rectangular lights arranged two-over-two. The window surrounds, as elsewhere on the house, exhibit fluted trim with carved corner blocks. The side windows of the bay are tall and narrow,

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with lights in a one-over-one configuration. There is a single second story window situated off-center in the gable, directly across the bay.

As previously noted, 157 W. 200 South was significantly enlarged not long after its original construction, possibly with some modification of certain window and door placements. However, these changes took place with the period of significance outlined in the "Historic Resources of Springville City" Multiple Property Submittal. Since that time, the Yard-Groesbeck House has remained virtually unaltered, the only out-of-period changes being the asphalt shingles on the roof and porch cornice, and the replacement of the balustrade on the upper porch with the present wrought iron railing. Changes to the interior have been minimal, as well. The layout of the rooms has not been altered. The family room area, inside the south gabled addition, has been paneled with false-grained plywood paneling. The original stair to the second floor remains in good condition, as does the carved wood trim surrounding the windows and doors. The trim is the same pattern as the trim surrounding the outside.

A contributing gabled, rectangular one story garage of frame construction similar to the house is situated at the southwest corner of the property, as indicated on Sanborn Maps. It is uncertain whether this is the building used for lumber storage by the original owner, E.J. Yard. Sanborn Maps show several other buildings south of the house and on the interior of the block which might have been used for this purpose; however, these are not located on the present house property.

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#### **Narrative Statement of Significance**

The 1891 Yard-Groesbeck House is significant in the broad patterns of Springville history as an example of the larger, more substantially constructed homes built in Springville during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. As detailed in the "Historic Resources of Springville City" Multiple Property Submittal, these buildings reflect the growing prosperity and sophistication that the arrival of the transcontinental railroad (in 1869) and other links to communities outside Utah brought to Springville. The first owner of the house, Edward J. Yard, was a lumber dealer in Springville. The later owners, Nicholas H. and Rhoda S. Groesbeck, were a prominent family in late nineteenth century Springville. Successful first in the mercantile business and then in mining, Nicholas H. Groesbeck bought a house in Springville commensurate with his station in the community. Contact with the outside world brought awareness of popular architectural styles to Springville. Buildings such as the Yard-Groesbeck House were the result of such awareness.

Springville City, in Utah County, Utah, was settled in September, 1850 by a company of pioneers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS or Mormon Church) led by Aaron Johnson. The colonizing families had crossed the plains during the summer as part of a train of 135 wagons captained by Johnson. Upon arriving in Utah, they were called by church leader Brigham Young to establish a permanent community on the banks of Hobble Creek, in Utah Valley. The suitability of the area for settlement and agriculture had been noted earlier by William Miller and James Mendenhall, who had traveled the length of Utah Valley during the winter of 1849.<sup>2</sup>

The pioneering period of establishing Springville as a viable community was followed by an era of growth and diversification of industry and commerce. Promotion of the organized cooperative movement may have helped to initiate this new phase of development. The greatest impact, however, was brought by the railroad. Completion of the transcontinental rail line in 1869 ended Utah's geographic isolation, linking the state to the products and markets of the entire nation. It made goods from the outside more readily available, created new markets for Utah-produced commodities, stimulated commerce and the development of new industries, and brought in more settlers together with more outside influences. The pioneer period, with its emphasis upon basic essentials of community survival, self-sufficiency, and cooperative group effort, was brought to a final close.<sup>3</sup>

By the early 1900s, Springville had grown to a city of approximately 3,500. The 1911 R.L. Polk & Co. Directory shows Springville to have two banks, fourteen grading contractors, three hotels/rooming houses, one flour mill, one canning factory, and a municipal electric power plant. There were four general stores in operation: G.S. Wood Mercantile Co.; Deal Bros. & Mendenhall Co.; Packard Bros. &

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mary J. Chase Finley. A History of Springville (Springville, Utah: Art City Publishing, 1989), 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Finley, viii.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>See Leonard J. Arrington, <u>Great Basin Kingdom: An Economic History of the Latter-Day Saints 1830-1900</u> (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1958).

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Co.; and I.T. Reynolds & Co. Principals in the latter three firms also were prominent in the field of railroad contracting. Springville was served by two railroads: the Denver & Rio Grande Western, and the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad of the Union Pacific system.

According to current owner Margaret B. Conover, 157 W. 200 South was built in 1891 by Edward J. Yard, who was a lumber dealer at the time. Mr. Yard reportedly operated his lumber business out of the home, with offices in the lower front rooms. He originally built the house as a single story dwelling, adding the second story at a later date. The home's frame construction, an uncommon building material for substantial buildings of this time in Springville, is consistent with Mr. Yard's profession. The arrangement of an additional front entrance on the front-facing cross gable of the house is also consistent with Mr. Yard using rooms of his house as his offices.

Official title records list Mr. Yard as actually owning the parcel on which 157 W. 200 South stands only for a brief period in 1892. Little information is available regarding James D. Davis and George W. Snow, each of whom briefly owned the property prior to its purchase by Mr. Yard. Initially, Edward J. Yard owned a large portion of Lot 3, subsequently selling off sections to Anna S. Ingalls in 1892, Nettie K. Groesbeck in 1895, and George P. Thompson in 1899.<sup>5</sup>

The Yard-Groesbeck House occupies that portion of Lot 3 which Mr. Yard sold to Anna S. Ingalls. Ownership was subsequently transferred to David Eccles in 1894 and then to Rhoda Groesbeck in 1903. The home has remained in the possession of the Groesbeck family and their descendants up to the present day.

Rhoda Sanderson Groesbeck was the first wife of Nicholas Harmon Groesbeck. She was born in England in 1846, to John and Rebecca Wood Sanderson. The family came to Utah in 1856 with the David H. Cannon company of Mormon immigrants and settled in Springville in 1861. Rhoda Sanderson and Nicholas H. Groesbeck were married in Springville on December 16, 1892. Nicholas Harmon Groesbeck was born in Springfield, Illinois in 1842. He was the oldest child of Nicholas and Elizabeth Thompson Groesbeck. The family emigrated to Utah in the summer of 1856, settling in Salt Lake City.

In 1858, members of the Groesbeck family moved to Springville as part of the temporary migration of northern Utah Saints south to Utah County to escape the approaching Federal troops of General Albert Sydney Johnston's Army. Nicholas Groesbeck (Sr.) opened a small dry goods store in some rooms of the old fort row. The business later moved into a building on Main Street and First South. Prior to coming to Utah, Groesbeck had been a prominent merchant and businessman of Springfield, Illinois.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Mrs. Margaret Conover, Letter to Donna Breckinridge of the Springville CLG, 18 May 1987.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Ownership information is taken from the Title Abstracts of the Utah County Recorder, Provo, Utah.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Frank Esshom. <u>Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah</u>. (Salt Lake City, UT: Western Epics, Inc., 1966) p.902.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Finley, 16.

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He subsequently established himself as a leading merchant, mining man and real estate investor in Salt Lake City.

Nicholas H. Groesbeck continued to live in Springville after the family's return to Salt Lake City in 1858. In 1861, he built the Groesbeck Theater, of which he was owner and manager, on Main Street between Center and First South. He outfitted the theater with fixtures obtained from the army's Camp Floyd (near Fairfield, in northern Utah County) theater, which closed down when troops returned east at the outbreak of the Civil War.

In 1863, Nicholas H. Groesbeck bought out his father's interest in their Springville Mercantile business. When the cooperative movement was organized in 1868, he sold the business to the new co-op. The LDS Church's cooperative economic system, adopted some years earlier by certain Utah communities, was significantly expanded during 1868. In that year, Zion's Cooperative Mercantile Institution (Z.C.M.I.) was organized at Salt Lake City. The cooperative system had its basis in LDS church doctrine, and was encouraged by church leaders, most notably Lorenzo Snow. It espoused the principle of an independent, self-reliant society in which members would work for the common good rather than personal gain. The early success of Springville's cooperative system was destined to be short-lived, however. As was the case in other Utah communities, the cooperative ideal fell victim to increasing competition from private concerns and the reluctance of the cooperative's members to participate fully in the communitarian system.

Turning his attention to mining, Groesbeck joined with his father and brothers to develop the Flagstaff Mine, which became a major producer in the Little Cottonwood Mining District, outside of Salt Lake City. Groesbeck left Utah in 1871 to serve an LDS Church mission in Kentucky, Ohio and Illinois. Upon returning to the west, he purchased mining properties in Montana, which he then sold in 1876 to the Packard brothers of Springville. Taking the Packard Bros. Springville store as partial payment, he re-entered the mercantile business for several years until leaving on a second LDS Church mission, this time to New Zealand, in 1880. After returning from his second mission in 1882, Groesbeck, remained engaged in mining ventures and also entered the real estate business. His first of three wives, Rhoda Sanderson Groesbeck, resided at 157 W. 200 South until her death in 1932. During her life in Springville she was active in LDS Church and charity work, and was a member of the daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She and Nicholas H. were the parents of ten children, five of whom were surviving at the time of her death.

In 1935, Harrison and Margaret Bird Conover moved into 157 W. 200 South. Mrs. Conover is the granddaughter of Nicholas H. and Rhoda S. Groesbeck. Her parents were Martin W. and Mary Groesbeck Bird. Title abstracts show the Birds inherited the house in 1937. However, they appear not to have lived in the house. In 1939, the Conovers gained ownership of the property.

William Harrison Conover was a prominent publisher, state legislator and county official during his career. Born in 1907 in Provo, he married Margaret Bird in 1933. He was president of Art City Publishing in Springville from its founding in 1933 to 1983, publisher of the <u>Springville Herald</u> newspaper from 1939-1967, and Utah County Assessor from 1967 until his death in 1983. He was a

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#### **Common Label Information:**

- 1. Yard-Groesbeck House
- 2. Springville, Utah County, Utah
- 3. Photographer: Nelson Knight
- 4. Date: February 1997
- 5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

#### Photo No. 1:

6. North elevation of building. Camera facing south.

#### Photo No. 2:

6. Northwest elevation of building. Camera facing southeast.

#### Photo No. 3:

6. South elevation of building. Camera facing north.

#### Photo No. 4:

6. East bay window detail. Camera facing southwest.

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Amended Items in Nomination:

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This nomination is amended to delete Commerce as an area of significance, because the documentation of the original building's use as a lumber yard office is too unclear and because the ability of the house to testify to that use has been too much impaired by later alterations.

The period of significance is amended to begin in 1891, when the earliest part of the house was built.

These changes have been confirmed with the Utah SHPO.

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