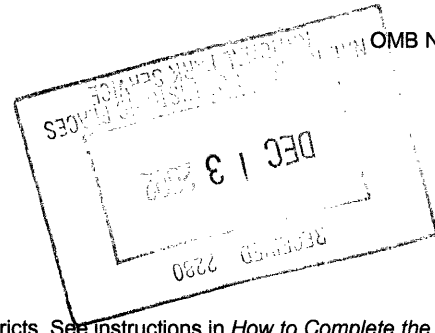


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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Forsgren, Peter & Anna Christena, House

other name/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 59 South 100 East not for publication

city or town Brigham City vicinity

state Utah code UT county Box Elder code 003 zip code 84302

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 12/9/02
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Utah Division of State History, Office of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) _____

[Signature] Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 1/23/03

Jason H. Beall

Peter & Anna Christena Forsgren House
Name of Property

Brigham City, Box Elder County, Utah
City, County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Historic Resources of Brigham City, Utah

9

6. Function or Use

Historic Function
(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Function
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19TH CENTURY: Gothic Revival
OTHER: Vernacular

foundation STONE
walls STUCCO

roof ASPHALT shingle
other WOOD bargeboard trim

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

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8. Description

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

RELIGION

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1857-1952

Significant Dates

c. 1857, 1901

Significant Persons

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Peter A. Forsgren (builder)

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other Name of repository: _____

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

Peter & Anna Christena Forsgren House
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property .25 acres

UTM References

(Place additional boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

1 1/2 4/1/5/4/6/0 4/5/9/5/5/6/0
Zone Easting Northing

2 / / / / / / / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

3 / / / / / / / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

4 / / / / / / / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4, BLOCK 14, PLAT A, BRIGHAM CITY TOWNSITE SURVEY;
THENCE NORTH 6 RODS, EAST 10 RODS, SOUTH 6 RODS, AND WEST 10 RODS TO THE BEGINNING.

Property Tax No. 03-121-0033

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those that were historically and continue to be associated with the property.

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Larry Douglass
organization Brigham City CLG date November 21, 2002
street & number 24 North 300 West telephone 435/723-6769
city or town Brigham City state UT zip code 84302

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs: Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items: (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

name/title Marilyn P. Pierce
street & number 59 South 100 East telephone 435/723-2739
city or town Brigham City state UT zip code 84302

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Narrative Description

The Peter & Anna Christena Forsgren House, constructed c. 1857, is a one-and-one-half-story, stucco, vernacular Gothic Revival-style, central-passage dwelling. Attached at the rear is an ell, which possibly dates from the original construction and two later, though historic, frame additions. The house is one of the earliest extant and most unique of the settlement-period residences in Brigham City. It is located on a shady, tree-lined street, one block east of the central business district. The Forsgren House is surrounded by period-revival cottages and bungalows; less than one-quarter of the homes in this older neighborhood have retained their historic integrity. Across the street and one lot to the north is the Victorian-style Jonathan & Jennie Knudson House (National Register listed 12/2000)

The steeply pitched cross gable at the center of the bilaterally symmetrical primary (west) facade of the Forsgren House features decorative bargeboard trim. The bargeboard is also located at the gable ends of the house and is the most prominent design feature. At the upper level, a door is located in the center of the cross gable, directly above the main doorway.¹ Both of these entrances retain the original doors. The Sanborn maps indicate the front door had a wooden porch covering it until c. 1920.² All that remains of this porch is a classically inspired door surround consisting of a pediment supported on pilasters. Pediment trim accents the two primary facade windows, which are a two-over-two double-hung wooden sash.³

The south elevation of the house reveals the gable-end of the main structure with a later lean-to addition. The addition's plaster wall is a continuation of the main wall. In the wall of the main building are located two windows - a small one at the upper level and a two-over-two, double-hung wooden sash at the ground level. A small window is also located in the lean-to addition.

The east (rear) elevation has three prominent sections: a small lean-to addition, a large one-and-one-half-story adobe-brick ell, and a frame addition. Both the ell and the frame addition have gabled roofs. The adobe ell has two windows similar to the others on the north and south walls on the main level and one in the east gabled end. The frame addition is attached perpendicularly to the north wall of the ell. It is situated parallel with the primary

¹These second-story doors are common throughout Utah. Although the purpose is not clearly known, it is assumed they were intended either for access to a porch roof (to be constructed as time and money permitted), or for ease of getting furniture to the upper story.

²Sanborn Maps of Brigham City: 1884, 1890, 1900, 1917 and 1917 corrected to 1949.

³Thomas Carter and Peter Goss, Utah's Historic Architecture, 1847-1940 Salt Lake City, UT:University of Utah Graduate School of Architecture and Utah State Historical Society, 1991, pp. 103-104.

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section of the house. Although this rustic addition has a 1920s cross-braced garage door and drop siding, it wasn't always used just to park automobiles since it dates to about 1875.⁴

The north elevation contains the gable end of the frame garage addition and the gable end of the main building. The bargeboard and two windows, similar to the others on the main building, all date to the original construction date of the late 1850s.

The interior of the house contains all the original partitions, windows, doors and moldings. From the central hallway is an entrance to the north cell and also one to the south cell. A steep, winding staircase is located near the entrance of the south room. The upper level also contains a north and a south room of a central hallway. The rear addition can be accessed from the upstairs hall for the upper part and from the downstairs hall for the lower part.⁵ The house is a unique architectural resource and contributes to the history of Brigham City.

⁴E. S. Glover, "Bird's Eye View of Brigham City, and Great Salt Lake. Utah TY, 1875." Salt Lake City, Utah: Strobridge & Co. Lith., Cincinnati, Ohio, 1875.

⁵Information received from Ron Mortensen, Marilyn Pierce's nephew, August 26, 2002.

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The Peter Forsgren House, built c. 1857, is historically significant under Criteria A and C. Under Criterion A it is significant for its association with the settlement phase of Brigham City, Utah. It was one of the first homes built in the city after the settlers moved out of the Box Elder Fort. The original owner, Peter A. Forsgren, was the first convert baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Scandinavia, perhaps the most significant proselytizing area for the Church at that time for the number of people who converted and immigrated to the United States. Forsgren led the first group of Danish immigrants into the United States and to the Utah territory to settle. The Forsgren house is also architecturally important under Criterion C because it is one of the earliest extant examples of Gothic Revivalism in Utah and one of three remaining in Brigham City that have retained their architectural integrity. The Peter Forsgren house is being nominated under the "Economic Development of Brigham City and Residential Architecture, 1854-1950" context of the Historic Resources of Brigham City multiple property nomination.

History of Brigham City

In 1847, the Utah Territory was settled by Mormons (members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS Church). Many of these people were United States' citizens and religious refugees from Illinois and Missouri. Others were European converts from Scandinavia, the British Isles and Germany. Colonizer and Church President Brigham Young encouraged rapid settlement of the Utah territory.⁶ William Davis was sent north by church leaders to explore the Box Elder Creek area. Nine months later in March 1851, he returned with his family and a few friends to begin farming this area. The group hastily built a fort to protect themselves against hostile Indians. In spring 1852 the fort was dismantled. A second fort, called the Box Elder Fort, was constructed in July 1852. Like the first one, individual log cabins were built to form a protective outer wall in the form of a large rectangle.⁷

In 1853, President Brigham Young asked Apostle Lorenzo Snow to take 50 families with him to strengthen the settlement at Box Elder. Snow carefully selected settlers who had various trade skills to help him build this new town. He had the town plat surveyed in 1856⁸ and provided property for residents to build homes and farms. He supervised the construction of public buildings and encouraged people to form private businesses. In 1865,

⁶ Richard D. Poll/Thomas G. Alexander/Eugene E. Campbell/David E. Miller, Utah's History, Logan: Utah State University Press, 1989, pp. 175-181.

⁷ Wayne Walquist, "Settlement Processes In The Mormon Core Area, 1847-1890." Ph. D. Thesis. The University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 1974, pp. 197-199.

⁸ Lydia Forsgren Walker et al., History of Box Elder County, 1851-1937, pp. 259-260, Brigham City, Utah: Box Elder County Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, 1937.

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Snow's concepts began to change the town's economy. He asked local merchants to combine their businesses to form a corporation called the Brigham City Mercantile and Manufacturing Association, or Co-op. Stock in the association was available to all citizens of the community. Between 1866 and 1875 five local factories were constructed which produced necessities for all people in town.⁹ This new economy discouraged trade with outsiders so the wealth of the community could be used to improve the local standard of living. The Co-op was the earliest and most successful of all of Utah's United Order¹⁰ communities; it lasted until 1895.¹¹

Peter Forsgren History

Peter Adolph Forsgren was born in Gefle, Sweden, July 20, 1826. At age thirty six he learned about the doctrine of the LDS Church from his brother John. John had left home at nine and was a sailor for eighteen years. While visiting Boston, he was converted to the teachings of the Latter-day Saints. After his baptism, he lived in Nauvoo, Illinois, and became acquainted with church leaders Joseph Smith and Brigham Young. In 1849, John joined Apostle Erastus Snow and Peter Hansen to start missionary work in the Scandinavian countries. The three began proselytizing in Copenhagen May 11, 1850.¹²

John left the others on June 19 of that year to visit his home in Gefle, Sweden.¹³ When John arrived, he found his brother Peter and sister Erika still living on the family homestead. Peter was seriously ill with pneumonia, so John gave him a blessing of health. Peter recovered and was baptized on his birthday July 26, 1850, the first person in Scandinavia to join the Mormon Church.¹⁴

Peter led the first group of Scandinavian immigrants who sailed to America to join the Saints in Utah. His ship landed in New Orleans. The immigrants then sailed up the Mississippi River to St. Louis and stopped in Keokuk, Iowa, to prepare for the journey across the plains. While in Keokuk, Peter married Anna Christena Knudson May 8, 1853. She was another convert and member of the same immigration company. The company of 207 people arrived in Salt Lake City September 30, 1853, and many of them continued north to the Box Elder settlement arriving October 4.¹⁵

⁹Leonard J. Arrington, "Cooperative Community in the North Brigham City Utah," Utah Historical Quarterly, Summer, 1965, Volume 33, Number 3, pp. 199-213.

¹⁰ The United Order was a relatively short-lived concept in which communities would share all things equally. Businesses and industries were established to provide goods and services to help make the community self-sufficient. The idea was that all would be equal without class distinction and its inherent problems.

¹¹ Ibid. pp. 208-217.

¹² Albert L. Zobell, Jr., "Scandinavia. . . Fruitful Gospel Field," Improvement Era, vol. 11, pp. 474-475.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ "Sketch of the Life of Peter A. Forsgren." Unpublished manuscript from the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. About 1930. Manuscript located at the Brigham City Museum-Gallery.

¹⁵ Ibid.

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Peter's sister's husband was William Davis, the first settler in this area. The family tie was Peter's reason for locating north of the Salt Lake Valley. A substantial number of Danish immigrants came with him to establish the new community. Later, more Danes were attracted to the area by their friends and relatives who were living there. The area eventually became a hub for Scandinavian settlement.¹⁶

Peter and Anna Christena's first home was in the Box Elder Fort. It was situated between what is now Second and Fourth North Streets and First and Second West Streets. The Forsgrens occupied Cabin 15. When the threat of Indians subsided, they left the fort and built their cabin on First East at the same address as the existing house at 59 South 100 East. Initially, their log house didn't have any doors or windows. If it rained during the night, an umbrella kept them dry while they slept.¹⁷ The cabin was later demolished.

To support his family, Peter used his talents as a weaver to produce a variety of items, including cloth, blankets and carpets. Some of his carpets were used in the Logan Temple. Peter made his own loom with a saw, hammer, drawing knife and hatchet. He found wood for the loom in nearby canyons, including Box Elder and Devil's Gate.¹⁸ He was involved in many other local endeavors as well, including assisting in the construction of bridges and roads¹⁹, being a member of the Territorial Militia²⁰, and being one of a number of influential citizens on the United Order Council that later controlled the Brigham City Co-op in the mid-1870s.²¹

Relative to ecclesiastical affairs, Peter served as first councilor to Bishop Henry Tingey in the First Ward. He held this position until the bishop's death. Although this was a church calling, because nearly the entire community was LDS, service in the bishopric required civic involvement as well. Peter also served a mission in his native country. In July 1902, Peter was ordained a patriarch by LDS Church President Joseph F. Smith.²² This calling required Peter to provide revelatory blessings used as guidance for individuals.

Wayne Walquist, pp. 201-203.

¹⁶ibid.

¹⁷"Sketch of the Life of Christena Knudson Forsgren." Unpublished manuscript from the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. About 1930. Manuscript located at the Brigham City Museum-Gallery.

¹⁸"Sketch of the Life of Peter A. Forsgren."

¹⁹Walker, p. 141.

²⁰Walker, p. 238.

²¹Walker, p. 110.

²²Zobell, p. 483.

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One of Peter's favorite pastimes was working as the stage manager for the local dramatic company. This organization performed for over twenty-five years. Peter also invented a system of footlights and could darken the stage as needed by putting a tin shade between the platform and the lights.²³ Another activity that occupied Peter's time was growing trees, shrubs and flowers. He was the first person in the city to grow a Black Walnut tree and also Peonies. He brought the start for this flower from the King's garden in Sweden.²⁴

As a community and church leader, Peter was encouraged to marry more than one wife. In 1879, he married Eliza C. Thomassen. She was an industrious woman and one of the first in the community to embrace the silk industry.²⁵ Eliza taught her sister wife, Anna Christena, to reel silk. The two wove 120 yards for themselves as well as additional amounts that sold for as high as \$2 per yard.²⁶ In 1893, Eliza took samples of silk and taught seminars on weaving silk at the Chicago World's Fair where she was on a three-month mission for the Mormon Church.²⁷

It is unlikely that Eliza or her children ever lived in this house. On July 12, 1901, the house was deeded jointly to the children of his first wife Anna Christena, who died in 1895. Peter died March 1, 1908. Olivia F. Lee, a daughter, bought the home from other family members March 10, 1908.²⁸ Olivia was fifty-two at this time and was married to S. N. Lee. They resided at 31 North 400 West - the couple did not live in this house.²⁹

Olivia sold the house to Peter Nelson Pierce April 24, 1920.³⁰ Peter was fifty-five years old when his family moved into the home. He and his wife Martha Marie Packer and a son Virgil moved into Brigham City from Penrose, where they resided seventeen years. He was Bishop there for six years and also acted as the trader between the Indians and Mormon settlers. The family was prominent in Penrose and their home was the gathering place for many of the town's socials.³¹

²³Walker, p. 167.

²⁴"Sketch of the Life of Peter A. Forsgren."

²⁵Walker, p. 73-75. In 1876, President Brigham Young formed a Territorial Sera Culture Organization and assigned numerous projects to the Relief Societies (LDS Women's' Organization). Young sent to France for cocoons and instructions. Selected women from all over Utah were trained in silk production at Salt Lake City, and they in turn taught other women in their communities.

²⁶Walker, p. 75.

²⁷Walker, p. 74.

²⁸Abstract Records of Box Elder County for parcel # 03-121-0033. Box Elder County Courthouse, Brigham City, Utah.

²⁹"Olivia F. Lee Died This Morning," The Box Elder News, May 25, 1934, p. 1.

³⁰Abstract Records of Box Elder County for parcel # 03-121-0033.

³¹"Aged Woman Dies Sunday After Illness," Box Elder News & Journal, December 23, 1962. "Early Pioneer Died Sunday," The Daily Box Elder Journal, August 4, 1936, p. 1.

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Peter Nelson Pierce also became a high profile person in Brigham City. He was the first Fire Chief and also the Chief of Police for a number of years. For a while, he was the County Road Commissioner and supervised its first road system. Peter also operated the Bell Transfer Company. Most people in Brigham City remembered him as the Grande Marshall for Brigham City's annual Peach Days Parade, a major community event. He led the parade for 20 years.³²

The home remains in the Pierce family. Martha Marie, Peter Nelson Pierce's widow, continued to live in the home for a while. She deeded it to her son Virgil in 1947.³³ Virgil was married to Ruth Burton, and they lived at another residence.³⁴ In 1947, Virgil's son Peter Nolan Pierce moved into the house with his wife Marilyn.³⁵ Peter died of a heart attack May 11, 1975 at age forty-three.³⁶ Marilyn continues to live in the house and is the current owner.

Architecture

The Gothic Revival style was somewhat common in Utah and in Brigham City in the 1860s and 1870s.³⁷ Although the Classical Revival house with the hall and parlor floor plan was the most common in Brigham City³⁸ and in the region, the Gothic Revival was also an important style during the settlement period of the city.³⁹ Gothic Revival is a form of picturesque expression in architecture that was popular in Utah from approximately 1865-85. The style was developed on the premise that the Classical styles (which had been the styles of choice since settlement in 1847) were artificial and in contrast to natural forms. Although Romanticism and the "Picturesque" had their beginnings in England in the mid-eighteenth century, it wasn't until the nineteenth century that these influences began influencing American art architecture and landscape planning.⁴⁰ Gothic Revival architecture, with its asymmetrical and vertical massing, sometimes-complicated

³²The Daily Box Elder Journal, August 4, 1936, p. 1.

³³Abstract Records of Box Elder County for parcel # 03-121-0033.

³⁴"Edward Virgil Pierce," Box Elder News and Journal, September 6, 1980.

"Ruth Burton Pierce," Box Elder News, February 21, 1981, p. 9.

³⁵Marilyn Petersen Pierce, widow of Peter Nolan Pierce and current occupant of home. Interview July 18, 2002.

³⁶"Peter Nolan Pierce," Box Elder Journal, May 15, 1975.

³⁷Ibid.

³⁸Debbie Temme, 1986 Reconnaissance Survey of Brigham City, Copies at the Office of Preservation of the State Division of History, Salt Lake City, and at the Brigham City Museum-Gallery, Brigham City.

³⁹Photographs of Brigham City Homes, 1901. Photographic Collection at L.D.S. Church Archives. This collection of 237 houses shows well over half of the homes in the city. Thirty percent of them are Classical Revival and 13% are Gothic Revival.

⁴⁰William H. Pierson, Jr., American Buildings and Their Architects, Volume 2, (New York: Oxford University Press, 1978) 9-10.

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decorative schemes, and use of rich colors and various materials, was the architectural rendition of this natural ideal.⁴¹ Gothic Revival houses in Utah range from the very simple vernacular, such as the Forsgren House, to very elaborate with multiple dormers, ornamental bargeboard and other wood trim

There are two other examples of Gothic Revival homes in Brigham City, and both of them are listed on the National Register. The Thompson/Hansen House (National Register listed 12/1994) a double cross-wing type that was rehabilitated in 1993, and the William Watkins House (National Register Listed 5/2001) is a cross-wing house that is in the process of rehabilitation. All three dwellings have characteristic Gothic traits of steeply pitched roofs and cut barge boards, but their floor plans and other features are different. The Forsgren house does not have the tall vertical impact of the other two homes, nor does it have a front porch and dormer windows. It is unique because of the cross gable at the center of the façade and as the earliest remaining example in Brigham City and possibly the state of Utah.

⁴¹Thomas Carter and Peter Goss, Utah's Historic Architecture, 1847-1940: A Guide, (Salt Lake City, Utah: University of Utah Press, 1988) 102-103; also, ibid, 389-93, 416.

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Peter & Anna Forsgren House, Brigham City, Box Elder County, UT

Common Label Information:

1. Peter & Anna Forsgren House
2. Brigham City, Box Elder County, Utah
3. Photographer: Larry Douglass
4. Date: July 2002
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

Photo No. 1:

6. West elevation of building. Camera facing east.

Photo No. 2:

6. Detail of west elevation of building. Camera facing southeast.

Photo No. 3:

6. South & west elevations of building. Camera facing northeast.

Photo No. 4:

6. Detail of south elevation of building. Camera facing northwest.

Photo No. 5:

6. Detail of east elevation of building. Camera facing west.

Photo No. 6:

6. East elevation of building. Camera facing west.

Photo No. 7:

6. Detail of east elevation of building. Camera facing west.

Photo No. 8:

6. Detail of northwest corner of building. Camera facing southeast.

Photo No. 9:

6. North & west elevations of building. Camera facing southeast.

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Glover's Birds Eye View of Brigham City and Lake

