

Property Type:

Site No. _____

Historic Preservation Research Office

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: Teasdale, Wayne County, Utah UTM: 12 458610 4237250
 Name of Structure: Teasdale Tithing Granary T. R. S.
 Present Owner: Guy Pace
 Owner Address: Teasdale, Utah 84773
 Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: TB-8
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:

Lot 2 Block 1 Plat B Coleman Addition to Teasdale Townsite Survey.
 1.60 acres
 The tithing granary is the only building on this property intended for inclusion in the nomination.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: LDS Church Construction Date: c. 1895 Demolition Date:

Original Use: religious--tithing office Present Use: agricultural

Building Condition: Integrity: Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant | <input type="checkbox"/> Not of the | <input type="checkbox"/> National Landmark | <input type="checkbox"/> District |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributory | Historic Period | <input type="checkbox"/> National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Contributory | | <input type="checkbox"/> State Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic |

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography: Date of Slides: 1984 Slide No.: Date of Photographs: 1984 Photo No.:
 Views: Front Side Rear Other Views: Front Side Rear Other

Research Sources:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> U of U Library |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plat Records/Map | <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utah State Historical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> BYU Library |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Card & Photo | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews | <input type="checkbox"/> USU Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LDS Church Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> SLC Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Permit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County & City Histories | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Genealogical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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

LDS Church Presiding Bishopric Letterbooks. Wayne County, 1899. Available in LDS Church Archives.

Pace, Mrs. Guy. Interview, October 28, 1984, Teasdale, Utah.

Snow, Anne, compiler. Rainbow Views: A History of Wayne County. Daughters of Utah Pioneers, 1953.

Architect/Builder: unknown

Building Materials: wood

Building Type/Style: Exposed Frame Granary/Vernacular

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

The Teasdale Tithing Office/Granary is a two story frame rectangular building with a gable roof. Typical of many of Utah's granaries, it has an exposed balloon frame of 2 x 4 inch studs with a wall of horizontal siding on the interior. This type of granary is commonly referred to as an "inside out" granary. The interior siding forms a crib for the storage of grain or corn. A door flanked by a single window is centered on the west gable end, above which is centered a second story door. There is a single second story door on the east facade. This granary is larger than a majority of examples of this type. Most are 1 1/2 stories, having an exposed frame on only the first floor. The balloon frame of this building extends up a full two stories. The building was moved a few blocks from its original location in the 1950s, but the new location is very similar to the original and does not detract from its significance. The building is unaltered, therefore it maintains its original integrity.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1895

Built c. 1895, the Teasdale Tithing Granary is historically significant as one of 32 well preserved tithing buildings in Utah that were part of the successful "in-kind" tithing system of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon church) between the 1850s and about 1910. Tithing lots which usually included an office and several auxiliary structures, were facilities for collecting, storing, and distributing the farm products that were donated as tithing by church members in the cash-poor agricultural communities throughout the state. Tithing offices were a vital part of almost every Mormon community, serving as local centers of trade, welfare assistance, and economic activity. They were also important as the basic units of the church-wide tithing network that was centered in Salt Lake City.

The exact date of construction of the Teasdale Tithing Granary is unknown, but judging from its appearance and other evidence it was probably built c. 1895. The town was established in the 1880s, and by at least the late 1890s the Teasdale Ward's tithing program was operating. In 1899 Bishop George Coleman of the Teasdale Ward arranged to have the excess wheat in the "Bishop's Storehouse in Teasdale" shipped to Richfield to be stored in the grain elevator there.¹ The "Bishop's Storehouse" that was referred to was probably this tithing granary. Granaries, because of their storage capabilities, were usually the only tithing buildings constructed in most small towns, which could neither afford nor had the need to build more extensive facilities. They usually served both as storage buildings and as administrative centers of the local tithing programs.

The Teasdale Tithing Granary was originally on the tithing lot located immediately south of the school property on "Main Street," but in the 1950s it was moved a few blocks away to its current location.² The setting of the
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new location is compatible with that of the old in that both are on blocks within the town proper. The relocation of the building neither detracts from the significance of the tithing office, nor does it adversely affect the significance of any historic properties at the new location. The building is currently being used to store hay, grain, and other farm supplies and implements.

Notes

- ¹Presiding Bishopric Letterbooks, letter to Bishop George Coleman, Teasdale Ward, Wayne Stake, March 4, 1899.
- ²Interview with Mrs. Guy Pace, October 28, 1984, Teasdale, Utah. Her information is based upon statements made by her father, a long time resident of the town.