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National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 95000416 Date Listed: 4/17/95

George Quincy Knowlton House  
Property Name

Davis County                      UT State

N/A  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Russell A. Lee*  
for Signature of the Keeper

4/17/95  
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Under Statement of Significance, "c. 1907" is removed from the Significant Dates section.

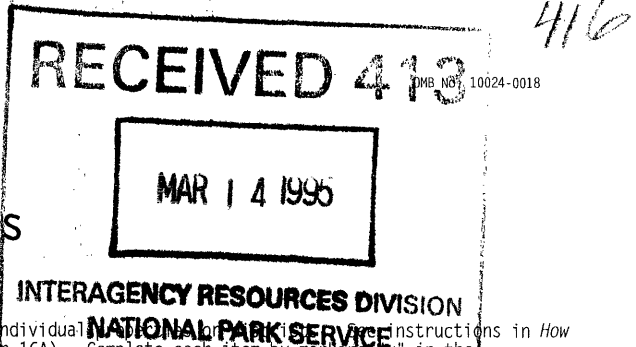
This information was confirmed with Julie Osborne of the Utah State Historic Preservation Office.

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places 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 Knowlton, George Quincy, House

other names/site number Knowlton, Catharine A. Hinman, House

### 2. Location

street & number 93 East 400 North

N/A not for publication

city or town Farmington

N/A vicinity

state Utah code UT county Davis

code 011 zip code 84025

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets    does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant    nationally    statewide X locally. (   See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*Wil MA*

3/8/95

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 this 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):

for Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

*Autonette A. Coe*

4/17/95

Knowlton, George Quincy, House  
Name of Property

Farmington, Davis County, Utah  
City, County, and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property  
(Check only one box)

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification  
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN

Victorian Eclectic

Materials  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE

walls BRICK

roof ASPHALT

other WOOD (shingles and trim)

Narrative Description

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

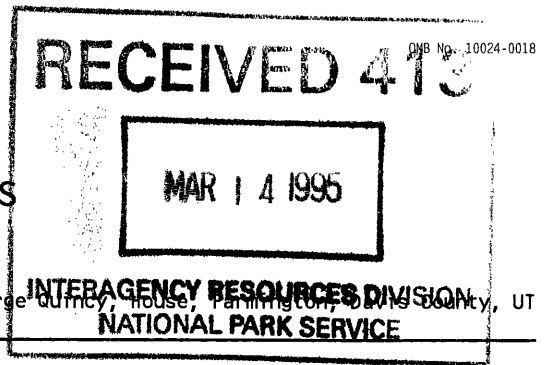
X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

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Knowlton, George Quincy House, Farmington, Boone County, UT



## Narrative Description

The George Q. Knowlton house, built c.1907, is a red brick, 1-1/2 story residence with Victorian Eclectic details. It has a side passage plan with the narrow end facing the street. The house sits on a corner lot in an older residential section of Farmington. The only major exterior alteration is a small 1970 concrete block addition at the rear of the house that is not visible from the front and does not significantly alter the home's appearance. The house retains its original integrity and contributes to the city's historic qualities.

The foundation was built of uncoursed rubble stone with raised (decorative) pointing and a concrete belt course at the water table. The 10"-thick walls are built with a soft red-orange brick in a running bond pattern. The principal facade faces south and has a shingled gable end. Casement windows set within a decorative wooden arch are located in the front-facing gable. The tripartite window consists of a fixed light with leaded glass transom flanked by double hung windows, all within a segmental arch. The entrance to the home is recessed, with a doric column at the southeast corner. The east elevation has a bay and a shingled dormer with a double casement window. On the north, the small concrete block addition has one aluminum window and sliding glass doors. An original sleeping porch was removed when the addition was built in 1970. The sleeping porch columns were moved to the west to form a new porch at the north west corner. Also on the northwest corner, is an original projecting utility room with wood siding on two sides and brick on the south. The roof is asphalt shingle over the original wood shingles.<sup>1</sup>

On the interior, the Knowlton house has a side passage plan.<sup>2</sup> There are seven rooms on the first level: an entry hall, parlor, living room, kitchen, bath (original), utility room, and the 1970 bedroom addition. The hall, parlor and stairs are in good historic condition. There is a decorative columned mantelpiece in the parlor. The only spatial changes to these rooms have been the blocking of two doors. One of two original doors to the bathroom was blocked when the toilet was installed, date unknown. The other door, an exterior door to the sleeping porch, is now covered by the 1970 addition. The kitchen and bathroom were remodeled in the 1960s.

On the second level there are two bedrooms and a study alcove in the dormer. The top of the staircase was enclosed c.1941 to make the upper floor a separate apartment. A bathroom was added to the north bedroom c.1960. The study and south bedroom remain in excellent historic condition.

Tooled in the cement at the intersection of the sidewalks is the address marker "400 North/100 East", dated 1939. An irrigation ditch parallels the sidewalk on the east side. The property has a concrete driveway to the west side and a small metal shed. There are three large shade trees in front, a black

<sup>1</sup> The upper portions of the house may have been completed as late as 1909 as evidenced by the stylistic differences between the upper and lower levels, both exterior and interior.

<sup>2</sup> See attached plan drawing.

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walnut tree near the porch, and several fruit trees in the back yard. There is a small metal shed near the house. A chain link fence runs along the west side of the property. A post and wire fence bisects the backyard. The north property line is a combination of older chain link, a garage structure belonging the neighbor, and a recently installed wood fence.

\_\_ See continuation sheet

Knowlton, George Quincy, House  
Name of Property

Farmington, Davis County, Utah  
City, County, and State

### 8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria  
(Mark "x" on one or more lines 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" on all 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.

Areas of Significance  
(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION

Period of Significance

1918-1945

Significant Dates

c.1907

1918-1945

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Knowlton, George Quincy

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Christensen, Joseph (builder); architect unknown

### Narrative Statement of Significance

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

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

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### Narrative Statement of Significance

The Knowlton House, constructed c.1907, is significant for its association with George Quincy Knowlton, Farmington's most prominent educator. He lived in the home between 1918 and his death in 1957. Mr. Knowlton was the principal of Farmington's only elementary school for 43 years, during which time he was also a full-time teacher. As an educator, he influenced school policy, his teaching colleagues, and an estimated 8,000-10,000 students—all of the town's school-age children. Mr. Knowlton's achievements represent the growth and progress of the public education system in the early twentieth century.

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The home was built c.1907 by Joseph Christensen, a builder in the Farmington area,<sup>3</sup> for Catharine Aurelia Hinman Knowlton. Born in Farmington in 1864, she married Benjamin Franklin Knowlton in 1884. After Benjamin died in 1901, Catharine purchased the subject property from Nephi Palmer in 1902, but continued to live at the family farmstead on Burke Lane. Her stepchildren were adults, but her own children were still young and the family was in financial trouble. In 1904, she decided to move her family to Salt Lake City where she could receive training in a nursing program sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon church). Catharine Knowlton had a reputation for nursing and midwifery in the community both before and after her training. When she returned to Farmington in 1906, she sold the family farm on Burke Lane and had a new home built at 93 East 400 North. Catharine Knowlton lived in the home from 1907-1918. After moving to Cardston, Canada in 1918 to live with her daughter, she rented the home to her stepson, George Quincy Knowlton and his family. After her death in 1928, her daughter Fannie K. Duce sold the home to Mr. Knowlton.

George Quincy Knowlton was born in Farmington on June 19, 1880. When he was 21 years old, his father died, leaving behind a family ranching business that was not prospering. He chose teaching as a career and in 1905 he obtained his first position as principal and teacher at a school in Orderville in southern Utah. He and Rozilpha Jepson, one of his teaching assistants, were married in September 1907. Rozilpha Jepson Knowlton was also prominent in the community and helped to organize the first PTA in Farmington. She and her husband raised three daughters and one son. She died of a lingering illness in 1949, just one year before her husband's retirement from teaching.

Upon Mr. Knowlton's receipt of his Normal certificate from the University of Utah, he ban teaching in Farmington in 1908, just at the time when the city's free public school system was beginning to flourish.

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<sup>3</sup> No official documentation of the house exists. In her history of Farmington, Margaret Hess gives a 1905 construction date, but the SLC Polk Directories and the biography of Catharine Knowlton by her daughter suggest a first occupation date of 1907.

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Prior to this time, Farmington had its share of privately operated Mormon schools.<sup>4</sup> The "free school" law of 1890 required that free schools be made available to the public and it established standards for schools to meet in order to receive territorial funds. After Utah's statehood in 1896, additional funding allowed for the construction of new schools at the turn of the century. The Davis Stake Academy at 100 West and State Street in Farmington (now demolished), originally an LDS high school, was converted to Farmington's first public school around this time. George Quincy Knowlton had attended the academy as a student and became its principal in 1910. The same year a new building was constructed on a hilltop in town and named the Farmington Public School. Mr. Knowlton was its first principal, a position he held for 39 years. During that time, he served, not only as principal, but as a full-time teacher.

It is estimated that during his tenure at the "hilltop" school, he taught 8,000-10,000 pupils. Although there are several teachers in Farmington who taught for many years, no other educator in the community appears to have had the same impact. In 1924, a testimonial was held to honor him at the school. A quarter of a century later, a second testimonial was held to honor him at the time of his retirement from teaching in 1950. At this time, many former students wrote to express their respect for Mr. Knowlton. Stephen Robinson wrote, "His love and interest in his students is something to behold. Is it any wonder that they race to school so they'll be the first one there and can help push Mr. Knowlton's bike up the hill to the school house?"<sup>5</sup> Bob Hepworth wrote the following about Mr. Knowlton's teaching style, "No matter how far from the mathematics class his account of an adventure in the mountains or a discussion of local politics took our minds, what he had to say was in the form of a guide for our future conduct."<sup>6</sup> Mr. Knowlton loved his students and during both World Wars, he wrote to all of his former pupils serving overseas, taking special care to write frequently to those whom he felt would need the letters most.

Besides his work as an educator, George Q. Knowlton served three terms on the Farmington city council and was Republican district chairman, however he never discussed his political views at school for fear of biasing his students. After his retirement in 1950, he compiled "A Brief History of Farmington, Utah". He died on February 22, 1957 and the book was published posthumously in 1965.

In 1975, when the "hilltop" school was razed and a new elementary school was built in Farmington, family and friends of George Q. Knowlton petitioned the city to name the school for him. However, district policy required the structure to be named for the city. A later school, built in 1980, was named The George Q. Knowlton Elementary School after Farmington's most significant educator.

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<sup>4</sup> A log home at 411 North Main, rock and adobe home 100 East and 200 North, and an adobe structure at 100 East and State Street, later used as the Bamberger Railroad Station.

<sup>5</sup> Letter from Stephen L. Robinson, included with Karma K. Broschinsky's biography of her father.

<sup>6</sup> Letter from Bob Hepworth, included in Karma K. Broschinsky's biography of her father.



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This house is significant for its association with George Quincy Knowlton, whose influence in Farmington's school system was unparalleled. He lived here from 1918 until his death in 1957 and direct descendants continue to occupy the home. His daughter, Karma Knowlton (1913-1993), a postal clerk in Farmington, and her husband, Walter Broschinsky (1914-1986), a former Hill Air Force Base employee lived here until their deaths. They had five children. The current occupants of the home are the Broschinsky's grandson, Eric Olsen, and his family.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet

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Title abstract. Davis County, Utah.

1910 and 1920 United States Census.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet

Knowlton, George Quincy, House  
Name of Property

Farmington, Davis County, Utah  
City, County, and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.47 acres

UTM References  
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A 1/2 4/2/5/6/2/0 4/5/3/7/9/8/0  
Zone Easting Northing

B / / / / / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

C / / / / / / / / / /

D / / / / / / / / / /

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

E 1/2 of Lot 1, Blk. 23 Plat A Farm Ts Sur; Cont. 0.47 acres

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those that have been historically associated with and continue to be associated with the building.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Korral Broschinsky and Utah SHPO staff

organization \_\_\_\_\_

date January 1995

street & number 1055 University Village

telephone (801) 581-1497

city or town Salt Lake City

state UT zip code 84108-

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/or 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 Eric and Wendi Olsen

street & number 93 East 400 North

telephone (801) 451-9270

city or town Farmington

state UT zip code 84025

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## Common Label Information:

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2. Farmington, Davis County, Utah
3. Photographer: Julie Osborne
4. Date: January 1995
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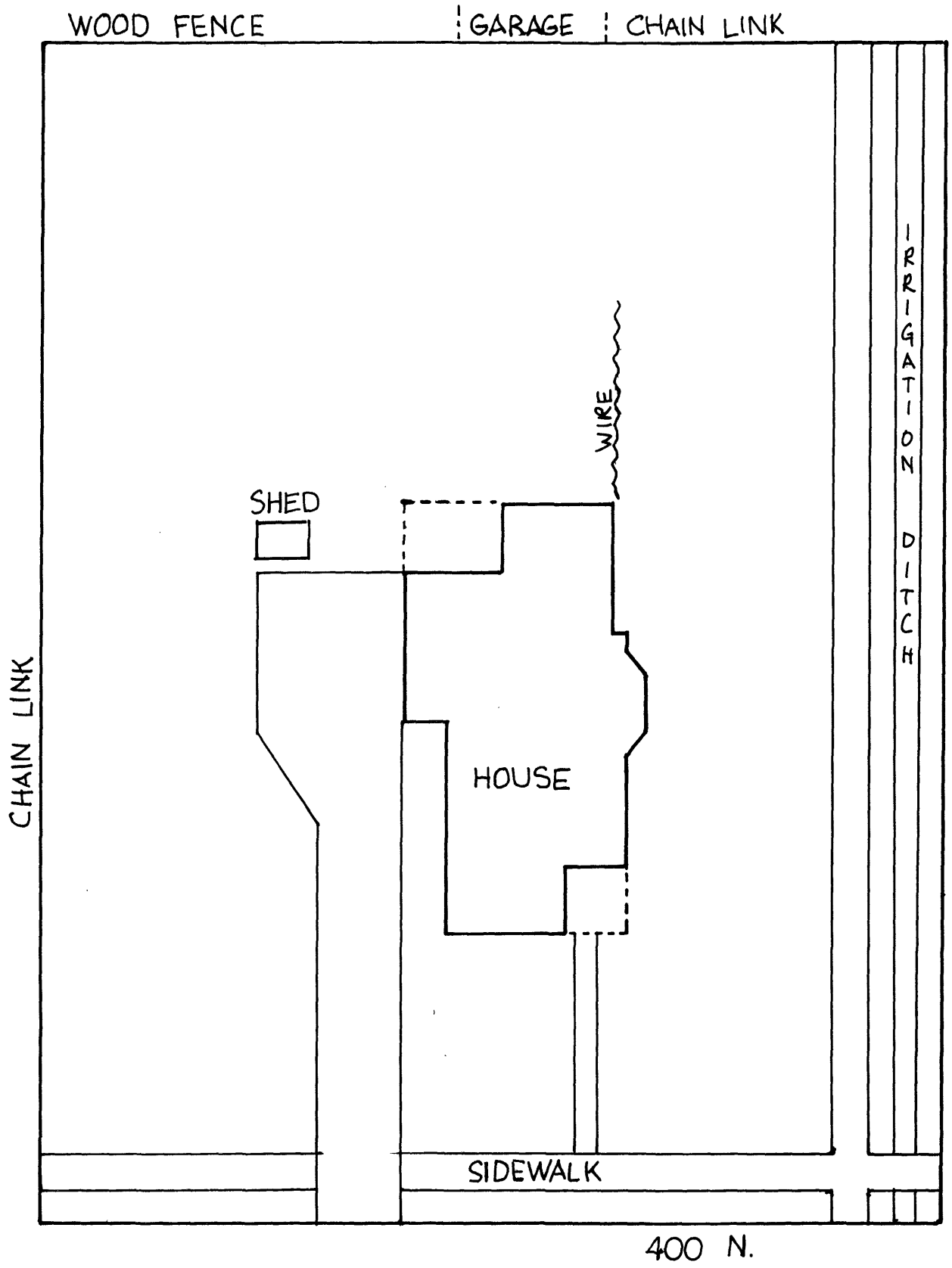
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## Photo No. 2:

6. Northeast elevation of building. Camera facing southwest.

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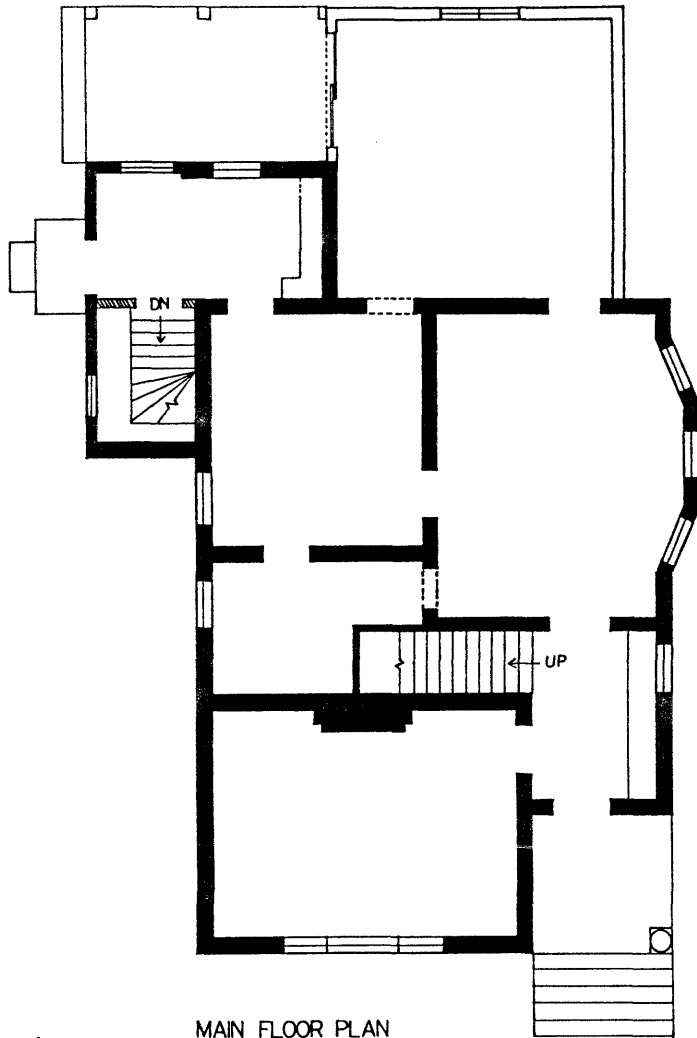
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 FARMINGTON, UT  
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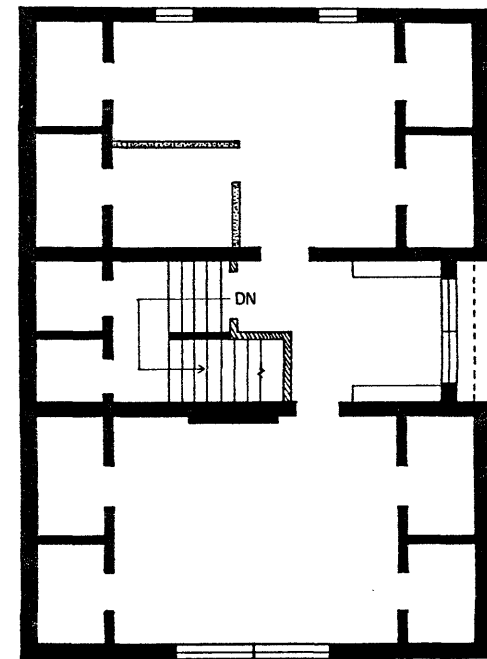
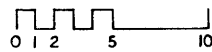
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93 EAST 400 NORTH  
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CONSTRUCTION PHASES

- 1907 - 1909
- ▨ c. 1960
- ▩ c. 1941
- 1970



MAIN FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

