

**Structure/Site Information Form**

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 1st South and 4th East UTM: 12/357050/4237050  
 Name of Structure: T. R. S.  
 Present Owner: Chris D. and Marilee Y. Eyre Less than one Acre  
 Owner Address: Beaver, Utah 84713  
 Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: B-53  
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:

Plat A Blk 16 Lot 4

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Cox, Silas, House Construction Date: c. 1901 Demolition Date:  
 Original Use: Residence Present Use:  
 Building Condition: Integrity: Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:  
 Excellent  Site  Unaltered  Significant  Not of the  National Landmark  District  
 Good  Ruins  Minor Alterations  Contributory Historic Period  National Register  Multi-Resource  
 Deteriorated  Major Alterations  Not Contributory  State Register  Thematic

DOCUMENTATION 3

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

Research Sources:  
 Abstract of Title  Sanborn Maps  Newspapers  U of U Library  
 Plat Records/Map  City Directories  Utah State Historical Society  BYU Library  
 Tax Card & Photo  Biographical Encyclopedias  Personal Interviews  USU Library  
 Building Permit  Obituary Index  LDS Church Archives  SLC Library  
 Sewer Permit  County & City Histories  LDS Genealogical Society  Other fieldwork

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

1933 photo on tax record  
 Marilee Eyre, interviewed 11/3/78 in Beaver by Linda L. Bonar.  
 Mrs. Ellen Farnsworth Joseph, interviewed 6/25/79 in Beaver by L. L. Bonar

Architect/Builder: Silas Cox

Building Materials: Brick

Building Type/Style: T/L Cottage/ Victorian Eclectic

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:  
(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

The Silas Cox House is a one-and-a-half story brick house which was built in 1901. It is an "L" plan house with an unusual entrance inset at the junction of the two wings. The house has a gable roof and a boxed cornice with a frieze. Eclectic Victorian trim ornaments the house and decorative elements are provided by the window and door openings, a pedimented dormer over the door, and corbelled chimney caps. The house is distinguished by its unusual entrance orientation. In excellent condition, the house appears to have no major alterations.

The main door, set in the corner at a 45 degree angle to the perpendicular side wings, has had an aluminum screen door and awning added. Wall space separates the segmentally arched door head from a gabled dormer set at the juncture of the cross-gables which emphasizes the location of the entrance. One-over-one double hung sash windows flank the door. All the windows on the house have projecting sills and segmental heads of radiating brick voussoirs, with header extrados and side pendants.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date:

The Silas Cox house, built c. 1900, is an important example of the T/L cottage type house and figures as the best example of the form in Beaver and one of the best examples in the state. The T/L cottage house type became popular in the last quarter of the 19th century and generally replaced the small hall and parlor cottage as a middle and lower income family dwelling. The fine Victorian detailing of the home, coupled with its unique side entrance make the Cox house an exceptional example of this ubiquitous house type and it becomes an important if modest resource in Beaver.

Silas Cox was the original owner and builder of this home. He purchased the property 1892 but probably did not finish the house until 1901. He made and burned all the brick for his own home, obtaining the clay from the brick claybeds south of town on South Creek. The entire house was reportedly built in one (over a few years) so the plan is original, excepting a screened-in back porch and a furnace room. The home has an unusual front entry, occurring at the junction of two sections and creating a 45 degree angle where there would normally have been a 90 degree angle. Due to the steep pitch of the roof and the height of the building, the upstairs rooms have only about 1 1/2 feet of straight wall before the roof begins to close in towards the rafters. The Josephs purchased the house in 1925 and put in the white picket fence and lowered the ground floor ceilings to 8 feet.

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Beaver, Utah  
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