

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: Off Utah Highway 35
 Diamond Bar X Ranch, Wasatch County, Utah UTM: 12 488530 4489300

Name of Structure: Stewart/Hewlett Ranch Dairy Barn T. 3 S R. 7 E S. 15

Present Owner: Edward W. Clyde
 1329 Blaine Avenue

Owner Address: Salt Lake City, Utah 84105

Year Built (Tax Record): _____ Effective Age: _____ Tax #: _____
 Legal Description: _____ Kind of Building: _____

This building is located on a large parcel of land containing numerous buildings which are not included in this nomination. The small parcel upon which this building sits is described as follows: Commencing approximately 350 ft. S of the intersection of UT 35 with the entrance road into the Diamond Bar X Ranch barnyard, thence W 50 ft., S 250 ft., E 100 ft., N 250 ft., W 50 ft. to beginning. Less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Stewart Ranch Corporation Construction Date: 1934-35 Demolition Date: _____

Original Use: agricultural 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: 1985 Slide No.: _____ Date of Photographs: 1985 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 type="checkbox"/> Utah State Historical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> BYU Library |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Card & Photo | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews | <input type="checkbox"/> USU Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index | <input 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.):

Epperson, David H. "The Settlement of Pine Valley and Historical Roots of the Stewart-Hewlett Ranch." Unpublished report, 1985. Available at Utah State Historical Society Library.

Cooley, Herman. Telephone interview with Roger Roper, January 9, 1985, Woodland, Utah.

Architect/Builder: unknown

Building Materials: frame

Building Type/Style: barn

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

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

The Stewart/Hewlett Ranch Dairy Barn is a 2 1/2 story frame barn with a gambrel roof, a concrete foundation, and vertical board and batten siding. The barn is approximately 34 feet wide and 150 feet long. Sliding double doors are located at each end of the barn, and evenly spaced along each side are small multi-pane windows on the first story and, spaced at wider intervals, hayloft doorways on the second story.

Alterations to the barn include the replacement of the original shingles with metal roofing, and the addition of a shed-roofed lean-to on the west side. It replaced a larger shed-roofed milking barn that had been added on in 1941, but which had collapsed under heavy snows in the 1950s or '60s.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1934-35

Built in 1934-35, the Stewart/Hewlett Ranch Dairy Barn is one of eight significant buildings on Stewart Ranch, a well preserved turn-of-the-century "recreational ranch" that served for over 50 years as both a working ranch and a recreational summer retreat for its owners, prominent business and professional men from Salt Lake City. Stewart Ranch is probably the best preserved of the recreational ranches that were established on the western edge of the Uinta Mountains, a popular location for such ranches because of both its wilderness appeal and its proximity to Salt Lake City, only about sixty miles away. The ranch was established c.1902 by four Stewart brothers--William M., Samuel W., Charles B., and Barnard J.--who maintained their homes and professions in Salt Lake City while supervising and, to various degrees, participating in the operations of the ranch. The dairy barn was constructed during the ranch's second phase of operation, which began in 1931 when the ranch was sold by the Stewarts to Lester Hewlett, son-in-law of Charles, and his brother, Vern. At that time the emphasis of the ranch was changed from cattle raising to dairying.

The formation of Stewart Ranch began in 1900 when William M. Stewart purchased 160 acres of land in the northern end of Pine Valley and encouraged his three brothers to also purchase property in the valley. Eventually, virtually the entire valley and much of the surrounding land was bought by the Stewart brothers and incorporated into Stewart Ranch, which, at its peak, totalled 2262 acres. Cattle and sheep were raised on the ranch, as well as hay and grain for feed, and a ranch foreman was hired to manage the operations since the Stewarts had homes and occupations in Salt Lake City and were away from the ranch most of the year. Although Stewart Ranch was a working ranch and a business venture, for the Stewarts it served perhaps more importantly as a recreational retreat to which they could bring their families in the

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summer. The same holds true for the Hewletts, who purchased the ranch in 1931, though under their ownership the ranching activity was given greater emphasis.

A few years after purchasing the Stewart Ranch and converting it into a dairy ranch, the Hewletts significantly expanded the ranch operations by erecting a large dairy barn, calf sheds, and sheep sheds, and by increasing the size of their herd. Lumber used in constructing the barn and other livestock structures was obtained from trees on the ranch. During the summer of 1934 a crew of 18-20 men were hired to cut trees in the river bottom areas and saw them into lumber using a steam powered sawmill that had been brought to the ranch for that purpose. Construction of the barn began in the summer of 1934 and was completed in the spring or summer of 1935. A contractor from Salt Lake City was hired to do the work. The barn is described in the Stewart Ranch corporate minutes as being 34 feet wide, 150 feet long and capable of taking care of at least 100 cows.¹ It was reportedly the "fanciest and biggest barn in Summit County"² and possibly one of the largest in the state at the time it was built. A milking shed capable of handling 20 cows at a time was built on the north half of the barn's west side in 1941, but it collapsed under snow in the 1950s or '60s. A similar but smaller structure replaced it and is still standing.

With the new, larger facilities and other improvements in the way of selective breeding and more careful management the Stewart Ranch became one of the top four milk producers in Summit and Salt Lake Counties by the late 1930s.³ With approximately 100 head of dairy cows it was probably one of the largest dairy ranches as well. Stewart Ranch was one of a number of dairy ranches in Summit and Salt Lake counties that joined together to form Hiland Dairy, a cooperative venture that is now probably the largest dairy in Utah. The Hewletts switched from Gurnsey cows to the hardier Holsteins in the early 1940s, and at about that same time changed the name of the ranch to the Hewlett Ranch. In addition to the dairy operation, the Hewletts continued to raise sheep and hay on the ranch, and beef cattle, too, for a time. The Hewlett Ranch continued to operate until 1955, when the Hewletts sold out the ranching operation to Edward Clyde, the current owner. The barn and all of the other ranch facilities are still in use as part of the Diamond Bar X Ranch.

¹David H. Epperson, "The Settlement of Pine Valley and Historical Roots of the Stewart-Hewlett Ranch," p. 7-8 of transcribed interview with Herman Cooley, who helped operate the ranch from 1935-55.

²Ibid. p. 8.

³Ibid. p. 18.