

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 75 ~~South~~ 100 West, Ephraim, ^{Utah}

UTM: 12/449300/4356540

Name of Structure: (Oluf Larsen) House

T. R. S.

Present Owner: Orpha Edwards

Plat A Block 17 Lot 3

Owner Address: 75 South 100 West, Ephraim, Utah

ACREAGE: LESS THAN ONE

Year Built (Tax Record): 1870

Effective Age: 110 years

Tax#:

Legal Description

Kind of Building:

Beg. 83-1/2 ft. S NW cor Lot 3, Blk 17 S 85 ft.; E 114 ft; N 24° E 34 ft.; N 53 ft; W 128 ft.; to beg.

STATUS/USE

Original Owner: Oluf Larsen

Construction Date: 1870

Demolition Date:

Original Use: dwelling

Present Use: dwelling

Building Condition: Integrity:

Preliminary Evaluation:

Final Register Status:

- Excellent
- Good
- Deteriorated
- Site
- Ruins
- Unaltered
- Minor Alterations
- Major Alterations
- Significant
- Contributory
- Not Contributory
- Not of the Historic Period
- National Landmark
- National Register
- State Register
- District
- Multi-Resource
- Thematic

DOCUMENTATION

Photography: Date of Slides: Slide No.: Date of Photographs: Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other

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Research Sources:

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

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

Sanpete County Records

"A Biographical Sketch of Oluf Christian Larsen by his son Oluf Larsen," Ms. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Architect/Builder: UNKNOWN

Building Materials: ADOBE

Building Type/Style: PAIR HOUSE TYPE I / VERNACULAR

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

This house is a rare example of the TYPE I pair house. The house is constructed of adobe which was plastered and painted to simulate brick in the early 1900s and then later stuccoed white. The house is 1-1/2 stories high and is situated along a narrow lot with its gable facing the street. The gable facade arrangement (which has a symmetrical two over three opening pattern) and the pedimented window heads suggest the Greek Revival temple-form house type. Each side of the house contains a door and two windows placed symmetrically under a gabled wall dormer. There are paired internal stove chimneys.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date:

The Oluf Larsen house is significant as an example of Scandinavian vernacular architecture in Utah. The house contributes historically to the thematic nomination, "The Scandinavian-American Pair-house in Utah."

Oluf Larsen (sometimes spelled Olif, or Olaf) was born in Drammen, Norway in 1836. After spending his early years working in a factory, Larsen was adopted into a wealthy family and converted to Mormonism in 1857. He emigrated to Utah in 1861 and settled in Salt Lake City. Later he and a friend, C.C.A. Christensen, moved to Sanpete County and settled originally in Spring City. Due to difficulties in securing water rights, Larsen was forced to move on to Fort Ephraim and then was called by Church officials to colonize Circleville. After Indian hostilities forced the abandonment of Circleville, Larsen moved to Parowan and then back to Ephraim where he bought a city lot from C.C.N. Dorius. By the summer of 1870 the new house with "three floor rooms" was completed and Larsen could remark that "of all the houses we have occupied this is the best." After 1890, Ellen G. Dorius, a polygamous wife of C.C.N. Dorius lived here and today the house is primarily associated with the locally prominent Dorius family.

