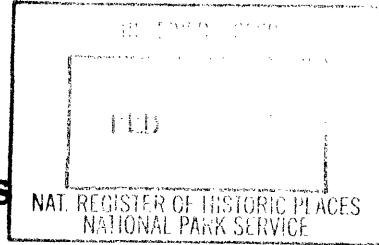


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Olson, Erick Lehi and Ingrid Larsen House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 490 East 600 South N/A not for publication

city or town River Heights N/A vicinity

state Utah code UT county Cache code 005 zip code 84321

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.)

Wilson M. A. DSHPO 1/27/97
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): _____

Eric Edson H. Beall 3/6/97
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Olson, Erick Lehi and Ingrid Larsen, House
Name of Property

River Heights, Cache 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>2</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>2</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 Weatherboard

roof ASPHALT
other _____

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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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.

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE
SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

1891-1946

Significant Dates

1891-2; 1903

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Erick Lehi Olson

Name of repository:

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

Olson, Erick Lehi and Ingrid Larsen, House
Name of Property

River Heights, Cache County, Utah
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A 1/2 4/3/1/6/4/0 4/6/1/9/0/0/0 B 1 1/1/1/1 1/1/1/1/1
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

C 1 1/1/1/1 1/1/1/1/1 D 1 1/1/1/1 1/1/1/1/1

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Beginning at NW corner lot 14 blk 8 plat C Providence Farm Svy, th E 146 Ft S 84.25 W 70 Ft S 33 Ft W 76 Ft N 117.5 ft to beg in Se/4 Sec 3 T 11NR 1E B1097

Property Tax No. 02-028-0014

 See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those that were historically and continue to be associated with the property.

 See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Annette Smith (Granddaughter); Utah SHPO Staff

organization _____ date November 1996

street & number 830 Orchard Drive telephone (801) 752-4655

city or town River Heights state UT zip code 84321

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 Mrs. Wallace (Ione) Anderson (daughter)

street & number 490 East 600 South telephone (801)

city or town River Heights state UT zip code 84321

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Narrative Description

Built in 1891-92 and expanded in 1903, the Erick Lehi and Ingrid Larsen Olson house is a one-story Victorian eclectic home. It is situated on a main street in River Heights, a small community adjacent to the city of Logan. The house faces north on a large lawn-covered lot. There are large pine trees in the front and the yard is fully landscaped.

The wood frame home has a stone foundation and is covered with drop or novelty siding. The original portion of the house is in the rear, built in 1891-92. Double-hung wooden windows exist throughout the house. Some of the two-over-two double hung windows from the 1891 construction remain on the rear and east sides of the house. Large front windows with transoms of leaded glass are beneath the front-facing gables, and a large picture window with a divided transom is in the side bay on the east end of the front elevation. The window frames contain cornerblocks with a bulls-eye pattern in all four corners. The roof has asphalt shingles.

The front portion of the house, built in 1903, has two front facing gables, with a bay window in the gable on the east end. A gablet that was situated in the middle of the porch roof has been removed. Decorative bargeboards and scrollcut woodwork at the porch roof have also been removed. Other woodwork, such as very ornate window frames, remains on the exterior. A pendant adorns the northeast corner of the front bay. Cornerboards remain on the exterior edges of the house.

The interior consists of a living room, dining room, kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms, and a bath that was built into what was originally a large closet. Pocket doors exist between the living and dining rooms. Transoms exist above each of the interior doors. The original moldings remain throughout the house. A panty with a cooler, that still works, was built into the outside wall to cool food.

At the rear of the house, connected by a breezeway, is a summer kitchen and laundry room built 1891-2. It is also a drop-sided wood frame building and has a pyramidal roof. Two-over-two double-hung windows are evident in the west and south elevations, with an entrance door on the west side. Another door is located on the east elevation.

Other than the removal of the some of the exterior decorative woodwork, the house retains its original fabric and contributes to the historic qualities of River Heights.

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Narrative Statement of Significance

Built in 1891-92 and 1903, the Lehi and Ingrid Olson house is significant as one of only a few¹ remaining Victorian eclectic homes in River Heights and is an excellent example of local craftsmanship and design. Built by Erick Lehi Olson, a local contractor and builder of numerous structures throughout the River Heights, Logan, and Providence area, this house describes the quality of craftsmanship available through local carpenters. Signs that Utah was becoming less isolated at the turn of the century were evident in the kinds of architectural detailing influenced by patternbook design and accessibility to manufactured goods. The Olson house helps to describe this period of change in Utah.

HISTORY:

River Heights was formed in 1908 as an independent LDS ward. It was originally known as the Providence Bench. Located between Providence and Logan, River Heights began as a small farming community. Most of the land was owned by Providence residents and used for raising hay and cattle grazing. It was incorporated as a city on October 31, 1934.

Erick Lehi Olson (referred to as Lehi) was born May 25, 1865 in Vingaker, Sweden. Lehi was the oldest of nine children of Lars E. and Anna Peterson Olson. At an early age Lehi showed no interest in the family farm and learned instead the art of carpentry from a Swedish cabinet maker. When he was about sixteen years old, his family converted from the Lutheran to the Mormon (LDS) church. Lehi immigrated to America in 1882. Until his family arrived two years later, Lehi worked on what was called the Church farm, located southwest of Logan. Before settling in River Heights, Lehi homesteaded 160 acres near Station Creek (selling 80 acres to his father), worked for a time in Montana cutting railroad ties, and did some carpentry work in Salt Lake City. On April 27, 1892 he and Ingrid Larson were married in the Logan Temple.

Ingrid was born on April 2, 1867, also in Vingaker, Sweden. She was the daughter of Lars and Ingrid Olson Larson, the oldest of five children and the only child to survive the age of two. Her family was converted to the Mormon religion and in 1883 they immigrated to America. They first settled in Logan

¹ While a comprehensive study of the area has not been completed, a windshield survey of the area shows that there are limited Victorian style houses remaining that were built prior to c.1905. Approximately 2/3 of the city has had a Reconnaissance Level Survey performed. Only seven Victorian Eclectic buildings remain out of the 93 buildings surveyed. The Olson house is one of only 36 historic buildings known to remain in River Heights. In 1900 there were only 20 buildings existing in River Heights; by 1940 there approximately 75 buildings (Maps included in The History of River Heights, Utah, published by the River Heights Civic Club, Herald Printing Co., Inc., Logan, 1988). While the statistics are not complete, it is clear that this is one of only a few historic homes remaining in River Heights that help to describe the community's development.

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and while they lived in a room of the Charlie Lundberg family home (Logan 4th Ward), Ingrid earned fifty cents per washing taking in laundry from various families. After four years living with the Lundbergs, her father bought a small log house, two rooms wide, and had it moved to River Heights onto three acres of land they had purchased. Ingrid worked in Salt Lake for a time, doing housework, earning \$4 per week. At the age of twenty-five, she and Lehi Olson were married.

Prior to their marriage, Ingrid's parents gave them land next to their own log house. Lehi began building a three-room crosswing house which was ready for their occupancy just after their wedding. He also constructed a rock-lined well that they used for their water supply. Heber, their first child, was born February 23, 1894. As the family grew, Lehi added rooms onto the front of the house in 1903 and included the elaborate Victorian eclectic and Queen Anne detailing.

The Olsons used coal stoves for heat, coal oil lamps, well water, and a cellar for food storage. The summer kitchen, attached to the rear porch, was used for food preparation during the hotter months of the year. Ingrid also washed clothes in this room, being very particular about the laundry and housekeeping.

The Olsons' religious responsibilities in River Heights were significant. Lehi was ordained as the first Bishop of the River Heights ward in 1908, at which time he was also President of the Third Quorum of Elders of the Cache Stake and school trustee in district number twelve in Providence. The forming of the River Heights ward and subsequent meetings were held in the Olson home.

The forming of a separate River Heights ward is significant. The Church officials agreed in 1908 that the community was large enough and the potential for growth sufficient enough to form a new congregation. On May 4, 1908, the Stake Presidency called a meeting to be held at the home of Lehi and Ingrid Olson. Apostle George F. Richards from Salt Lake City, President Isaac Smith, Newel Kimball, and Joseph Carbon of the Stake Presidency, and Bishop Frederick Theurer of the Providence Ward, were all present at this meeting. The organization of a River Heights Ward of the Cache Stake was voted for unanimously. Erick Lehi Olson was named as the first Bishop of this newly-formed ward and the first meetings were held in the Olson home. Plans for a meeting house were soon underway but meetings continued held in various homes, often the Olson home, until the new building could be constructed.

Between 1903 and 1916, Lehi is listed as a contractor or a carpenter (and one time as a bishop), in the business and residential sections the local city directories. For a short time, between c.1917-20, he is listed as a janitor, and in 1924 as a farmer. Again during 1926-32 he is listed as a carpenter in River Heights.² As a builder, he constructed numerous structures throughout the area. In 1909, Lehi built the first River Heights meeting house. His interest in the development of River Heights prompted him

² Polk City Directories, Logan, 1903-1936. Utah Gazetteer, 1884, 1900, 1903-04.

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to build the first school house in 1912 from money raised by the ward. It was later purchased by the school board. A number of other buildings that Lehi constructed in the area include the Dasante on 100 West between Center and 100 South in Logan, the Judging Pavilion at Utah State University, the Providence school house, the Joseph Smith house in Providence (called Edgewood Hall, it was a large English-type estate that burned), and the school houses in Newton and Paradise, as well as many homes throughout the Cache Valley. Lehi also built the Roller Rink at Center and 100 East in Logan, that is still in existence. The last building that Lehi constructed was the new River Heights meetinghouse, built to replace the first one constructed in 1909 that had burned down. He was able to finish the work just prior to his death at the age of 68 on December 17, 1933.

Ingrid continued to live in this house until her death on May 15, 1951. The Olson family has continued to own the house and it is currently occupied and maintained by the son of the current owner of record, Ione O. Anderson, Lehi and Ingrid's daughter.

ARCHITECTURE:

Built by Lehi, a carpenter trained in Sweden, and influenced by American house styles, the Olson house combines a unique blend of these influences. The carpentry work in this house is of very fine quality and remains in excellent condition. The elaborate detailing of the bargeboard and porch trim have been removed. However, the detailed window frames and interior woodwork, describe the intricate nature of the carpentry work incorporated throughout the house.

Victorian forms were popular in Utah 1885-1915. This house is an adaptation of the central-bay-with-projecting-bays house type that was an important basic form of the Victorian house. As the original crosswing house was added on to, projecting bays were added to the principal rooms to achieve a desired external irregularity of design, making the rooms larger and brighter. The main roof was modified to a hipped roof, while the bay roofs were added with gabled and conical forms.

The style of the Olson house also describes the early-twentieth century and the changes that were occurring in Utah. This central-block-with-projecting-bays house type with Victorian eclectic styling is important in describing the end of isolation of Utah in the late nineteenth century. Rural areas were less isolated from stylistic developments occurring on both the national and local levels. The pattern book styles and standardized building components were available and easily adapted for use with local materials. The former isolation of rural areas was no longer an obstacle to building well and the quality of design and workmanship were also affected during the Victorian era.³

River Heights was a rural area at the turn of the century and remains a small community due in part to the fact that Cache County has remained a relatively low populated section of Utah. The Olson house

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Carter, Thomas, and Peter Goss. Utah's Historic Architecture, 1847-1940, p. 110-111.

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describes the development of many small, predominately Mormon communities in Utah. While River Heights is located near a larger city, Logan, it has retained its separate identity in part due to the land formations and development of the built environment. The community of River Heights has maintained its own sense of place and the Olson house contributes to the historic qualities of the city.

__ See continuation sheet

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Common Label Information:

1. Olson, Erick Lehi and Ingrid Larsen, House
2. River Heights, Cache County, Utah
3. Photographer: Julie Osborne and Roger Roper
4. Date: August 1996
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

Photo No. 1:

6. North elevation of building. Camera facing south.

Photo No. 2:

6. Southeast elevation of building. Camera facing northwest.

Photo No. 3:

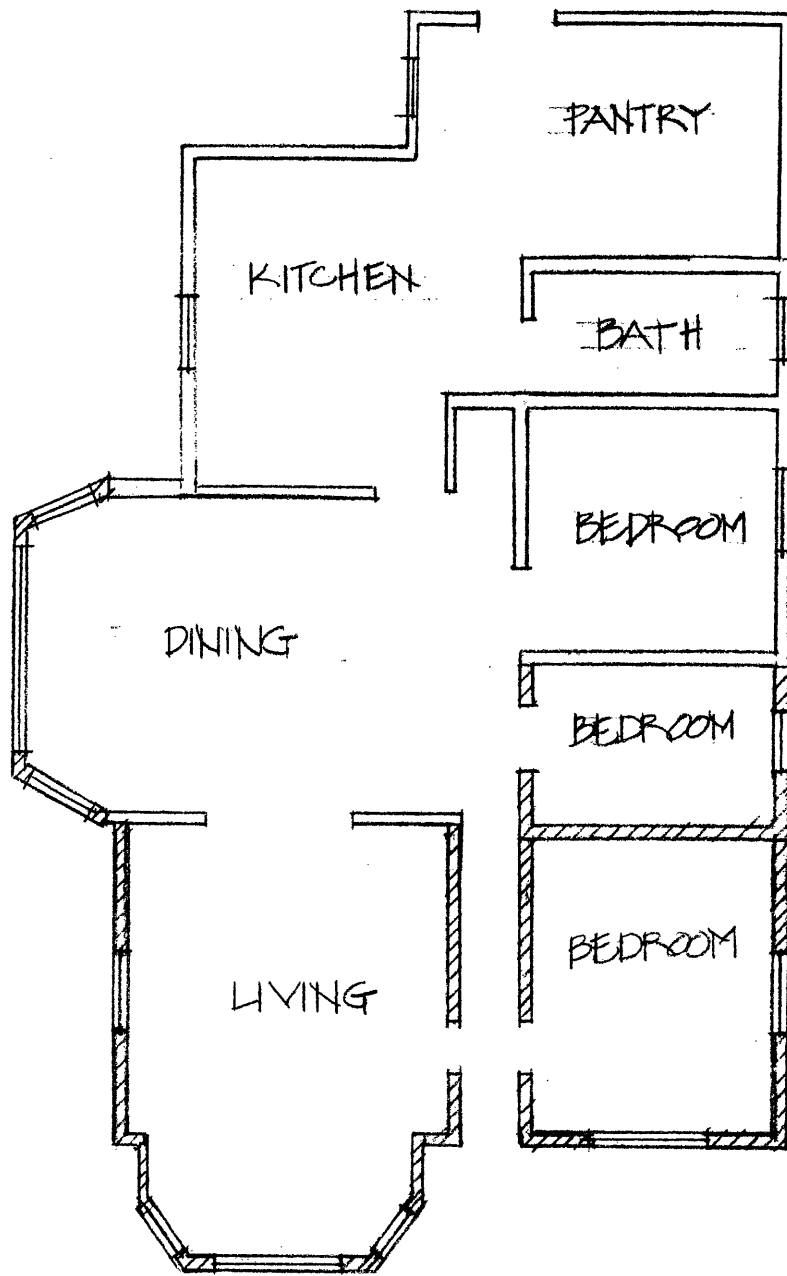
6. West elevation of building. Camera facing east.

Photo No. 4:

6. Southwest elevation of "summer kitchen". Camera facing northeast.

Photo No. 5:

6. Northeast elevation of bay window detail. Camera facing northwest.



OLSON, ERICK & INGRID, HOUSE
 RIVER HEIGHTS, UTAH

NOT TO SCALE

