

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Site No. 49-UT-25-Y-005-030

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 2445 North Canyon Road Pleasant Grove, Utah County

UTM: 12 437220 4471140 Timpanogos Cove Quad/1:24000 T. 5S R. 2E S. 17

Name of Structure: Wadley, Edward, House

Present Owner: Russell Schow

Owner Address: 2445 North Canyon Road, Pleasant Grove, UT 84062

Year Built (Tax Record): Legal Description

Effective Age: Kind of Building:

Tax #:

Com S 253.6 ft. & E 746.6 ft. & S 50/26'13" E 150 ft. FR N 1/4 Cor Sec 17, T5S, R2E SLM; S 49/35' E 520.62 ft.; N 88/ W 450 ft.; N 51/13' W 170.04 ft. N 40/47'18" E 336.69 ft. to Beg. Area 2.2 Acres.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Edward Wadley

Construction Date: 1893

Demolition Date:

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Residence

Building Condition:

Integrity:

Preliminary Evaluation:

Final Register Status:

- Excellence, 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 3

Photography: Date of Slides: 1986 Slide No.: Date of Photographs: 1930, 1986 Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other

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 Family histories

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

Interview Effie Adams, Wadley family historian, by Beth Olsen, 6 June 1986. Interview Doris Schow, 3 June 1986, by Beth Olsen. Adams, Effie, Wadley Family History, Pleasant Grove City Library, 1986.

Architect/Builder: NA/William Wadley and Sons

Building Materials: Soft-rock

Building Type/Style: Cross-wing/vernacular

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

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

Built in 1893, the Edward Wadley house is a 1 1/2-story vernacular cross-wing house with a gable roof and soft-rock exterior walls. Visible exterior alterations include a c.1910 brick addition on the rear, shed-roof dormers on the front and side (c.1945), and a carport/patio addition that was added to the south in 1972. The carport/patio addition is the most obtrusive of those alterations, however, because it is constructed primarily of glass, it does not completely compromise the original integrity of the house. The original form, fenestration, and materials of the house are still clearly evident.

This house has an asymmetrical facade with the door and a window set into the stem of the cross-wing. There is a paired, double-hung window centered in the end of the cross-wing. The soft-rock exterior walls have raised mortar joints, a common treatment on a number of soft-rock houses in the area. The wall facing the front porch was stuccoed either originally or soon after the house was built.¹ The existing front porch is very similar to an earlier porch, possibly the original, that is shown in a c. 1930 photograph of the house. The window openings and the wood trim are all intact. Because of the

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Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1893

Built in 1893, the Edward Wadley House is one of the 13 buildings included in the Pleasant Grove Soft-rock Buildings Thematic Resource nomination. Soft-rock buildings are significant because they help document the distinctive regional diversity found in nineteenth-century building stones in Utah. They also represent a distinct phase of the building construction industry in the Pleasant Grove area. Mormon community building in the Great Basin West rested upon the dual principles of order and permanence, and the grid-iron town plan and the use of stone as an early building material have become important symbols of Mormon settlement values. A great variety of local stones were used throughout the state, and the soft and easily worked tufa stone, popular in Pleasant Grove between about 1865 to 1900, remains one of the most distinctive. About 130 soft-rock buildings were known to have once stood in Pleasant Grove, yet there are only 13 well preserved examples today. Most of the earlier buildings in the community, constructed during the 1850s and '60s, were made of adobe, which was easily made and worked. As fired brick became more available and fashionable during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, it replaced soft-rock as the dominant local building material. The remaining soft-rock buildings are important examples of a local architectural tradition and contribute to an understanding of the regional diversity of Utah's early architectural history.

This soft-rock house was built in 1893 for Edward Wadley using rock obtained from the family's soft-rock quarry located at the base of the mountain directly east of their house. Much of the rock for the Pleasant Grove soft-rock houses came from this quarry. This house was the last of five soft-rock houses built by the Wadleys, but it is the only one that has not been stuccoed or significantly altered.

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Edward Wadley house
Description continued:

8 foot drop in the terrain from front to back, there are two ground level basement entrances into the brick addition on the rear. The brick addition (c.1910) has a concrete foundation, while the original house has a stone foundation. Remodeling of the house began c. 1945 with the addition of the dormers and the remodeling of the kitchen. A staircase for access to the attic was added and, with the lowering of the ceilings on the main floor, four rooms were finished upstairs. A covered patio was added to the side in 1972. No structural changes were made to the outside of the original house. The wooden dormers have been covered with aluminum siding. The original house remains much the same on the facade, the rear, and the right (north) side.

The grounds immediately around the house are open pasture and orchard with many of the original trees including a mulberry tree. Around 1970, the old Daily Herald newspaper office (built c. 1905) was moved from the corner of 200 West and 100 South in Provo, Utah, to serve as a shed on this property. The present hay and horse barn, about 200 feet northwest of the house, was built on an historic rock foundation of the c. 1895 barn used to care for the Wadley horses that freighted clay from the clay pits. Neither of these buildings contributes to the significance of the property.

Number of contributing buildings: 1
Number of non-contributing buildings: 2

¹A c. 1930 tax photo show that the plastered front wall was scored to resemble ashlar. This treatment has been documented on a number of other soft-rock houses in Pleasant Grove, though in every other case the entire house was stuccoed, not just the front porch wall. It is not yet known whether plastering and scoring was an original treatment or a later alteration for soft-rock houses.

Edward Wadley house
History continued:

Edward Wadley was born May 9, 1869, in Pine Valley, Washington County. His father and mother, William and Isabell McKay Wadley, moved to Pleasant Grove in 1870 and took a quarter section land grant. Located on the property at the base of the foothills was a large soft-rock quarry, which became the principal source of soft-rock in the Pleasant Grove area. William built two soft-rock houses on the property for his polygamous wives and their families. (Those two houses were demolished in 1986.) Edward was given land adjacent to those homes, where he had this soft-rock house constructed prior to his marriage. Edward's father and brothers helped construct the house and had it ready for Edward to move into January 10, 1894, when he married Pearl Louisa Halliday. The first years of their marriage were spent in the house, and two of their six children born there. During the early years of this house, silk worms

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Edward Wadley house
History continued:

were raised in the attic. The only access to care for them was through an exterior attic door in the rear reached by a long ladder. A mulberry tree that fed the worms still grows in back of the house.

Intending to be a farmer and sheep raiser, Edward purchased 50 acres of land one mile north of this house and built a two-room house there where he would be closer to his work. He changed his mind, however, and in 1900 built a six-room house in Pleasant Grove (110 East 200 South) and moved his family into it while he served a mission for the LDS church. His 1893 soft-rock house was held in common by his father, his brothers, and himself until 1907. The deeds were then put in Edward's name. Other Wadley brothers, Ike and John, occupied the house until 1907 when John purchased the house from Edward. In 1910 Daniel Wadley, a brother, purchased the house and 6 3/4 acres of land and lived there until 1939. Daniel was a small farmer and part owner and operator of the Wadley family clay pits. During the Depression, the home was lost to the Federal Farm Management Company. Victor H. Stakes, a forest ranger, bought the home in 1945. In the 20 years he and his wife Beatrice owned it, they remodeled the kitchen, changed an inside door, and added dormers to the roof on the facade and east side, c. 1950. Russell and Doris Schow, moving from Edgemont and desiring to continue raising purebred Arabian horses, bought the house and the surrounding land in 1965 and established Schow's Arabian Ranchette. Two of their four children have recently built new houses on this property. Russell and his Arabian stallions have led the Pleasant Grove community Strawberry Days parade for 26 consecutive years, carrying the national flag and representing Uncle Sam.