

Historic Preservation Research Office

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: ^{2nd South St.} NE Cor Lot 7 Blk 3, Ephraim, UT

UTM: E: 448910
N: 4356240

Name of Structure: Claus P. Andersen House

T. R. S.
Plat A Block 3 Lot 7

Present Owner: Frank Crowther
283-4350

AREA: LESS THAN ONE

Owner Address: General Delivery
Ephraim, UT 84627

Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax#: 31
Legal Description: Kind of Building:

Beg NE Cor Lot 7, Blk 3, Plat A West 70 ft; South 83 ft; East 70 ft; North 83 ft.

STATUS/USE

Original Owner: Claus Anderson Construction Date: c. 1865 Demolition Date:

Original Use: Dwelling Present Use: Dwelling

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

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

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

Sanpete County Records
W.H. Lever, History of Sanpete and Emery Counties, pp. 281, 291, and p. 333.

Architect/Builder: UNKNOWN

Building Materials: ADOBE

Building Type/Style: PAIR HOUSE TYPE II / VERNACULAR

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

This is a 1-1/2 story adobe example of the TYPE II pair house. The Andersen house is one of the oldest and most distinctive homes in Ephraim. An early photograph shows that the house was originally exposed adobe and had a seven-opening facade. The two outside rooms each contained two windows and the center room had the predictable window/door/window pattern. A photo from the early 20th century indicates that the inside windows on each of the side rooms were filled in with adobe by this time. A plaster exterior was applied to the adobe during the 1950s. Stove chimneys are located at both gable ends and an unusual fireplace is found along the rear of the center room. The placement of this fireplace is odd because chimneys are usually located parallel to the ridgeline of the house, not along a rear wall. A cross gable is found on the facade which contains a double-hung round arched door. The windows have wooden pedimented heads and the cornice is graced by hand-cut dentiling.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date:

The Claus P. Andersen House in Ephraim 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."

Claus P. Andersen claims this city lot in 1869 and receives the Mayor's Deed in 1872. Andersen sells the lot in 1879 to Soren Nielsen for \$400. The early nature of the house's design and construction, coupled with the value of the property in 1879, seems to indicate that Andersen was the original owner and probably builder of the house. Not much can be discovered about Andersen's life, but Soren Nielsen was born in Christiania, Norway, in 1840. Nielsen moved to Utah in 1853 and located in Ephraim in 1856. Nielsen was occupied as a farmer and had a freight business which carted fresh produce to the mining camps along the Utah-Nevada border.

