

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Structure/Site Information Form

1 IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: UT 30, Fountain Green, UT
Sanpete County

UTM: 12/445120/4386060

Name of Structure: Barentsen, Andrew, House

T. R. S.

Present Owner: Euray Allred
Owner Address: Fountain Green, UT

Plat A, Block 12, Lot 3
Acreage: Less than one

Year Built (Tax Record):
Legal Description

Effective Age:
Kind of Building:

Tax #:

All of Block 12, Lot 3, Plat A of the Fountain Green City Survey

2 STATUS/USE

Original Owner: Andrew Barentsen

Construction Date: 1874

Demolition Date:

Original Use: dwelling

Present Use: dwelling

Building Condition:

Integrity:

Preliminary Evaluation:

Final Register Status:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant | <input type="checkbox"/> Not of the | <input type="checkbox"/> National Landmark | <input type="checkbox"/> District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributory | Historic Period | <input type="checkbox"/> National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Resource |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Contributory | | <input type="checkbox"/> State Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic |

3 DOCUMENTATION

Photography:

Date of Slides:

Slide No.:

Date of Photographs:

Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other

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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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Church Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> SLC Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Permit | <input 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.):

Sanpete County Records
Interview with Mrs. Charlotte Barentsen Bell, Fairview, Utah, April 1981.
Barentsen Family Genealogical Records
U.S. Census 1880

Researcher:

Date:

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Brick

Building Type/Style: Pair House Type II/Vernacular

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

The Andrew M. Barentsen House is a 1-1/2 story, brick structure which was built in 1874. The front section of the house has a three-room plan which falls into Type II of the pair-house classification. There is a one-story brick rear "T" extension which appears to be an original part of the house. The paired internal chimneys on the ridge exhibit decorative corbelling, a motif which is continued on the raking eaves. Smooth stone pedimented window heads are found on the facade openings. There is a stone over the front door which reveals the building date, "1874."

The Barentsen house has been vacant for a number of years and its present condition reflects this neglect. The house was last used in the 1970s for hay storage.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1874

The Barentsen house is architecturally significant as an example of Scandinavian folk building in Utah. The house contributes historically to the thematic nomination, "The Scandinavian-American Pair-houses in Utah."

Andrew Marcus Barentsen was born in 1833 in Bovsthoue, Ribe, Grimstrup Parish, Denmark. He joined the LDS Church in the late 1850s and emigrated to Utah in 1863. After locating in Pleasant Grove for several years, Barentsen moved on to Richfield where he lived for two years, 1865-67. When Indian hostilities forced the abandonment of the Sevier settlements, Barentsen moved back to Fountain Green, arriving in the fall of 1867. Temporary shelter was acquired until the large brick house could be completed in 1876. Barentsen was primarily a farmer and cattleman and married two wives. One wife, Gertrude M. Ericksen, lived with him in the brick house, and the other, Petrea Jorgensen, lived in a small frame house which was located on the property just to the west of the main house.

The Barentsen house's deteriorated condition remains a problematic aspect of this nomination. The house is vacant and is not being maintained at the present, nor is it clear what the owner's intentions are regarding its future plans. The dwelling, at this time (November 1982) retains enough of its historic fabric to warrant inclusion in the Scandinavian Pair-house thematic group nomination. The photograph, while taken in spring of 1981, is an accurate representation of the house's present condition.

