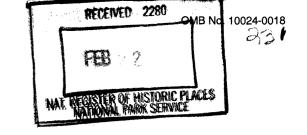
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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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Narrative Description

The William and Emily Siddoway House, built in 1898, is located at 1055 N. Vernal Avenue at the north edge of the Vernal city limits. The house is a two-story frame house built in the Victorian Eclectic and Queen Anne style. The exterior walls were originally sheathed in drop-novelty siding, but covered with aluminum siding around 1985. The original siding is still visible on the west elevation under the porch. The house is built on a stone foundation now encapsulated in concrete (date unknown). The house type is a central block with projecting bays and the main feature of the house is the two-story octagonal tower wing. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles (circa 1998). The current 3.26-acre legal parcel includes several associated buildings, however only the area around the house, including a circa 1915 garage and a circa 1980 non-contributing shed, is included in this nomination. The Siddoway House was originally associated with a large homestead. Although there has been some development in the area, the surrounding land is primarily agricultural. There have been some modifications to the house; however, the property meets the registration requirements of the Multiple Property Submission, *Historic Resources of Vernal/Maeser*. The associated contextual period is "Early Settlement and Community Development."

The Siddoway House faces east. The east elevation resembles a cross wing with the projecting octagonal tower with a pyramidal roof to the south and hipped-roof wing to the north. The main entrance is tucked into the crook of the intersecting wings. Above the entrance is a square dormer with a flat roof.² The original porch of the house was only at the main entrance. About 1995, a wrap-around porch was built around the octagonal wing and across the front to replace the smaller front porch. The new porch is connected to the house at a point where an original cornice formed a string-course at the second floor level. The porch has some historic elements similar to the original porch, including Eastlake-style fan brackets. The balustrade is scroll-cut pieces, and there is lattice-work at the top and bottom of the porch. The porch deck steps are wood. The aluminum siding is white and slightly narrower than original drop-novelty siding. The wood trim is painted white and blue. The chimneys, with the exception of one at the rear, have been removed (circa 1985).

The windows on the main floor are mostly original one-over-one, double-hung wood windows, which are partially obscured by storm windows (circa 1970s). The front door is the original half-glass paneled door with carved ornamentation. The windows on the secondary elevations are narrower than those on the east elevation. The south box bay features a set of three narrow windows. The central window on the east elevation is a fixed-frame window with transom. The window surrounds (now painted blue) were added when the siding was installed. Upper floor windows are found only on the east and west elevations. On the east elevation the central

² This roof originally featured a crenellated ornament (probably removed around 1995).

¹ There is a large brick ranch house (built 1955-1956) north of the Siddoway House, with an address of 1085 N. Vernal Avenue and is occupied by the Squire family. North of the Squire house is a non-historic mobile home. Behind the Squire house are several outbuildings. From south to north, they include: a circa 1900 frame granary (moved to this location from further west on the property and currently used as a garage), a circa 1960 metal tractor shed, a circa 1950 wood tool shed, a circa 1950 coop [?], and a circa 1900 barn. The plank barn currently resembles a large animal shed because the top floor was removed and the south side opened after the structure became dilapidated (circa 2000). These buildings are not included in the current nomination.

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window is a single pane, a 1985 replacement for a fixed-frame window with transom, which was broken. Flanking the center window are two original one-over-one, double-hung windows. The upper floor windows on the west elevation consist of two pairs of double-hung wood within a shed-roof dormer. The dormer may date from the 1930s or 1940s and sits above what appears from the exterior to be an addition. However, interior details suggest that the rear portion of the house was built as part of or within a few years of the original construction. There is a shed-roof, partially-screened porch in the center of the rear (west elevation). There is no aluminum siding covering the original siding under the porch. An original coal bin is also located on the rear elevation. The south elevation features the box bay mentioned above, while the north elevation is relatively simple with two windows.

On the interior, the Siddoway House has been remodeled several times, but retains most of its Victorian-era woodwork. The main entrance leads into a foyer. A partially open stair is to the north leading to the second floor. The stair features a square newel post and square balustrade. At the top of the stair is a four-light halfglass door, from the 1980s. The fover is the only space in the house where the original ceiling height has not been lowered. On the rest of the main floor the ceilings have been lowered to just above the transom windows, many of which are intact, but painted over (circa 1985). The three doors in the foyer (one exterior and two interior) are have the original Victorian casings with paterae and transom (hopper) windows. The door to the south leads to the parlor and the door to the north leads to a bedroom. The parlor is located in the octagonal wing. The space was remodeled in the 1980s, but retains the original Victorian window casings, and baseboards. The chair rail is from the 1980s. There is an original fireplace in the angled southwest corner of the room. The mantel is carved wood, but the opening has been bricked-in (circa 1985). The parlor was originally separated from the dining room to the west by a partition with folding doors, which was removed in the early 1940s. The main feature of the dining room is a new stove on a stone hearth (circa 1995) in the south bay. There are three interior doors leading from the dining room. Two are on the north wall: one leads to the bathroom but is blocked by a curio cabinet and one leads to the kitchen. The door on the west wall has been converted to a bookcase, but still retains its original casing.

The kitchen is at the center rear of the house. The cabinets date from the 1960s, but the finishes and appliances are more recent. The bathroom is at the center of the house tucked under the stairs, but appears to be part of the original construction. The space can be accessed from both the kitchen and the northeast bedroom. The bathroom features a tub encased in a base of bead-board wainscoting. The northeast bedroom has finishes from the 1980s. The utility room has some original woodwork and two large closets (one added in the 1950s and another in the 1990s). At the southwest corner of the house is a small pantry. The upper floor has a landing in the center with three bedrooms. The largest is in the tower wing with smaller rooms to the north and west. The ceilings on the upper floor have been lowered to just above the door lintels, but as with the main floor, the Victorian casings are intact. The small square window lights the landing and features a stained-glass floral design (circa 1995).

The Siddoway House sits on a parcel of 3.26 acres, although much of the surrounding agricultural land is still owned by the family. This nomination only includes the property around the house and two outbuildings, which is landscaped with lawn in the front and backyards. There are several mature trees on the property and a

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wire fence that dates from the 1930s or 1940s in front. Behind the house is a non-contributing circa 1980 metal shed and a contributing circa 1915 frame garage. The Siddoway House is in good condition and contributes to the historic resources of Vernal, Utah.

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The William and Emily Siddoway House, built in 1898, is a two-story frame residence in the Queen Anne style. The house is significant under Criteria A and C. Under Criterion A it is significant for its association with the historical development of Vernal, Utah. The first owners of the house were William and Emily Siddoway, who were prominent in the Vernal community between 1890 and 1950. William H. Siddoway was a stockman, banker, businessman and civic leader. He was instrumental in the early economic development of Vernal and the Uintah Basin. He also served as a Uinta County commissioner and a state representative. His wife, Emily Siddoway, served in various community capacities in addition to raising a large family. Although aluminum siding now covers the original drop/novelty siding, the Siddoway House is also significant under Criterion C as the only example of a house designed with Queen Anne-style architectural elements in Vernal. The house was designed and built by William Hoeft, a local contractor. The property is eligible under the Multiple Property Submission, *Historic Resources of Vernal/Maeser*. The associated contextual period is "Early Settlement and Community Development." The Siddoway House is a contributing historic resource in Vernal, Utah.

History of the William and Emily Siddoway House

William Henry Siddoway was born on October 9, 1868, in the Sugar House are of Salt Lake City. He attended grade schools in Sugar House and later the University of Deseret (forerunner of the University of Utah). On October 1, 1890, he married Emily Dunster. Emily Jane Dunster was born on March 7, 1868, also in Sugar House. Shortly after his marriage, William Siddoway purchased 80 acres of land in Ashley Valley, one mile north of the settlement of Vernal. Siddoway purchased the property in partnership with Owen Hardy, but eventually purchased Hardy's share in 1905. Vernal was settled around 1878, but not platted until 1884 and not incorporated until 1897. No rail line was ever constructed here, and the pioneer community was primarily self-sufficient. The main occupations were sheep and cattle, milling, and the agricultural products of honey, alfalfa, and grains. In 1890, Siddoway moved his family out to Vernal building a two-room log cabin on his property near the location of the later larger house. William and Emily had nine children, all born in Vernal: Mary Alice, William Wallace, John Lewis, Fanny Louis, Owen (who died at age 8), James Raymond, Ralph Henry, Mable and Lorna Doone.

William Siddoway's first business was a partnership in a sawmill owned by David Johnston, Vernal's earliest settler. Siddoway ran the mill and David's son George sold the lumber. In the early years, Emily Siddoway also worked at the mill. She would bind shingles and lathes, and later cooked for 10-12 hired men. Within a few years, William Siddoway took over ownership and management of the mill. When he decided to build a house, he selected the best lumber for its construction. The house was designed and built in 1898 by William Hoeft, a local contractor. Some of the skilled labor may have been performed by Siddoway himself, who had early training as a carpenter. Because cash was scarce, Siddoway often accepted stock in exchange for lumber. By the turn of the century, he had established himself as a stock raiser and wool grower. As he grew more prosperous, he started numerous other enterprises, including the first flour mill in Vernal, the first electric plant,

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original director of the Vernal Mill and Livestock Company, Ashley Co-op, Uintah State Bank, Vernal Drug Company, Vogue Theater, Uintah Abstract Company and Raven Oil Company. A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon Church), William Siddoway served on the stake high council for twenty years and supervised the building of the Uintah Stake Tabernacle. In 1900, he was elected county commissioner, a position he held for twelve years. He served as a state representative for two terms, and was president of the school board for over twenty years. Emily Siddoway was also very active in the LDS Church. She served as president of the Relief Society (women's auxiliary) and a number of other organizations. She was a prominent member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

The Siddoway household was among the most prosperous in Vernal. The large home was often used for entertaining, sometimes parties as large as twenty or thirty people. Even though it was a mile from the center of town, the house had electricity soon after the first plant was built (1905) and indoor plumbing by 1915. Emily Siddoway often had a hired girl stay at the house to help. Some of the girls were Marie Wise, May Reich, and Elva Rasmussen. The household at times also included extended family (an uncle, William Maxfield [sp?] and a hired hand, Joseph L. Smith.³ William and Emily Siddoway were generous with their prosperity. In 1905, after the Ute Reservation was opened for homesteading, the settlers were struggling to build a canal and desperately needed hay. They were referred to William Siddoway, who told Emily to let them have all they want and turn no one down. The settlers emptied the Siddoway hay barn, and because of this the canal was known as Siddoway Canal for many years afterward. William Siddoway considered that "good pay for his hay."

In 1923, William and Emily Siddoway moved from the house on the outskirts of town to a house on 100 South and 300 West. They lived there until their deaths. William Henry Siddoway died on October 25, 1950. Emily Jane Dunster Siddoway died on October 15, 1961. They are buried at Vernal Memorial Park Cemetery. Their youngest son, Raymond, lived in the subject house for a few years after 1923. James Raymond Siddoway was born on August 15, 1903. He married Ezma Hatch on June 22, 1927. Ezma Hatch was born in Provo, Utah, on October 10, 1906. Ezma was known as Tess most of her life. Raymond and Tess had four children. They moved into the family home shortly after their marriage, but Tess was not happy living so far from town. The current owner, Carol Squire, relates the following story: "Tess was complaining to Eva Siddoway (John's wife) about living so far from town, and in a home that at that point had begun to become a little run down. John Lewis was away at a sheep camp, and when he returned, Tess and Eva had traded houses." This event took place around 1932. On the 1930 census, Raymond and John's families are living close to each other at what appears to be the end of the Vernal enumeration, possibly the north edge of town. In 1929, William and Emily Siddoway deeded the house to Eva Siddoway, so it appears that that John and Eva were living in the big house in 1930, moved out, and moved back in after the trade.

³ These names are found on various census records. Marie Wise is mentioned in the interview with Ralph Siddoway, conducted by Mike Brown, 1978.

⁴ Tenney, Oral, "History of William H. Siddoway, unpublished TMs, [n.d.]. In the William Siddoway file at the Uintah County Library, Regional Room.

⁵ Quoted on the Historic Site Form for the William & Emily Siddoway House.

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John Lewis Siddoway was born on January 7, 1896. He married Eva Jacobson on November 8, 1921, shortly before William and Emily moved. Eva Caroline Jacobson was born in Logan, Utah, on February 9, 1893. They had six children. The home continued to be used for entertaining during the time John and Eva lived there. They had a servant, Pauline Stedeker [sp?], living with them at the time of the 1930 census. John Siddoway was a stockman, owning and managing extensive livestock herds near Vernal. He was killed on July 17, 1961, when a tree fell on him during a logging operation. Eva Siddoway served as president of the Vernal Beaux Arts Club. She moved to Salt Lake City in her later years, where she died on June 17, 1973. She was returned to Vernal for burial. Raymond was also in the sheep business with his father. He died on February 25, 1974. Tess was a homemaker and also arranged funeral flowers for over forty years. She died on June 30, 1985.

In 1978, the Siddoway House and property were deeded to the current owner, Carol Siddoway Squire, the second daughter of John and Eva. Carole and her husband, Keith Squire, live in the brick house just north of the old family home, built in 1945-1956. The older home was a rental property for a few years. Her daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Jim Mayes, moved into the house in the 1980s and are the current occupants. The Siddoway House was designated a Uintah County Historic Landmark on May 12, 1990. There is a commemorative plaque mounted near the front door.

Architecture

The William and Emily Siddoway House is remarkable as a relatively elaborate residence built on the outskirts of a rural community on what is essentially a farmstead. The Siddoway House is the only Queen Anne-style residence in Vernal. The Queen Anne style was very popular in Utah between the 1880s and 1900, and characterized by asymmetrical facades, irregular planes, and varied silhouettes resulting from dormers, gables, and towers.⁶ The Queen Anne style was popularized by stylebooks, but in Utah, the design varied drastically depending of the background and skill of the local builder. William Hoeft was the designer and builder of the Siddoway House, although much of the work was performed by William Siddoway, who had been trained as a carpenter. The Queen Anne style was rare in rural Utah communities and it is likely William Hoeft worked up the design of the house from a pattern book.

William Hoeft was born in Berlin, Germany, on June 22, 1848. As a young man, Hoeft was a member of the German army and fought in the Franco Prussia war of 1870. He married Bertha Weste (1853-1934) in 1876. The family immigrated to the United States in 1880 or 1881. They gradually moved west from New York to Chicago to Minnesota to Idaho. They settled in Vernal about 1897 just one year before the Siddoway House was constructed. William Hoeft was a contractor and spent fifteen years supervising government construction at the Fort Duchesne and White Rocks. He is listed on the 1900 census as a brick mason. His grown son, Fred N. Hoeft (1879-1941), was also listed as a brick mason and may have helped his father with the construction of the Siddoway House. William Hoeft was serving on the Board of Education when the Uintah High School was constructed in 1925. In an interview, Ralph Siddoway, a son of William Siddoway, spoke of William Hoeft as

⁶ Tom Carter and Peter Goss, *Utah's Historic Architecture*, 1847-1940, (Salt Lake City, Utah: University of Utah Press, 1988): 112.

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an architect, although it is not known if he had any formal training.⁷ William Hoeft died on December 8, 1926. Though a member of the German Lutheran Church all his life, his funeral services were held in the LDS Church's 2nd Ward chapel. He is buried in Vernal.

⁷ Siddoway, Ralph, interview conducted by Mike Brown, 1978: 2.

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- 3. Photographer: Korral Broschinsky
- 4. Date: November 5, 2005
- 5. Negatives on file at Utah SHPO.

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6. East elevation of building. Camera facing west.

Photo No. 2:

6. West elevation of building. Camera facing east.

Supplemental Photographs

Photo No. 3:

6. East elevation of building. Camera facing southwest.

Photo No. 4:

6. South elevation of building. Camera facing north.

Photo No. 5:

6. North elevation of building. Camera facing southeast.

Photo No. 6:

6. East elevations of outbuildings (garage is leftmost building). Camera facing northwest.

