

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Site No. _____

Structure/Site Information Form

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IDENTIFICATIONStreet Address: 26 West Main Street
Hyrum, Cache County

UTM: 12 428780 4609320

Name of Structure: Hyrum Stake Tithing Office

T. R. S.

Present Owner: Bessie Brown

Owner Address: 414 W. 300 North
Hyrum, Utah 84319

Year Built (Tax Record):

Effective Age:

Tax #: 01-043-0005

Legal Description

Kind of Building:

Commencing 92 ft W of SE corner, Lot 1, Block 19, Plat A, Hyrum City Survey; thence W 99 ft, N 20 rods, E 57 ft, S 136.5 ft, W 1 ft, S 14 ft. 0.61 acre

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STATUS/USE

Original Owner: Mormon Church

Construction Date: 1910

Demolition Date:

Original Use: Tithing Office

Present Use:

commercial

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☐ Thematic3
DOCUMENTATION

Photography:

Date of Slides: 1983

Slide No.:

Date of Photographs: 1983

Photo No.:

Views: ☐ Front ☐ Side ☐ Rear ☐ OtherViews: ☐ 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.):

Allen, Earle W., et al. Home in the Hills of Bridgerland. Hyrum, Utah: Hyrum City, 1969

LDS Church Presiding Bishopric Letterbooks. Hyrum Stake, 1909. Available in LDS Church archives.

Researcher: Roger Roper

Date: 9/84

Architect/Builder: Unknown/Jeff Brothers

Building Materials: Brick

Building Type/Style: Victorian Eclectic/Pyramid Cottage

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

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

The Hyrum Tithing Office is a one story square yellow brick building with a pyramid roof, a sandstone foundation, and a projecting gabled pavilion on the facade. It is a variant of one of two identified standard plans used for the tithing offices built in Utah during the first decade of the twentieth century. The design of the Hyrum Tithing Office is very similar to the design of the Manti, Richmond, Sandy, and Panguitch Tithing Offices. Like other tithing offices of this type the facade is symmetrically arranged with a pavilion centered between pairs of one over one double hung sash windows. The pavilion of the Hyrum Tithing Office varies from those on the Manti, Panguitch, Sandy and Richmond Tithing Offices in that instead of being a simple gable roof projection, it was extended up a half story, having two double hung sash windows and a hip roof. Like the other tithing offices, the pavilion has a round arch opening and pilasters at its corners. Instead of having two doors that open off the pavilion as in the other tithing offices of this type, there is a single door flanked by side lights. It is possible that the entrance reflects a more recent alteration, but the change is unobtrusive and does not affect the original character of the building. The arrangement of openings on the other three sides of the building is irregular, but is very similar to that of the other tithing offices of this type. Patterns created
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Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1910

Built in 1910, the Hyrum Tithing Office is significant as one of 28 well preserved tithing buildings in Utah that were part of the successful tithing system of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon church) between the 1850s and about 1910. Tithing lots, which usually included an office and several auxiliary structures, were facilities for collecting, storing, and distributing the farm products that were donated as tithing by church members in the cash-poor agricultural communities throughout the state. Tithing offices were a vital part of almost every Mormon community, serving as local centers of trade, welfare assistance, and economic activity. They were also important as the basic units of the church-wide tithing network that was centered in Salt Lake City.

The Hyrum Tithing Office was built in 1910 by the construction firm of Jeff Bros. from the nearby town of Logan. The building was constructed to serve as offices for the Hyrum Stake Presidency, and also included a meeting room for the stake high council, a supply room with a steel vault for storing cash tithing donations, and a large upstairs room for miscellaneous purposes.¹

The design of the Hyrum Tithing Office was one of at least three standard tithing office plans that were developed at church headquarters around 1905 and sent out to a number of wards that requested to have a new tithing office built. Those plans were perhaps the first examples of what eventually became a policy with the church - developing standard building plans at church headquarters rather than having each ward generate its own. Other tithing offices in the state that have virtually the same design as the Hyrum Tithing Office are those in Manti, Sandy, Panguitch, and Richmond, all of which were built between about 1905 and 1910.

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Hyrum Tithing Office
Description Continued:

by contrasting colors of brick serve as the decorative elements of the building. The pavilion, corners, windows, foundation and cornice are highlighted by red brick. There is a frieze that wraps around the building below the cornice line. It consists of inset panels of contrasting brick and string courses of brick which project at different levels. There are three hip roof dormers set into the roof sections. They are probably original, and each has shingle siding. Except for the possible change made to the front entrance, the building is unaltered, and maintains its original integrity.

Hyrum Tithing Office
History Continued:

The Hyrum Tithing Office was owned by the LDS church and used as stake offices until 1951, when it was sold to Maude Liljenquist. It was later used as the local post office and has recently been used as an office building.

Notes

¹Earle W. Allen, et al, Home In the Hills of Bridger Land, p. 136.