

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

SIGN. SITE #113

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: STRUCTURE AT
490 ~~East~~ 200 North

UTM: 12/357200/4237500

Name of Structure:

T. R. S.

Present Owner: Mary Jane Baldwin

LESS THAN ONE ACRE

Owner Address: 490 East 200 North

Year Built (Tax Record): c. 1880
Legal Description

Effective Age: gazebo
Kind of Building:

Tax #: ~~none~~ 370

none

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STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Jonathan Crosby Construction Date: c. 1880 Demolition Date:

Original Use: top of a house Present Use: storage

Building Condition: Integrity: Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Site | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributory | Historic Period | <input type="checkbox"/> National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Contributory | | <input type="checkbox"/> State Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic |

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography: Date of Slides: Slide No.: Date of Photographs: Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other Views: Front Side Rear Other

Research Sources:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> U of U Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plat Records/Map | <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah State Historical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> BYU Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Card & Photo | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other field work |

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

Mary Jane Messinger interviewed 8/9/80 in Beaver by L. L. Bonar
Mae Crosby White interviewed summers 1976, 1979, and 1980 in Beaver by L.L. Bonar

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ARCHITECTURE

Architect/Builder: Jonathan Crosby

Building Materials: Frame

Building Type/Style:

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

This lovely little structure was salvaged from the top of the Crosby House before it was demolished to make way for the new Forest Service Building. It must have been used as a gazebo when it was originally built, but it now rests upon the ground and is used only for storage. It has a square plan, being about 7 feet wide and perhaps 9 feet tall including its tetrahedron-shaped roof. Each facade is the same, having two ionic pilasters on each side, and an elaborate cornice with paired brackets. There are 3 windows and 1 door, one per facade.

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HISTORY

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date:

This little structure is significant because of its historic construction date, its fine craftsmanship, its builder, its unique function and its unimpaired architectural integrity. It was built by Jonathan Crosby to sit atop his home, which is no longer extant. Crosby was a carpenter and furniture-maker and this is a very rare surviving example of his work. He was born in the early part of the 19th century in the Eastern part of the United States. He joined the L.D.S. Church in its early period and served extended periods of time as a missionary in the South Seas. He and his wife, Caroline were early colonists of the San Bernardino, California, outpost and were among those evacuated from there in 1859. The Crosbys settled in Beaver and lived the rest of their lives in the community, Jonathan making his living as a carpenter. The reported function of this structure was truly a gazebo, it was unique in Beaver, to this author's knowledge. It was, at the very least, a special addition to Crosby's house, probably a fancy detail that a carpenter would build only for himself. Its excellent craftsmanship makes us wish that more of Crosby's work was still to be seen in Beaver.