

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 55 West 200 North, *Monroe, UT* UTM: 12/402350/4276650  
 Name of Structure: Soren Simonsen House T. 25.0 S R. 03.0 W S. 10  
 Present Owner: Henry S. & June J. Michael  
 Owner Address: 31145 Highway 20  
 Hebo, Oregon 97122  
 Year Built (Tax Record): 1920 Effective Age: 1920 Tax #: 1-M20-89  
 Legal Description Kind of Building: Residence

Beg. 6 ft. E of NE cor Lot 3, Blk 47, Plat A, Monroe City Survey th. W 84 ft. T. S. 120 ft. E 14 ft S 144 ft., E 70 ft., N 264 ft., to beginning. Area 0.45 acre.

STATUS/USE

Original Owner: Soren Simonsen Construction Date: c. 1880 Demolition Date:  
 Original Use: dwelling Present Use: single family  
 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.):

Interview, June Michael, July 25, 1979.  
 Warnock, Irwin L. and Lexia D. Our Own Sevier: A Centennial History 1865-1965. Richfield Reaper, Richfield, Utah, 1965, pp. 72, 299, 303, 316.  
 Warnock, Irwin L. Thru the Years: A Centennial History of Sevier County. Art City Publishing Co., Springville, Utah 1947, pp. 246, 248, 252.  
 Murdock, Wilford and Mildred, Monroe, Utah: It's First 100 Years, Monroe Centennial Committee and Monroe City, 1964, pp. 56, 59.

Architect/Builder:

Building Materials: Brick

Building Type/Style: pair-house/vernacular

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

This is a 1-1/2 story, brick example of the TYPE II Pair house and exhibits the typical three-bay facade and paired internal chimneys. A central cross gable on the front is shingled and has a flared gable end pent. The side gables have Greek returns. The brick of this house has been painted multiple colors. The first story windows have decorative brick relieving arches and there is a "T" extension to the rear. The hipped roof front porch has tapering piers in the bungalow fashion and is probably a later addition. The house facilely combines a traditional plan with Victorian stylistic elements.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date:

The Soren Simonsen house in Monroe 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."

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George Hanks apparently obtained ownership of the house in 1924, but it was sold the same year to H. Roland and Sarah Tietjen. About the time Mr. Tietjen bought the house, he served as stake president of the Sevier South Stake. He held this position for nine years.

In 1958, Tietjen sold the house to Glen and Eliza Winget. Then 10 years later, the property went to Burke L. and J. Alan Winget, Then Dorothy Hemsley bought the house 1976 and turned around and sold it to Larry J. and Hazel Coon in 1977. Hazel and Larry later divorced and the property was then bought by Henry F. and June Michael, who own it today.

While Tietjen owned the property he was also on the board of directors of the Monroe State Bank.

(See continuation sheet)

Soren Simonsen House  
Monroe, Utah

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The original building material for the house consisted of two layers of brick. Also, a stone fence stood in the front of the house, but has since been torn down. Alterations include a fireplace being added in the living room and a chimney in the kitchen area going upstairs has been torn down. A garage is still standing.

