

Utah State Historical Society

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Site No. BV-04-186

Sign. Site #33

Structure/Site Information Form

1  
IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 190 E. Center St.

UTM:12/356725/4237350

Name of Structure:

T. R. S.

Present Owner: David V. & Isabelle B. Harman

Less than one acre

Owner Address: c/o Virgil E. & Alice E. Oertle  
Beaver, Utah 84713

Year Built (Tax Record):                      Effective Age:  
Legal Description                                      Kind of Building:

Tax #: B-126

Plat A Blk 30 Lot 1

2  
STATUS/USE

Original Owner: Smith, William P., House Construction Date: 1871

Demolition Date:

Original Use: residence

Present Use:

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

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 type="checkbox"/> Plat Records/Map             | <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories           | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah State Historical Society  | <input type="checkbox"/> BYU Library                |
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| <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 Fieldwork |

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

Mr. Virgil E. Oertle interview 10/6/78 by Linda L. Bonar.

Researcher: Linda L. Bonar

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Date: 10/3/78

Architect/Builder: unknown

Building Materials: brick

Building Type/Style: central hall/vernacular

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

This is a 1 story brick central passageway type house with an original rear T extension. The house has large end fireplace chimneys, plain wooden lintels, and decorative paired freize brackets. The original house was subdivided into two apartments that shared a kitchen. An elaborately decorated porch, distinguished by open grill work along the freize and turned posts, is undoubtedly a later addition to the 1871 house. The style of the porch suggests a c. 1890 date. The house remains in excellent condition, the only alteration being the closing in of one of the porches which flanked the original rear wing.

There is a 1½ story pink tuff stone building to the north rear of the home. According to local sources, this building once served as a small house. The fine coursed ashlar stonework and framed doors and windows support this tradition. There have been several alterations of this rock building; a 1½ story frame shed has been added to the west and a large carport now extends forth on the east. While obscuring the view of the building, these additions do not significantly detract from its integrity.

**Statement of Historical Significance:****Construction Date:**

This brick house, built in 1871, is significant because it is one of the earliest permanent homes built in Beaver. The 1860s had found Beaver in the grasp of frontier expediencies and most homes here at this time were small log structures. The 1870s saw Beaver emerge as one of the principal towns in central Utah and an important link in the chain of Mormon settlements running from Salt Lake City to southern California. The central-hall house type was typical of the houses found in Utah towns during this period and contributes to a general understanding of the full range of the 19th Century Mormon architecture.