

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Christensen, Carl F. and Sophia, House

other name/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & town 208 North 200 East  not for publication

city or town Richmond  vicinity

state Utah code UT county Cache code 005 zip code 84333

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] \_\_\_\_\_ Date Aug 22, 2004

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Utah Division of State History, Office of Historic Preservation  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action 10/2/04

[Signature] \_\_\_\_\_

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Christensen, Carl F. and Sophia, House  
Name of Property

Richmond, Cache County, Utah  
City, County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(check as many boxes as apply)

- public-local
- private
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(check only one box)

- district
- building(s)
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
3	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
3	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

Historic and Architectural Resources of Richmond, Utah, 1859-1954

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Function**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single family

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: storage

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\_\_\_\_\_

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**Current Function**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single family

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\_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN

EARLY 20TH CENTURY: OTHER

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE

walls WOOD

ADOBE

roof ASPHALT SHINGLE

other WOOD: Logs on interior

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

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### Narrative Description

The Carl F. and Sophia Christensen House, is a one-story frame house, built in phases between the 1880s and 1910. The house was originally built as a single cell house (circa 1880s) and later expanded with a projecting wing to the north (circa 1890) and lean-to in the rear (circa 1910). The house is covered in drop-novelty siding with corner boards. The few stylistic elements of the Victorian period include the lathe-turned porch posts and a diamond-shaped window in the upper south elevation. The foundation of the house is stone and the entire roof has recently been covered in asphalt shingles. Attached to the rear of the house is a circa 1910 concrete root cellar. The Christensen house is located on a corner lot at 208 North 200 East in Richmond, Utah. There are two contributing outbuildings on the property: a circa 1900 granary east of the house and a circa 1920 garage to the north.

The first portion of the house to be built was the single cell in the southwest corner. Its exact date of construction is unknown. The walls are extremely thick and built of adobe and logs. Local tradition claims that the logs were part of the original Richmond Fort, built in 1860-1861, but that cannot be verified. The single cell portion of the house has a central door flanked by a pair of two-over-two, double-hung wood windows. The drop siding, corner boards, and windows were probably added when the projecting wing was built between 1890 and 1898. The house faces west with the projecting wing to the north. The ridge of the roof is parallel to 200 East. The projecting wing slopes to a shed-roof line in front and extends to the south to form a porch with a hipped roof in the southeast corner. The porch roof is supported on lathe-turned posts. The porch deck is concrete, as are the steps. The stone foundation appears to have been encapsulated in concrete (circa 1930s). The siding is painted rust brown with light-colored trim. A pairing of double-hung windows is in the center of the south elevation. The diamond-shaped window is in the gable trim area. The south elevation has a lean-to extension under a shed roof. There is a door opening in the lean-to, which is currently blocked. The north elevation is similar in shaped to the south, but with a pair of separate two-over-two windows. There is no window in the upper level and no door. The rear (west) elevation is partially obscured by the attached root cellar. It is divided into sections, the lean-to to the south and an enclosed porch to the north. The six different openings in this elevation suggest it was built and modified in phases. From south to north, the openings are: an aluminum slider window (circa 1960), a door leading into the root cellar, a six-light fixed frame window, a single pane window, the back door, and a fixed-frame four-light window. The rear of the house is lower than the front and partially below grade. The concrete root cellar was probably added around 1910. It is semi-subterranean (the eaves nearly touch the ground) and has a simple gable roof perpendicular to the house.

On the interior, the living room is in the original single cell. A back room used for storage is to the rear. Access to the projecting wing is through two openings and one step down. There is a bedroom in the northwest corner. The kitchen, bathroom and enclosed porch are to the east. There have been few modifications to the interior other than some new fixtures and finishes. There is no basement and only minimal attic space. The house is well maintained and sits on a 1.32-acre parcel of lawn and mature trees and shrubs. A circa 1900 wood granary with the "inside-out" studs common in Utah is located to the east of the house. The granary is a contributing outbuilding. The garage is located near the northwest corner of the property at the border of 200

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East. The contributing circa 1930s frame one-car garage has a simple gable roof and is covered in wide clapboards with a new door. The Christensen house property is one portion of several associated parcels. There is an old orchard plot east of the property and a recently built two-story house north of the garage. The house is located in a neighborhood that includes a mix of pioneer-era and early twentieth-century residences with some newer infill. For the most part, the older houses retain their large lots and semi-rural feel. The Richmond City Cemetery is two blocks to the north. The Carl F. and Sophia Christensen House has excellent integrity and is a contributing resource in Richmond.

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Name of Property

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## 8. Description

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

### Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE

### Period of Significance

circa 1880-1954

### Significant Dates

circa 1880, circa 1890-98, circa 1910

### Significant Persons

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

### Cultural Affiliation

N/A

### Architect/Builder

Unknown

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

### Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Narrative Statement of Significance

The Carl F. and Sophia Christensen, a one-story frame, built in phases between circa 1880 and 1910, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. The house and its occupants are associated with the early twentieth century development of Richmond, Utah. The earliest portion of the house may have been occupied by William and Ann Dobson, who were among the first settlers of Richmond. The house as it appears today was home to Carl Frederick and Karen Sophia R. Christensen, Danish immigrants who settled in Richmond in the 1880s. Carl F. Christensen was a farmer and Sophia Christensen was a dressmaker. The property is eligible within the *Historic and Architectural Resources of Richmond, Utah, 1859-1954* Multiple Property Documentation. The associated historic contexts are the *Diversification and the Early Industry Period, 1874 — 1903*, and the *Dairy and Agriculture, and the Early Twentieth-Century Community Development Period, 1904 – 1954*. The Carl F. and Sophia Christensen House is in excellent condition and contributes to the historic resources of Richmond, Utah.

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### History of the Carl F. and Sophia Christensen House:

The community of Richmond was established in 1859 more than a decade after the arrival of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon Church) to the Salt Lake Valley in 1847, and about the same time as other settlements in the Cache Valley. Richmond was settled the same year as Logan fourteen miles to the south. Prior to that time, Native American Shoshone used the valley for hunting and camping. Fur trappers were also frequent visitors to the area. In 1859, seventeen families of Mormon converts built a fort and spent the winter on the banks of the City Creek. After an influx of new settlers beginning in the spring of 1860, the land was planted and roads were built. Irrigation ditches were dug to obtain water from the Cherry and City Creeks. A second fort large enough for ninety families was built in 1860-1861 along present-day Main Street from 200 West to 300 East.

The town site was surveyed in 1861 into ten-acre blocks of eight 1.25-acre lots. Farm acreage was surveyed to the west of the town. Additional blocks were surveyed and annexed in the 1891. The plan of Richmond followed the “plat of Zion” recommendations espoused by LDS Church leader Brigham Young and appearing in town site variations throughout the Intermountain West. Like other Mormon settlers, the citizens of Richmond built their houses congregated within the town site and worked on farms in the outlying areas. Each lot usually had a single-family dwelling uniformly set back from the street. Animal shelters and agricultural storage, along with vegetable gardens and orchards, were built at the rear of the large lots. The main road into town originally ran along the route currently followed by State Street.

The residents moved quickly beyond subsistence farming. The valley proved especially conducive to the raising of dairy cattle. The settlement had the first two creameries in the valley, as well as a number of sawmills, gristmills, and other early industries. Richmond was incorporated as a city on February 26, 1868. In

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1874, the Utah & Northern Railway (later the Oregon Short Line) came to Richmond and became the last stop on the line before crossing the Idaho border. In 1890, the community had a population of 1,232. By 1900, the town boasted two general merchandise stores, a drug store, multiple creameries and mills, two saloons and a plow-bobsled factory. The community also had a number carpenters, painters, masons, a brick kiln and an architect.

In the half century between 1904 and 1954, the city of Richmond experienced a population plateau and a stable economy based on agriculture and the dairy industry. In 1903, construction started on a condensed milk plant near the railroad. The Utah Condensed Milk Company combined two previous Richmond creameries. The factory processed its first can of milk on March 15, 1904. Through most of the historic period, the milk factory, whose products were marketed using the Seago Milk Company label, and its successors would be Richmond's largest employer. Farming and dairy cattle production was the basis of Richmond's economy for most of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, although the community did have a thriving commercial district.

The property on which the Christensen House is located was near the cemetery on an extension of the town's original plat. William and Ann Dobson were the first owners of record. William Frain Dobson was born in Cheshire, England in 1839 and immigrated to the United States with his parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Dobson. The Dobsons eventually settled in Richmond and lived in the fort in the early 1860s. As a young man, William Dobson, worked assisting immigrant wagon trains to Utah. He met Ann Hill and her family while they were crossing the plains in 1858. The couple married in Salt Lake in 1868, and settled in Richmond where they raised a family of seven. William Dobson was a farmer and his children worked the family farm and in early Richmond industries, such as the milk factory. Materials used in the construction of the Christensen house's single cell portion include logs (thought to have been from the fort after it was demolished) and adobe, suggesting that the older portion was probably built prior to 1880. It may have been home to the Dobson family, but perhaps only until May 1888, when William and Ann sold the property to Carl Frederick Christensen. William F. Dobson died in 1918 and Ann Hill Dobson died in 1931.

The house as it appears today was closely associated to the Christensen family, who remodeled and added to the house between 1890 and 1910. Carl Frederick Christensen was born in Tilskilde, Denmark, on December 4, 1862. Carl Frederick was known as Carl F., Carl Fred, and occasionally C. Fred. He immigrated to Utah in 1886 and purchased the property in Richmond as a single man. He married Sophia Rasmussen in Logan on March 15, 1892. Karen (or Karren) Sophia Rasmussen was born in Kirke-Flinterup, Denmark, on September 16, 1864. She came to Utah in 1888. The couple had four children, Frederick Wilford, Sophus Randolph, Lillian Viola and Rebecca Sophia. Carl F. Christensen is listed as a farmer in all of the available census enumerations. In 1910, Sophia Christensen was listed as a dressmaker with her own shop. Of note, both her mother and mother-in-law were living with them at the time. Carl Frederick Christensen died in Richmond on April 4, 1922. Karen Sophia Christensen died four years later on September 15, 1926. Her obituary stated the "Richmond matron" died at the family home of cancer. The property passed to their daughter, Lillian Christensen.

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Lillian Viola Christensen was born in Richmond on May 25, 1902. She married Thomas Ray Bell on April 3, 1929. He was born on February 26, 1889 in Richmond. The couple had two sons and a daughter. Ray was a farmer. Lillian and Ray sold the property in 1944 and moved to Logan. Thomas Ray Bell died there on August 28, 1952. Lillian C. Bell died in Logan on August 29, 1968. The house and property was sold to Chester Bartlett Tripp and his second wife, Mary. Chester Bartlett Tripp was born in Richmond on November 1, 1892. He married Mary Neoma Mathews in 1931. After Chester's death in 1967, Mary Tripp married J. Floyd Knudsen. Mary and Floyd sold the property to the current owners, George and Barbara Stewart, in 1975. The Stewarts maintain the house as a rental property.



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Name of Property

Richmond, Cache County, Utah  
City, County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property 1.32 acres

### UTM References

(Place additional boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

1 1/2 4/3/3/5/4/0 4/6/4/1/7/8/0  
Zone Easting Northing

2 / / / / / / / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

3 / / / / / / / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

4 / / / / / / / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

BEG 21 FT S OF NW COR LOT 4 BLK 40 PLAT A RICHMOND CITY SVY S 185.5 FT E 165 FT N 25 FT E 167 FT N 160.5 FT W 332 FT TO BEG. NET 1.32 AC

Property Tax No. 09 - 049 - 0029

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those historically and currently associated with the property.

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Korral Broschinsky, Preservation Documentation Resource

organization prepared for the Richmond Historic Preservation Commission date July 15, 2004

street & number P.O. Box 58766 telephone (801) 581-1497

city or town Salt Lake City state UT zip code 84158

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

**Maps** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs:** Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

### Property Owner

name/title George and Barbara Stewart

street & number 222 North 200 East telephone (435) 258-2341

city or town Richmond state UT zip code 84333

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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**Common Label Information:**

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1. Christensen, Carl F. and Sophia, House
2. 208 North 200 East, Richmond, Cache County, Utah
3. Photographer: Korral Broschinsky
4. Date: 2003
5. Negatives on file at Utah SHPO.

**Archival:**

**Photo No. 1**

6. West elevation of house. Camera facing east.

**Photo No. 2**

6. East elevation of house and root cellar. Camera facing west.

**Supplemental:**

**Photo No. 3**

6. South and east elevations of house. Camera facing northwest.

**Photo No. 4**

6. East and north elevations of house and root cellar. Camera facing southwest.





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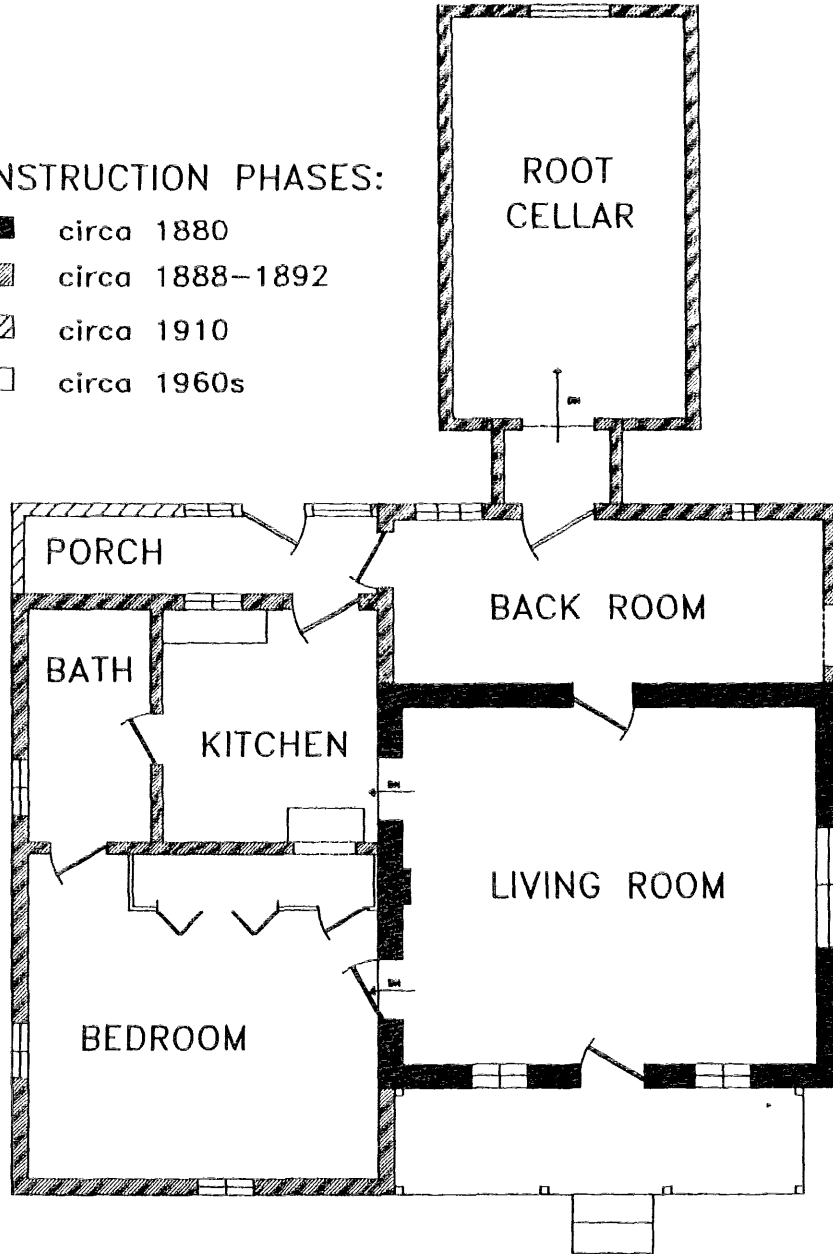
6. West and south elevations of garage. Camera facing east.

**Photo No. 6**

6. South and west elevations of granary. Camera facing northeast.

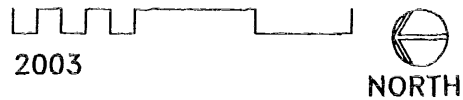
CONSTRUCTION PHASES:

-  circa 1880
-  circa 1888-1892
-  circa 1910
-  circa 1960s



MAIN FLOOR PLAN

SCALE APPROXIMATE: 1/8" = 1'



CARL F. & SOPHIA  
CHRISTENSEN HOUSE  
208 NORTH 200 EAST  
RICHMOND, CACHE CO., UT

ORCHARD

GRAVEL DRIVEWAY

SHED

ATTACHED CELLAR

CLOTHESLINE

LAWN

LAWN

HOUSE

GARAGE

LAWN

LAMP POST

CONCRETE DRIVEWAY

SIDEWALK

200 NORTH

200 EAST

SITE PLAN, 2003

SCALE APPROXIMATE: 1" = 25'

NORTH



CARL F. & SOPHIA CHRISTENSEN HOUSE  
208 NORTH 200 EAST, RICHMOND, CACHE CO., UT