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Utah State Historical Society

Property Type:

Site No. _____

Historic Preservation Research Office

Structure/Site Information Form

Street Address: 1215 East Main
American Fork, Utah County

UTM: 12 434800 4469560
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Name of Structure: Goode, Charles T.H., House

T. 5S R. 2E S. 19

Present Owner: Ferrin Goode

Owner Address: 701 East 2730 North, Provo, UT 84601

Year Built (Tax Record): 1987

Effective Age:

Tax #: CC-1796

Legal Description

Kind of Building:

17.16 chs E. & re9.52 ft. S of NW cor 19.

T5S R2E SLM; S39 46' E 200.25 S 95 ft.; W 200.27 ft.; N 95 ft. to Beg., Area .44 of an acre.

Original Owner: Goode, Charles Thomas

Construction Date: 1897

Demolition Date:

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Residence

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-Resou

Deteriorated

Major Alterations

Not Contributory

State Register

Thematic

Photography:

Date of Slides: 1986

Slide No.:

Date of Photographs: 1900, 1930, 1986

Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other

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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.):

Photograph of house with original log cabin in background circa 1900, Pleasant Grove Historical Preservation Files.

Photograph of house and well which is still used ca. 1930, Pleasant Grove Historical Preservation Files.

Interview with owner, Ferrin Goode, 20 May 1986, 1:00 p.m.

Interview with Ferrin Goode's wife, Florence Jense Goode, 20 May 1986, 3:00 p.m.

Marriage certificate, 21 November 1895, Charles T. Goode & Myrtle J. Jensen.

Architect/Builder: NA/Charles T.H. Goode

Building Materials: Soft-rock

Building Type/Style: cross-wing/vernacular

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

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

Built in 1897, the Charles T. H. Goode House is a 1 1/2-story vernacular cross-wing house constructed of locally quarried soft-rock. The exterior is virtually unaltered except for the 1940 addition of a small frame porch on the rear. There are a few minor alterations on the interior as well, but overall the house is remarkably well preserved.

The two most distinctive features of this house are its soft-rock exterior walls and the double gable roof over the rear section. The reason that this unusual type of roof was constructed is unknown for certain, though it is apparent that in order to match the roof pitch and ridgeline of the rear section with that of the hip roof on the front either this type of roof or a truncated roof would be required. The soft-rock exterior walls are in fair condition, though the mortar, which may be original, is somewhat eroded. An unusual aspect of the masonry work is that some of the wider joints are chinked with small stones that are not soft-rock. It is unclear whether this was done originally or whether it was part of a later repointing effort. The house sits on a fieldstone foundation.

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Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1897

Built in 1897, the Charles T. H. Goode House is one of the 13 buildings included in the Pleasant Grove Soft-rock Buildings Thematic Resource nomination. Soft-rock buildings are significant because they help document the distinctive regional diversity found in nineteenth-century building stones in Utah. They also represent a distinct phase of the building construction industry in the Pleasant Grove area. Mormon community building in the Great Basin West rested upon the dual principles of order and permanence, and the grid-iron town plan and the use of stone as an early building material have become important symbols of Mormon settlement values. A great variety of local stones were used throughout the state, and the soft and easily worked tufa stone, popular in Pleasant Grove between about 1865 to 1900, remains one of the most distinctive. About 130 soft-rock buildings were known to have once stood in Pleasant Grove, yet there are only 13 well preserved examples today. Most of the earlier buildings, constructed during the 1850s and '60s, were made of adobe, which was easily made and worked. As fired brick became more available and fashionable during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, it replaced soft-rock as the dominant local building material. The remaining soft-rock buildings are important examples of a local architectural tradition and contribute to an understanding of the regional diversity of Utah's early architectural history.

Charles T.H. Goode was born in 1847 in the English parish of Wappenbury in Warwickshire. At the age of 21, after converting to the Mormon church, he emigrated to the U.S. to join the body of the church in Utah. His movement did not follow the usual migration patterns of other church members, however. After arriving in America, Charles, his brother, and brother-in-law worked in New York for three years to finance their parents' ocean passage. The entire

Charles T. H. Goode House
Description continued:

The primary facade of the house faces west with the front door set into the stem of the cross-wing. There are paired double-hung windows on the west and south facades, and single double-hung windows on the north and east. All the windows are unaltered except for the eastern-most window on the south facade, which was shortened c. 1940 to accommodate the installation of a kitchen sink on the interior. The enclosed frame porch on the rear was also built in 1940. It has a shed roof and a concrete foundation.

The interior has had only minor alterations, most of which were made c. 1940. They include the installation of bathroom plumbing where the pantry was, the addition of closets in the bedrooms, the covering of the transoms, and the upgrading of the kitchen. Another minor alteration was the installation of wood in place of the glass that was originally in the upper panels of the door leading from the front room (parlor) to the kitchen.¹ There is a cellar under the rear section of the house and an unfinished but accessible attic above. The stairways to both are located at the rear of the house in the northeast corner.

There is a small log building behind the house to the east, but it does not contribute to the significance of the property. It may have been the original home on the property (c.1876), but there is no clear evidence to support that conclusion. The building is currently serving as an animal shelter.

Total number of contributing buildings: 1
Total number of non-contributing buildings: 1

¹Interview with Ferrin Goode by Roger Roper, May 13, 1986, American Fork.

Charles T. H. Goode House
History continued:

family then moved to Iowa where they leased farmland for three or four more years. In 1875 the family moved to Utah at the request of an English friend, John Boneham, who had taken a land grant for one quarter section of land located between Pleasant Grove and American Fork. In July 1889, Charles purchased 15 acres of this land grant and became a small farmer and fruit grower.

In November 1895, Charles married a widow, Marie Petre Jensen. She moved with her two children, Myrtle and Peter, to Charles's log cabin, which was four rooms with a lean-to on back. Marie's small soft-rock home in Pleasant Grove was torn down by Charles, and the rocks, along with others, were hauled to his farm and used to build their new home about 1897. Three children were born to them before Maria's death from rheumatic fever on January 11, 1905.

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Charles T. H. Goode House
History continued:

On November 27, 1906, Charles married his 19-year-old step-daughter, Myrtle Jensen. They continued to live in the soft-rock home on Charles' farm, and six children were born to them. The youngest son, Ferrin, was six years old when Charles died on April 27, 1925, at age 80. Ferrin remembers his fathers' casket leaving through the living room door.

Myrtle Jensen Goode remarried Julius Christensen June 26, 1934. They continued to live in the home, and Myrtle's sons, Vern and Ferrin, did the farming. During hard times 5 of the 15 acres were sold to relieve financial pressure. Myrtle lived in the house until 1971, a short time before her death. She sold the house to her son, Vern Goode, and his wife, Gladys, in 1969. Vern was the owner-operator of the Goode Grain Mill of Pleasant Grove for about 16 years from approximately 1939 to 1945.

Since 1978, the youngest son, Ferrin, has owned the family home. The first changes in the house were made by him for his mother in 1940 when he built kitchen cabinets. He then added a 9' X 18' porch at the east entrance. A bathroom was installed about that same time where a pantry had been. The inside transoms were covered over. Ferrin became a journeyman carpenter and cabinet maker and worked at this trade for ten years. Since his service in World War II he has been with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He and his wife Florence live in Provo and rent out this house.