

Historic Preservation Research Office

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: Off Utah Highway 35  
 Diamond Bar X Ranch, Wasatch County, Utah UTM: 12 488600 4489490  
 Woodland

Name of Structure: Ethelbert White/William M. Stewart Ranch House T. 3 S R. 7 E S. 15

Present Owner: Arvin and Ardean Clyde Anderson  
 RFD

Owner Address: Kamas, Utahh 84036

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

The house is located on a large parcel of property containing numerous other buildings which are not included in this nomination. The small parcel upon which this house sits is described as follows: Commencing approximately 150 ft. N of the intersection of Utah Highway 35 with the N entrance road into the Diamond Bar X Ranch, thence N 100 ft., E 75 ft. S 100 ft., W 75 ft. to beginning. Less than one acre

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Ethelbert White Construction Date: c. 1890 Demolition Date:  
 Moved: c. 1932

Original Use: residence Present Use: storage

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

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| <input 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 checked="" 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: 1984 Slide No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Photographs: 1984 Photo No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plat Records/Map  | <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah State Historical Society  | <input type="checkbox"/> BYU Library    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Card & Photo  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews | <input type="checkbox"/> USU Library    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permit              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index             | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Church Archives            | <input type="checkbox"/> SLC Library    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Permit                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County & City Histories    | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Genealogical Society       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other          |

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

Epperson, David H. "The Settlement of Pine Valley and Historical Roots of the Stewart-Hewlett Ranch." Unpublished report, 1985. Available at Utah State Historical Society.

Snow, Nora Stewart. Letters and interviews, 1981-85. Available in National Register files, Utah State Historical Society.

Architect/Builder: probably Ethelbert White

Building Materials: log

Building Type/Style: Hall and Parlor/Vernacular

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

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

The Ethelbert White/William M. Stewart Ranch House is a one-story, rectangular cabin with a gable roof. Its three bay, central doorway facade is not strictly symmetrical since the spacing between the windows and door are not even. The logs in the walls have been squared on all sides, though not fitted tightly, therefore requiring chinking to fill the gaps between the logs. The logs are joined at the corners with lap joints.

Several minor alterations have been made to the cabin, but its basic form and appearance have remained very much intact. The original roof, presumably wood slats or shingles, was replaced at an unknown date by the corrugated metal roof now on the cabin. The glass in the windows has long since been missing, having probably been removed when the cabin was moved from its original location and converted into a granary. In recent years the previously unpainted logs of the cabin have been painted with a redwood stain or paint, apparently to help preserve the wood. The house is currently being casually used as a storage shed.

The house was moved from its original location in the northern end of the valley to its current site in the southern end of the valley c. 1932. Despite the move, the house maintains its historical significance because it is still located on the Stewart Ranch, and, since the move took place over 50 years  
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Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1890

Built c. 1890, the Ethelbert White/William M. Stewart Ranch House is one of eight significant buildings on Stewart Ranch, a well preserved turn-of-the-century "recreational ranch" that served for over 50 years as both a working ranch and a recreational summer retreat for its owners, prominent business and professional men from Salt Lake City. Stewart Ranch is probably the best preserved of the recreational ranches that were established on the western edge of the Uinta Mountains, a popular location for such ranches because of both its wilderness appeal and its proximity to Salt Lake City, only about sixty miles away. The ranch was established c.1902 by four Stewart brothers--William M., Samuel W., Charles B., and Barnard J.--who maintained their homes and professions in Salt Lake City while supervising and, to various degrees, participating in the operations of the ranch. This house is the oldest remaining building on the ranch, having been built c. 1890 by Ethelbert White, a homesteader. William M. Stewart bought it in 1900 and used it as his ranch home until his death in 1913. Although the house has been moved from one location to another on the ranch, it maintains its historical significance for its association with the establishment and operation of the Stewart Ranch.

The formation of Stewart Ranch began in 1900 when William M. Stewart purchased 160 acres of land in the northern end of Pine Valley. Included on the property was this house, built c. 1890 by Ethelbert White, a homesteader, who had sold it in the 1890s to Emil and Anna Zachreson. William encouraged his three brothers to also purchase property in the valley, which they did a few years later. Eventually, virtually the entire valley and much of the surrounding land was bought by the Stewart brothers and incorporated into Stewart Ranch, which, at its peak, totalled 2,262 acres. Cattle and sheep were raised on the ranch, as well as hay and grain for feed, and a ranch foreman was hired to manage the operations since the Stewarts had homes and  
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ago, the house has been in its new location during much of the period of operation of the ranch. Its presence at the new site does not adversely affect any other historic resources in that area.

Ethelbert White/William M. Stewart Ranch House  
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occupations in Salt Lake City and were away from the ranch most of the year. Although Stewart Ranch was a working ranch and a business venture, for the Stewarts it served perhaps more importantly as a recreational retreat to which they could bring their families in the summer.

Although the four brothers were initially equal partners in the ranch corporation, Barnard eventually took over the bulk of the responsibilities and by 1920 had assumed complete control of the ranch operations and purchased from his brothers all of the ranch property except a 15-acre parcel surrounding Charles' home. By that time William had died (1913), Charles had become involved in numerous other business activities and had moved to California (1920), and Samuel had ceased being involved in the ranching activities. After Barnard's death in 1931, most of the ranch was purchased by Lester Hewlett, a son-in-law of Charles, and his brother Vern Hewlett. They launched the ranch into a relatively successful 24-year period of operation as a dairy and sheep ranch. The Hewletts, like the Stewart brothers, lived and worked in Salt Lake City, and, having built summer homes on the ranch in 1929, used the ranch as a recreational retreat as well.

William M. Stewart was a prominent Utah educator, who, among other positions, served as dean of the first School of Education at the University of Utah. Born in 1859 in Draper, Salt Lake County, he was the oldest of the 11 Stewart children born to Isaac M. Stewart and his polygamous wife, Elizabeth White. William attended the University of Deseret at the age of 20, and, due in large part to his association there with many of the prominent, early educators in Utah, including John R. Park and Karl G. Maeser, he chose a career in education. He was elected county superintendent of schools in 1885, and in 1888 he joined the faculty of the Department of Education at the University of Utah. His 25-year service there was marked by the establishment and rise to prominence of the Stewart School, a training school for teachers on the campus. William's principal residence in Salt Lake City, the house at 1133 E. 300 South, is still standing and is the house most closely associated with his career and life.