

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Sign. Site #120

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 200 North UTM: 12/358750/4237600
 Name of Structure: T. R. S.
 Present Owner: Henry A. & Blanche M. Wood Less than one Acre
 Owner Address: Beaver, Utah 84713
 Year Built (Tax Record): 1903 Effective Age: 1908 Tax #: 917-County
 Legal Description Kind of Building:

Nominated property includes house and yard located on the 7.20 acre parcel of land commencing 35 19/25 rods N of SE corner of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 23, T 29 S, R 7 W, SLM; thence N 43.3 rods, W 24.8 rods, S 2° 50'W 42.5 rods, S 87° 10' E 26.8 rods to beginning.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: White, Gillies, Maggie House Construction Date: 1903 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-Resource
 Deteriorated Major Alterations Not Contributory State Register Thematic

DOCUMENTATION 3

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 fieldwork ,

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

1933 photo on tax card.
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood, interviewed 8/26/80 in Beaver, Utah by L. L. Bonar.
 Mrs. Phoebe White, interviewed 9/1/80 in Beaver by L. L. Bonar.
 Mr. William White, interviewed by telephone 9/1/80 in Beaver.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Brick

Building Type/Style: Victorian Cottage/ Victorian Eclectic

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

This brick home is built of locally made brick and rests upon a 2 foot tall black rock foundation. The brickwork is common bond masonry and the mortar has been dyed white, which contrasts with the red of the brick. The plan of the home is an irregular cruciform and the home has a cross gable, making a total of four gables in the house and all except the one facing the rear have scalloped shingles. There is a wide, wooden cornice that not only goes through the gables but continues around the eaves of the entire house. In all of the gables except the one on the rear of the house there are palladian windows that light the attic space. These windows are elaborately decorated with classical architecture motifs. The overall design of the home is a vernacular interpretation of the Queen Anne style. The roof is steeply pitched and stands quite tall but is only one story (plus an attic) in height.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date:

The Maggie G. White home, built in 1903, is architecturally significant as an example of the Queen Ann/Victorian cottage dwelling type in Beaver. These small houses represent, along with the T/L cottage, the type of dwelling inhabited by middle to lower income families in the years of 1890-1910. As Beaver's economy was beginning to stagnate by 1900, these small Victorian cottage types represent the last gasp of the once vigorous architectural boom which began during the last quarter of the 19th century.

The home was built for Maggie Gillies White, who was the second polygamist wife of Charles Dennis White. They had four children and the home was reportedly built so that the children of both wives could live there while they attended school at Murdock Academy (next door, but nearly two miles from Beaver). During the 1890s when polygamists were being prosecuted under the Edmunds-Tucker Laws, Maggie and her family moved to Salt Lake City to avoid detection. By the early years of the 20th century, Maggie was back in Beaver and gladly moved into her new brick home. Her husband, C.D., had by that time decided to live with his first wife in their black rock home in town (see structure/site form #BV-04-436). Charles Dennis White was Beaver's second Stake President and was a prosperous, well respected man who made his living by sheep ranching.