

Architect/Builder: unknown

Building Materials: brick

Building Type/Style: hall and parlor, double crosswing/vernacular

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

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

This house, like many in Utah's small towns, is typologically ambiguous because its location on a corner lot essentially gives the house two principal facades. The northern elevation is typical of the symmetrical, three opening hall and parlor house while the east facing elevation gives the appearance of a double-gabled cross-wing (or H-plan) house. It appears that the house was constructed in its current configuration (several 19th Century gabled brick additions have been added to the west rear which are compatible with the original house and which are not visible from either of the principal elevations) with the attending visual ambiguity.

Typical of Beaver buildings, the brickwork of the house is of an overall high quality. The walls are common bond and the regularly rising courses are broken nicely by the exaggerated flat arches over the openings. The general design is classical and evident in the overall symmetrical treatment of the elevations, the plain entablature, and the stylized Tuscan columns on the east porch. The house remains in good condition and retains its historic integrity.

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

The John Ashworth house is significant because it is an interesting combination of two of the most popular house types in Beaver during the 1875-1890 period, namely, the Hall & Parlor (north section) and the Cross-wing (south section) types. This marriage of house designs produces an interesting effect, for while the house is perfectly consistent with house planning principles found during this period of Beaver's history, it also becomes at once a house which is both common (the Hall & Parlor house with rear extension) and rare (the double cross-wing or H-plan). For a further discussion of the double cross-wing house in Utah, see the nomination form for the Charles E. Davies house, Provo, Utah (National Register listing January 1983).

The house was built for John Ashworth, who had settled in Beaver in 1856. An emigrant from England, Ashworth became the first manager-superintendent of the Beaver Woolen Mills, the industry which really provided Beaver with permanence. John Ashworth also served as Beaver's second mayor, 1880-1882, prior he had served on the city council.

John and Sarah Ann Ball Ashworth resided in this home. The property had been transferred to Ashworth in 1875. According to the journal of William Booth Ashworth, his son John died in about 1890. In 1892 the property officially passed to Sarah Ashworth, who sold it in 1899. The house changed hands several times, having been purchased in 1968 by the present owners.

Utah State Historical Society

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Site No. BV-04-52-1

Sign. Site #11

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 110 S. 1st West UTM: 12/356250/4237050
 Name of Structure: T. R. S.
 Present Owner: Don William & Genene T. Anderson Less than one acre
 Owner Address: Beaver, Utah 84713
 Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: BV-35
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:

Plat A Block 11 Lot 4

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Ashworth, John, House Construction Date: ca. 1870s- 1880s Demolition Date:
 Original Use: residence Present Use: single-family
 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 in tax records
 Mrs. Genene Terry Anderson interviewed 9/21/78 by Linda L. Bonar.
 Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Monuments to Courage: A History of Beaver County, 2d edition,
 Beaver: DUP, 1974.
 "Autobiography of William B. Ashworth," Mss. A-27, Utah State Historical Society Library.