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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Olsen home is one of the finest pioneer brick homes in Sanpete County, an area noted mainly for its outstanding stone houses. Situated on a  $1\ 1/2$  acre site, the T-shaped Olsen home was constructed in 1877, as indicated by the inscription carved in the stone lintel above the front door.

The Olsen home, with its symmetrical 3-bay front facade, 4/4 plan double end-wall chimneys and Federal entry bay, is typical of the best later pioneer homes. The home has two full stories. The bottom floor consists of a front hall; steep, narrow stairway with carved bannister and ballustrades; front parlor; front bedroom; dining room with original fireplace; front room, with walls and ceiling originally covered with murals, but now painted over.

Upstairs is a large front bedroom and two smaller rooms. A one-story addition to the two-story rear includes an enlarged kitchen and a porch. The front facade features a symmetrical arrangement of three Roman arched bays over three square bays. The central bay on the second story is a door bay which may have provided access to a porch, since taken away. The central entry door on the ground floor features a formal Federal arrangement of single, raised-panel door with thin transom and sidelights, each containing several small panes of glass. All main windows are a 6/6 double-hung sash type. The upper windows are within triangular dormers which are flush extensions of the front wall. Sills and lintels on the lower floor are stone, while on the second floor, are brick.

Decorative features include an unsually ornate molded brick cornice. Bricks in this cornice are formed in Roman cyma fashion and provide a very classical cornice. The returns are shaped like miniature entablatures. The cornice on the rear side of the home features a corbeled dentil motif which continues up the dormer and also returns slightly. The cornices are very unusual and very sculpturesque.

Considered both as to its parts and as a whole, the home shows how simple vernacular forms can be refined and beautified through use of elaborate detailing.

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# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Hans Peter Olsen

The Hans Peter Olsen home was constructed in 1877, nineteen years after Mr. Olsen came to Utah from Denmark. Born May 30, 1833, in Jutland, Denmark, Hans Peter Olsen grew up on his father's farm. In 1853 he joined the Mormon Church and spent the next four years as a traveling elder in his native country. In 1858 he sailed from Denmark on board the John Bright. Although the Utah War forced most of the European emigrants to remain at Iowa City and Florence Nebraska, until the following year, a group of fourteen "Danish Fellows" of which Hans Peter was a member, was allowed to journey to Utah with a group of missionaries returning to Utah in the Eldredge company. In November 1858 he settled in Manti and the following spring moved to Moroni as one of the first settlers of that community. In 1867 he moved to Fountain Green and ten years later constructed the lovely brick home. He returned to Denmark on two missions for the LDS Church—first in 1869 and again in 1891. While living in Fountain Green, he was a farmer and director of the local co-op store.

The significance of the Hans Peter Olsen home is that it is one of the finest pioneer brick homes in Sanpete Valley.

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PAGE Addendum

HANS PETER OLSEN HOME

Addendum to Statement of Significance.

Paragraph 2: delete existing first sentence and add this paragraph:

The Hans Peter Olsen home is significant architecturally as an outstanding example of pioneer industry, design and craftsmanship. The well preserved residence embodies the best elements of representative pioneer building during the transitional period of vernacular to "high-style" architecture. Late pioneer features such as the symmetrical 3-bay front facade, four-over-four plan, end wall chimneys and Federal entry bay are combined with less typical decorative embellishments such as Roman-arched upper windows and an unusual corbeled brick cornice with dentil band where a wooden frieze would ordinarily appear. In an area of predominantly white limestone homes, the Olsen home stands out as being unique to the region. Craftsmanship throughout the structure is excellent, a fit compliment to the stateliness and utility of the design. Qualities of permanence and beauty in the building reflect Olsen's philosophic commitment to Mormon concepts of Kingdom-building in the Sanpete County community of Fountain Green.

