

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Site No. _____

SIGN. SITE # 46

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: about 190 W. 1st North

UTM: 12/356250/4237500

Name of Structure: Jon E. and Debra J. Richardson

T. R. S.

Present Owner: 474 S. Pineridge Ave.
Owner Address: Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

LESS THAN ONE ACRE

Year Built (Tax Record):
Legal Description

Effective Age:
Kind of Building:

Tax #: B-152

PLAT A BLK. 38 SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF LOT 2

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: William Fotheringham

Construction Date: 1873

Demolition Date:

Original Use: residence

Present Use: single-family

Building Condition:

Integrity:

Preliminary Evaluation:

Final Register Status:

- Excellent
- Good
- Deteriorated

- Site
- Ruins

- Unaltered
- Minor Alterations
- Major Alterations

- Significant
- Contributory
- Not Contributory

- Not of the Historic Period

- National Landmark
- National Register
- State Register
- District
- Multi-Resource
- Thematic

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography:

Date of Slides:

Slide No.:

Date of Photographs:

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
- SIC 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 records
 Mr. & Mrs. Harley Fotheringham, interviewed in August, 1976 in Beaver by L.L. Bonar
 Mrs. Henry Terranova, interviewed in Beaver, Sept. 1, 1979 by L.L. Bonar

Architect/Builder: UNKNOWN

Building Materials: brick, frame, stucco

Building Type/Style:

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

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

The home was originally a two-story "I" house and is one of only five vernacular buildings to have a central hall plan in all of Beaver. It was built for William Fotheringham, who was sent to Beaver, along with John R. Murdock, by LDS Church officials in 1865 to "straighten" the new town out. Fotheringham was Murdock's secretary and together they did indeed persuade townspeople to mend their ways and help Beaver become a proper and permanent settlement. To set examples, both Murdock and Fotheringham built substantial brick houses as soon as finances and conditions would allow. The fact that they both chose to use central-hall plans is indicative of at least two important things: 1) they both built their permanent houses early in Beaver's architectural history, as the true "I" house was soon to be modified in Beaver; 2) both men, and probably the two others who used this same plan, were born and raised in the eastern United States where they became familiar with the "I" house and brought its plan west with them when the Mormons immigrated to Utah. The "I" house was an ideal in the Mormon, and many other American agrarian societies and early leaders in Beaver were anxious to inspire other members of the community to the fruits of hard labor. Thus, the early construction of these "I" houses, house forms that these leaders were already familiar with.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date:

The Fotheringham house is two full stories tall and has ten piercings across the front facade, all arranged with bilateral symmetry. The lintels for the one door and nine windows are all wood and the brickwork is common bond. There are two chimneys on the ridge, each offset from the center. On the north gable end, there are two offset windows, while the south gable end displays a nice little frame bay window, with a central window above it. The house rests on a black rock foundation and on the rear of the house is an unfortunate frame addition. On the interior of the house, there is a central hall, with beautiful, still extant wood work on the banister and rail. The home is basically only one room deep, though the bedrooms upstairs have been divided for walk-in closets.

The home is a very significant house in Beaver (despite its neglected condition) for the following reasons:

- 1) it is an early example (1873) of a permanent residence in Beaver.
- 2) most of the original house is unaltered
- 3) it is one of only five homes in all of Beaver with a central-hall plan
- 4) it represented a tangible inspiration to Beaver pioneers of permanence and fruitful labor in a town that had a difficult time establishing itself.

Mr. Fotheringham was very active in the LDS Church, serving missions in India and South Africa. In Beaver he ran the Tithing Office for the Stake President.