

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 195 S. 2nd East UTM: 12/356875/4237050
 Name of Structure: T. R. S.
 Present Owner: Floran and Lucinda Patterson Less than one acre
 Owner Address: Beaver, Utah 84713
 Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: B-48
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:

Plat A Blk. 15 Southwest Quarter of Lot 2

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Puffer, Ephraim Orvel, House Construction Date: 1881 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
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Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

Mrs. Winifred Edwards Puffer, interviewed 10/2/78 by Linda L. Bonar.
 Mr. Puffer, interviewed 10/2/78.

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ARCHITECTURE

Architect/Builder: Mackrell and Crocket (brickwork) Ephraim Orvel Puffer probably did original log work himself.

Building Materials: Log and brick

Building Type/Style: single cell, Hall & Parlor/ Victorian Eclectic

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

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

The Ephraim Puffer House is a one-story log and brick structure built in two stages beginning in 1881. The first structure was a log square cabin which has now been covered with shiplap siding, and then a rectangular brick addition was made at one end creating an "L" shape house. The brick section appears to have been added c. 1890. The log building was undoubtedly sided at this time. The moderately pitched gable roof has a simple boxed cornice with a frieze and is adorned by three corbelled chimney caps. Decorative elements on the house are provided by window and door openings and an 1890s porch. This house is in good condition and appears to have no other alterations than the siding.

The original log section of the house is pierced by a door and a two-over-two double-hung window. Spanning the facade is a porch with turned posts, brackets, and a full cornice. The gable end of the rectangular brick addition is pierced by centered double windows with segmental heads and corbelled side pendants. The broadside of the addition is pierced by a door with a transom and two flanking windows. The door and windows have heads that match the double windows of the gable. The Barn which is found on the property is not included in this nomination.

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HISTORY

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date:

The Ephraim Puffer house is significant for several reasons. First, the original log section of the home is one of few Beaver examples of the single-cell log cabin form. Small and relatively plain in appearance, these one-room dwellings were either abandoned or remodeled as family needs and expectations increased. During the 19th century in Utah, expanding a house nearly always meant adding a wing across the end of the original square or rectangular dwelling. This pattern of remodeling resulted, in the case of the Puffer house, in making a single-cell cabin into a 1 story cross-wing cottage, a small but fashionable house in Beaver during the 1880s and 1890s. The Puffer house is significant as a good example of this common remodeling pattern. The brick section of the house, added c. 1890 to form the cross-wing of the larger house, is also important as an example of the ubiquitous 1 story hall and parlor house, one of the principal types of middle-class dwellings found in Beaver. The Puffer house, in its changes, represents the growth and increased prosperity which Beaver enjoyed during the 1880-1900 period.

Ephraim O. Puffer built the original rooms of the house (on the north) in 1881. He married Adaline M. Bohn Puffer about 1885 and they raised a family of six children. She was a housewife, and he did some farming as well as serving as the Beaver County Sherriff for 30 years. While the Ephraim Puffers lived in the house, it was known for its lovely gardens.

Ephraim O. Puffer was born in Beaver, the son of the famous scout, James Monroe Puffer, who discovered Puffer Lake in the Tushar Mountains and served as a negotiator between the Indians and the pioneers.