

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: Off Utah Highway 35
 Diamond Bar X Ranch, Wasatch County, Utah UTM: 12 488590 4489410
 Woodland

Name of Structure: Samuel W. Stewart Ranch House T. 3 S R. 7 E S. 15

Present Owner: Edward W. Clyde
 1329 Blaine Avenue

Owner Address: Salt Lake City, Utah 84105

Year Built (Tax Record): _____ Effective Age: _____ Tax #: _____
 Legal Description: _____ Kind of Building: _____

The house is located on a large parcel of land which contains numerous other buildings which are not included in this nomination. The small parcel upon which this house sits is described as follows: Commencing 50 ft. E of the intersection of Utah Highway 35 with the entrance road into the Diamond Bar X Ranch barnyard, thence E 150 ft., S 150 ft., W 150 ft., N 150 ft. to point of beginning.
 Less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Samuel W. Stewart Construction Date: c. 1913 Demolition Date: _____

Original Use: residence Present Use: residence

Building Condition: Integrity: Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant | <input type="checkbox"/> Not of the | <input type="checkbox"/> National Landmark | <input type="checkbox"/> District |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributory | Historic Period | <input type="checkbox"/> National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Contributory | | <input type="checkbox"/> State Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic |

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography: Date of Slides: 1984 Slide No.: _____ Date of Photographs: 1984 Photo No.: _____

Views: Front Side Rear Other Views: Front Side Rear Other

Research Sources:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> U of U Library |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plat Records/Map | <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah State Historical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> BYU Library |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Card & Photo | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews | <input type="checkbox"/> USU Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Church Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> SLC Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Permit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County & City Histories | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Genealogical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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

Epperson, David H. "The Settlement of Pine Valley and Historical Roots of the Stewart-Hewlett Ranch." Unpublished report, 1985. Available at Utah State Historical Society Library.

Snow, Nora Stewart. Letters and interviews, 1981-85. Available in National Register files, Utah State Historical Society.

Architect/Builder: unknown

Building Materials: log

Building Type/Style: hall and parlor/vernacular

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

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

The Samuel W. Stewart Ranch House is a one-story log house with a hall and parlor plan. The rectangular shaped house faces broad side to the street and has a central door flanked on each side by a window. That is the typical facade arrangement of a hall and parlor house, which has two rooms of unequal size with the door entering into the largest of the two. The two-over-two double hung windows are probably original.

Probably the first alteration to the house was made in the 1940s when a lean-to addition on the south (rear) wall replaced the open porch which had extended the length of the house, overlooking the South Fork of the Provo River which ran close by.¹ Other alterations were the addition of a small gable roof over the porch (n.d.), the alteration of an original window or the installation of a new, smaller window in the east gable end wall, the extension of the rear lean-to to the west, and the recent covering of the exterior walls with horizontal aluminum siding. The application of aluminum siding to the exterior, though a major alteration, does not drastically affect the original integrity of the house because its appearance is similar to that of the original horizontal sawed logs. The other changes are relatively minor and unobtrusive. The basic form of the house and the fenestration on the facade have remained unchanged.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: c. 1913

Built c. 1913, the Samuel W. Stewart Ranch House is one of eight significant buildings on Stewart Ranch, a well preserved turn-of-the-century "recreational ranch" that served for over 50 years as both a working ranch and a recreational summer retreat for its owners, prominent business and professional men from Salt Lake City. Stewart Ranch is probably the best preserved of the recreational ranches that were established on the western edge of the Uinta Mountains, a popular location for such ranches because of both its wilderness appeal and its proximity to Salt Lake City, only about sixty miles away. The ranch was established c.1902 by four Stewart brothers--William M., Samuel W., Charles B., and Barnard J.--who maintained their homes and professions in Salt Lake City while supervising and, to various degrees, participating in the operations of the ranch. This house is also significant for its association with Samuel W. Stewart, a prominent attorney who served for a number of years as judge of the Third Judicial District, and for 33 years was a member of the State Board of Corrections.

The formation of Stewart Ranch began in 1900 when William M. Stewart purchased 160 acres of land in the northern end of Pine Valley and encouraged his three brothers to also purchase property in the valley. Eventually, virtually the entire valley and much of the surrounding land was bought by the Stewart brothers and incorporated into Stewart Ranch, which, at its peak, totalled 2262 acres. Cattle and sheep were raised on the ranch, as well as hay and grain for feed, and a ranch foreman was hired to manage the operations since the Stewarts had homes and occupations in Salt Lake City and were away from the ranch most of the year. Although Stewart Ranch was a working ranch and a business venture, for the Stewarts it served perhaps more importantly as a recreational retreat to which they could bring their families in the summer.

Although the four brothers were initially equal partners in the ranch corporation, Barnard eventually took over the bulk of the responsibilities and
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Samuel W. Stewart Ranch House History Continued:

by 1920 had assumed complete control of the ranch operations and purchased from his brothers all of the ranch property except a 15-acre parcel surrounding Charles' home. By that time William had died (1913), Charles had become involved in numerous other business activities and had moved to California (1920), and Samuel had ceased being involved in the ranching activities. After Barnard's death in 1931, most of the ranch was purchased by Lester Hewlett, a son-in-law of Charles, and his brother Vern Hewlett. They launched the ranch into a relatively successful 24-year period of operation as a dairy and sheep ranch. The Hewletts, like the Stewart brothers, lived and worked in Salt Lake City, and, having built summer homes on the ranch in 1929, used the ranch as a recreational retreat as well.

For several years after the four Stewart brothers established the Stewart Ranch in Pine Valley, they continued to use the older homes that had been on the property when they purchased it. Barnard was the first to have a new ranch house constructed in 1911, followed by Samuel c. 1913, and by Charles in 1918-19. William, who died in 1913, never had a newer house built on the ranch.

This house was built around 1913 to serve as the ranch home of Samuel W. Stewart and his wife, Ella N. Stewart. Their first house on the ranch was a long, frame building that was on the ranch property when it was purchased around 1902. That building and the original cabin used by Barnard J. Stewart were moved from their original location in the open meadow land in the south/central part of Pine Valley to the site of the current Barnard J. Stewart Ranch House, a few hundred yards to the northwest. It was there that the building collapsed several years later.

Samuel and Ella chose to build their c. 1913 ranch house at the extreme southern end of Pine Valley on a 240-acre parcel of land which had been purchased in 1903 by Charles B. Stewart, Samuel's brother. Family tradition holds that Samuel owned the ten acres surrounding the house, but there is no legal record of his having been the owner of any land on the Stewart Ranch.

Although Samuel was listed as secretary of the Stewart Ranch Corporation, he apparently was not involved in the operation of the ranch after the first several years, because of either lack of interest or lack of time. The opposition of his wife to the ranching venture probably also affected his involvement.¹ Samuel and his wife did come up to the ranch fairly regularly, though, but their visits were strictly recreational.

Samuel was born May 21, 1867 in Draper, Salt Lake County, to Isaac M. Stewart and his second of three polygamous wives, Elizabeth White Stewart. After graduating from the University of Utah, Samuel attended the University of Michigan, where he received his law degree. He returned to Utah in 1892 and began practicing law in the Salt Lake area. Beginning in 1898 he served a term in the Utah State Legislature. He was elected judge of the Third Judicial District in 1900, served as U.S. Internal Revenue Bureau Collector for Utah for several years, and for 33 years was a member of the State Board of Corrections. During the 7 years he acted as chairman of that board he was instrumental in having the Utah State Prison moved from Sugar House to its present site at the Point of the Mountain where he and his brothers, as youngsters, had herded the Draper cattle. Samuel's house in Salt Lake City at 31 E. 100 North has been demolished, therefore this ranch home is the only house closely associated with his life.

Notes

¹Letter from Nora Stewart Snow, January 26, 1985.