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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC (Joseph Olpin) House

AND/OR COMMON Edward L. Platt residence (current owner)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 510 Locust Avenue

CITY, TOWN Pleasant Grove VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 01

STATE Utah CODE 049 COUNTY Utah CODE 049

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Edward and Valine Platt

STREET & NUMBER 510 Locust Avenue

CITY, TOWN Pleasant Grove VICINITY OF STATE Utah

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Recorder's Office, Utah County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER City and County Building, University and Center Streets

CITY, TOWN Provo STATE Utah

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Utah Historic Sites Survey

DATE January 1972 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Utah State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN Salt Lake City STATE Utah

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Joseph Olpin Home is a two-story rectangular building of stone with a one-and-a-half story rear addition of brick. The front and sides are coursed ashlar, while the foundation and back are of rubble construction. The front is symmetrical, three bays wide, with wooden lintels above six-over-six windows. Two single stack, banded brick chimneys, recessed slightly from each gable end, straddle the ridge.

At the rear of the original stone building is a one-and-a-half story brick broken salt-box addition, with a hipped roof porch. The addition is of stretcher bond. The rear door and window bays of the ground floor of the addition have segmented arches. The rear bays have corbeled voussoirs. The two smaller windows of the upper story of the addition have plain wooden lintels which break into the frieze. Both the addition and original building have a plain boxed cornice with simple mouldings and a plain frieze. The addition has two single stack brick chimneys, one at the peak of the ridge, recessed from the gable end, and the other on the shallow slope of the roof.

Both the original structure and the addition are of vernacular styling. The condition of the building is good and the integrity is excellent. The plan consists of two rooms flanking a central hall on the first floor of the main building. The addition houses a kitchen and pantry area. The original curving wooden staircase still stands in the hall. The upper floor served as bedroom space.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
—PREHISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
—1400-1499	—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE	
—1500-1599	—AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE	
—1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	—COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION	
—1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		—INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1875 (1874-1875) BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joseph Olpin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Joseph Olpin House, built ca. 1875 by the owner, a stone mason, is one of the early pioneer homes of Pleasant Grove. It is a fine example of Utah vernacular architecture and has historic associations with the Mormon religion and the development of education in the State.

Joseph Olpin was born in Gloucester, England, in 1839. His father joined the Mormon Church in that country, and Joseph was baptized by him in 1845. Joseph Olpin came to Utah in 1856 at the age of 17.

Olpin lived in Salt Lake City, until 1863, when he moved to Rockport. He remained there until moving to Pleasant Grove in 1867 at the suggestion of Joseph Wadley, his brother-in-law. Olpin received the land on which the house stands from Wadley as payment for construction of a house for him. Olpin originally built a one-room log house on the site, later replaced by a two-room adobe. Olpin's skill as a stone mason was widely sought by residents of Pleasant Grove, and he built many of the stone houses still standing in the area.

Olpin built the two-story soft stone house in 1874 or 1875. He died January 17, 1880, in Pleasant Grove. The house passed to Albert Henry Olpin, the youngest of his four sons. Albert Olpin was a carpenter by trade and was responsible for much of the woodwork in the house, including the curving wooden staircase in the central hall. He also built the brick addition at the rear ca. 1908-1910.

While on a church mission to South Carolina in 1901-1903, Albert Olpin was severely beaten by a mob. This incident is symbolic of the anti-Mormon tensions which continued into the 20th Century.

Dr. A. Ray Olpin, past president of the University of Utah, is the oldest son of Albert and Alvira Olpin. He was born in the house in 1898. Dr. Olpin headed the University from 1946 to 1964. During these years the institution experienced tremendous growth, enrollment increasing from c. 7,000 to c. 18,000 over the period.

The house remained in the Olpin family until 1943, when the President's mother sold it. The home is currently the private residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Platt who wish to complete its restoration.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Olpin, Alvira. "A History of Joseph Olpin". Manuscript in the possession of Mrs. Cora Bezzant, Pleasant Grove, Utah.
 Utah County Recorder's Records, Utah County Courthouse, Provo, Utah.
 A. Ray Olpin interview, October 18, 1976, Salt Lake City, Utah.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 2	4, 3, 8	1, 7, 0	4, 4	6, 7	5, 2, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				
C				D						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

A. Kent Powell, Preservation Historian/Cynthia Sturgis, Researcher

ORGANIZATION

Utah State Historical Society

DATE

April 20, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

603 East South Temple

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CITY OR TOWN

Salt Lake City

STATE

Utah

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE

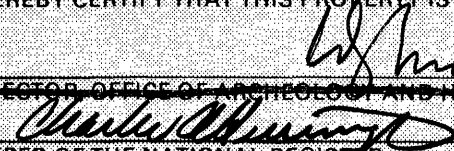
Michael T. Miller
 State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

April 22, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST 
 KEPT OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 4/21/77
 REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 4-2-77