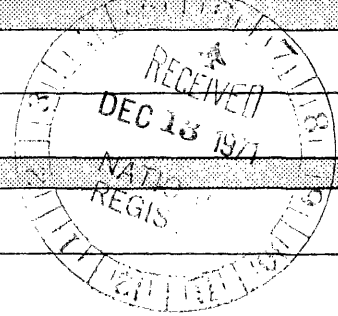


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1. NAME

COMMON: Benjamin W. Driggs Home

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 119 East Battlecreek Road

CITY OR TOWN: Pleasant Grove

STATE: Utah CODE: 49 COUNTY: Utah CODE: 049

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Jack (& Evelyn) Hunt West, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER: 1327 Felder Road

CITY OR TOWN: Sonoma STATE: California CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Utah County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Center & University Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Provo STATE: Utah CODE: 49

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Utah State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 603 East South Temple

CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City STATE: Utah CODE: 49

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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Altered Unaltered

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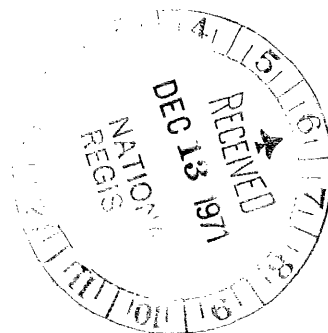
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The home, both originally and at present, is the typical full two-story "Greek revival" stone home. The front facade has six openings: a centered door with a small lintel window above and two tall stately windows each side. Upstairs all three openings are doors which open onto the balcony. All openings are headed with a simple unadorned lintel embedded in the stone. The boxed cornice and frieze are plain. The new porch, added by Jack West, Jr., in 1970, has simple doric columns carved from solid tree trunks. This, plus most of the balcony woodwork, was taken from another home of the same era. The chimney stacks are concealed from the exterior and extend into the rooms on the interior. The windows mostly have the original glass with its ripples, bubbles, and charming imperfections.

Other than the porch, the only addition to the home has been an expansion of the downstairs rear room to a dining room with fireplace, kitchen and bath.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Built c. 1882**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

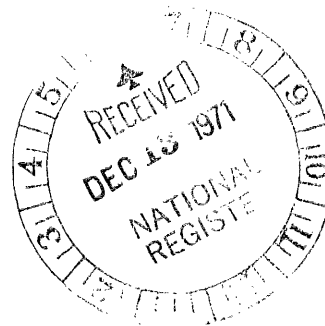
The home was built c. 1882 by Benjamin Woodbury Driggs for his first wife Olivia Pratt Driggs. It is significant because of the people that have lived there, because it is a unique stone home, and because it has been restored with loving care.

The site is within the area of the original stone fort of Battle Creek. The Driggs purchased the property in 1882. Benjamin Driggs was a pioneer, colonizer, railroad builder and owner of the Battle Creek Co-op, a successful general mercantile establishment. Olivia was the eldest daughter of the noted Mormon, Parley P. Pratt. She bore 12 children. William King Driggs, who was the 12th and the only one to be born in the rock house, is the forefather of the television personalities, The King Family.

The home is unique with its 2' thick walls, built of rich colored and textured "soft rock" or tufa stone, quarried from the lower slopes of Mt. Timpanogas in a quarry just four miles to the north. It is one of the best examples of the stone homes in Utah and certainly one of the most important in terms of the recent attention and care it has received.

The restoration of the home began in 1917 when Clarence A. Gammett purchased the abandoned home. Then ensued a careful restoration of the home and gardens. After the death of the Gammetts, the home was purchased by Jack West, Jr. in 1968. He and his family continued the restoration with quality effort and have carefully gathered furnishings authentic to the original era of the home. The Wests, upon completion of their restoration project, held an open house and gala affair hosting more than 2,500 persons.

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(See attached sheet)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Gary D. Forbush, Preservation Architect

ORGANIZATION: Utah State Historical Society DATE: 26 November 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 603 East South Temple

CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City, STATE: Utah CODE: 49

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

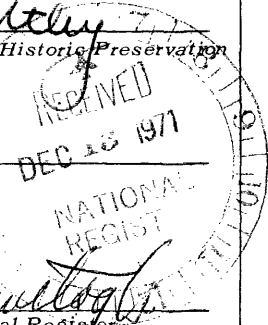
Name: Milton L. Weilenmann
 Title: Utah State Liaison Officer

Date: 26 November 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Tracy
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 4/14/72

Date: _____
 ATTEST: William Huntington
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: APR 14 1972



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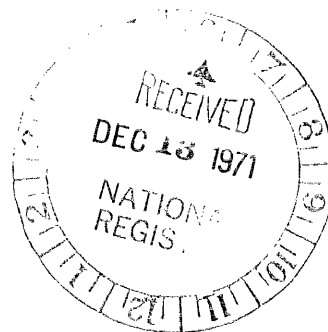
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Amendment to 1972 Nomination

Additional documentation on the construction of the Driggs house has revealed the following corrections and additions to the description:

At the end of World War I a two-story addition on the back of the house was built of soft rock brought from Manila, Utah and laid by Olif Monson.¹ The addition replaced an original lean-to. Other additions were made by the Wests in the 1970s, including a stone garage resembling a carriage house, and a frame room at the rear and side of the house.² The carriage house/garage, which is connected to the main house, was converted by the Nimers to a family room, and a modern garage was built at the rear of the property. The historic integrity of the house has not been altered.

¹LuAnn Gammitt March, history of the Gammitt family house, copy on file at Utah State Historical Society.

²Mrs. Evelyn Nimer, history of the Driggs House, copy on file at Utah State Historical Society. Personal interview, March 1983.

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Built: 1865
Original Owner: William Ashton

The house which is commonly known as the Driggs House was built in 1865 by William Ashton, a native of Marion, Alabama, and a convert to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In 1866 Ashton married Ellen (Nellie) Elizabeth Croxford and moved into the house which, according to grandchildren, he had built for her in Pleasant Grove.¹ Six children were born to them in this house before they moved to Vernal where they became prominent settlers. In 1873 when all the property in Pleasant Grove was officially deeded to its owners, the land was deeded by Mayor John Brown to Nellie E. Ashton who sold it in 1880 to Olivia Pratt Driggs, eldest daughter of Parley P. Pratt. Olivia was married to Benjamin Woodbury Driggs, a local merchant. Some of their twelve children were born in this house, the last being William King Driggs who was later famous as the father of the King Sisters, a renowned singing group. After the death of Olivia Driggs in 1906 the house was left unoccupied until bought in 1917 by Clarence A. Gammett. After the death of the Gammetts the house was bought in 1968 by Jack West and was sold again in 1976 to Dr. and Mrs. Richard Nimer.

¹Mrs. Hazel Ashton Robinson in a letter to Barry Roth, researcher, dated September 29, 1972.

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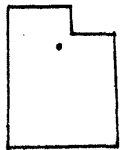
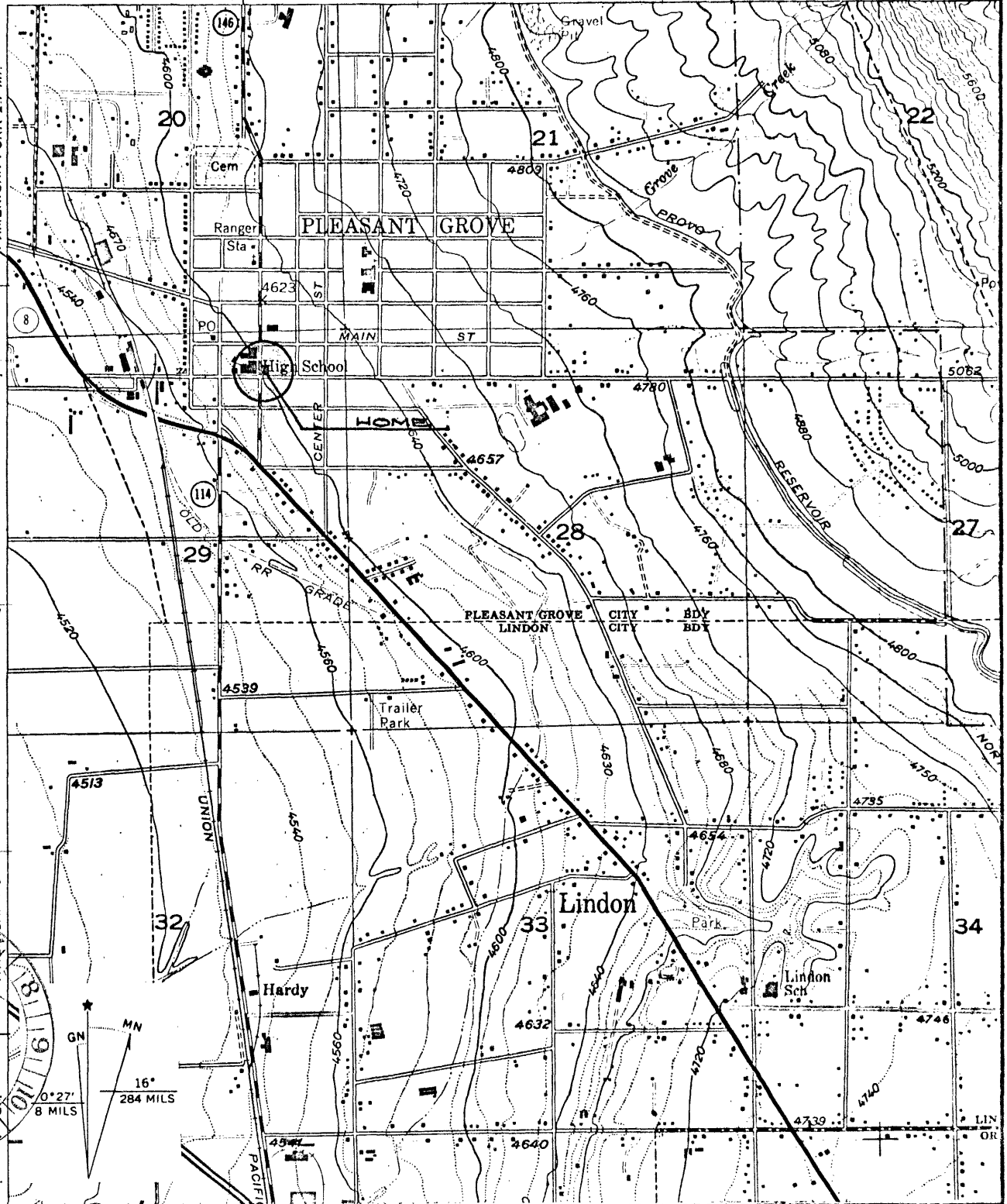
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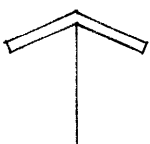
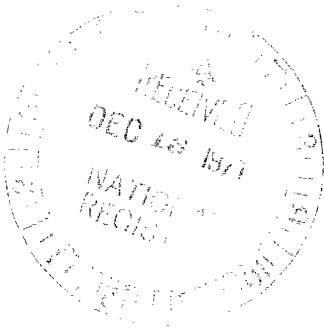
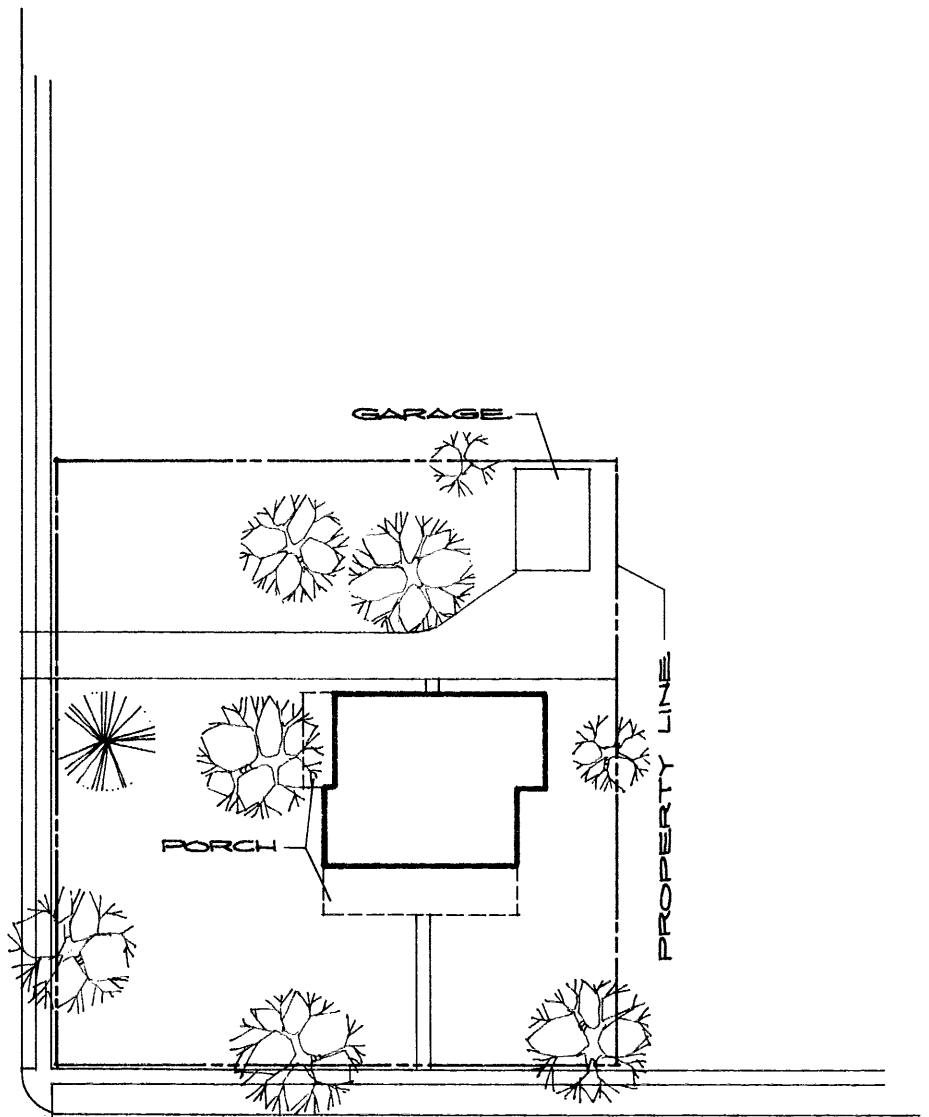
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