

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Cyrus Wheelock House

and/or common Madsen House

2. Location

street & number Block 17 Lot 3 (ne Corner 200 East 100 North) not for publication

city, town Mt Pleasant vicinity of _____ congressional district 01

state Utah code 049 county Sanpete code 039

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 Don Jefferies Howard Cain

street & number 450 East 4th South 2571 East 4510 South

city, town Mt Pleasant, UT vicinity of SLC, UT 84117 state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Sanpete County Courthouse

street & number 160 N Main

city, town Manti state UT

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Sanpete Vernacular Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Spring 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Utah State Historical Society

city, town Salt Lake City state Utah

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Cyrus Wheelock House is a 1 1/2 story adobe "square cabin" folk/vernacular house type. The house measures about 18' x 15' (see attached plan drawing) and was originally equipped with a small "lean-to" shed roof kitchen extension to the rear. The house faces west and has a gable roof and north-end stove chimney. Applied decoration is minimal. The house has a symmetrical three-opening facade. The original adobe construction has been left exposed and remains in excellent condition.

While the house is basically unaltered, there have been many additions to the rear. Several one-story brick rooms were attached to the east lean-to and a unobtrusive frame enclosure has been tacked-on to the north side of this rear addition. Built in the 1880s, these additions reflect the original architectural style of the house and do not detract from its historic appearance.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1860 Builder/Architect Cyrus Wheelock

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Cyrus Wheelock home is historically important as an excellent example of folk/vernacular architectural design in Utah. While larger homes have received considerable attention, this small square cabin type house, although certainly the standard dwelling for many Utah settlers of modest income, has been consistently overlooked. The Wheelock adobe home represents the economical bottom-end of the vernacular architectural spectrum. This is not to suggest that the home is inferior in quality of workmanship. The house is well-made and exhibits carefully considered design features. The house, however, is small. It represents the size of dwelling which an owner of moderate means could afford. Taken in the context of the full range of vernacular building types, the Wheelock House allows the historian to document the total architectural community of a Utah town - the humble as well as the powerful.

As can be expected, this small adobe home changed hands often during its lifetime as owners repeatedly moved on to larger accommodations. Cyrus Wheelock, born in 1813 in Henderson, Nevada, was the first occupant and builder of the house. Wheelock was baptized into the LDS Church in 1839 and moved to Nauvoo, Illinois, the then main Mormon city on the Mississippi. A close friend of the Mormon prophet, Joseph Smith, Wheelock was one of the last to visit with him before his murder in the Carthage jail in 1844.¹ Wheelock went west to Utah in 1848 when the Church was expelled from Nauvoo and then served a proselitizing mission in England.² After some moving around, Cyrus arrived in Mt. Pleasant in 1863. Hilda M. Longsdorf in her Mt. Pleasant, states that "In December (1863), Cyrus H. Wheelock, a pioneer from Nauvoo who was well acquainted with the Prophet Joseph (Smith) and his brother Hyrum, moved from Springville to Mt. Pleasant and made his home. He was a splendid speaker and was often at public meetings to address the people."³ In Utah, Cyrus Wheelock was employed primarily as a sawyer.⁴ Wheelock owned this property through the 1860s and sold it to John H. Olsen in 1874. Mary Ann Young bought the home in 1882. The house was sold and resold several times in the later 19th century and in this century it is primarily associated with the Madsen family.

As a vernacular building type, the "square cabin" house became a traditional English form during the 16th century.⁵ The house type was a mainstay in most of the American colonies and migrated westward through the midwestern states⁶ and to Mormon Utah.⁷

¹ B.H. Roberts, A Comprehensive History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Volume II (Salt Lake City: Deseret News Press, 1930), pp. 267-268.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Sanpete County Records, W.H. Lever, History of Sanpete and Emery Counties (Ogden: WH LEver, 1898). Hilda M. Longsdorf, Mt. Pleasant, 1859-1939 (Mt. Pleasant, UT: Mt. Pleasant Pioneer Historical Assoc. 1939). Leon S. Pitman, "Nineteenth Century Folk Housing in the Mormon Culture Region," Diss. Louisiana State University, 1973.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Mt. Pleasant, UT

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Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

est 1/2 of Lot 3 Block 17, Plat A of the Mt. Pleasant City Survey

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 Tom Carter/Architectural Historian

organization Utah State Historical Society date April 1980

street & number 307 West 200 South telephone 533-6017

city or town Salt Lake City state UT 84101

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Melvin T. Smith

title Melvin T. Smith, State Historic Preservation Officer date 7/22/80

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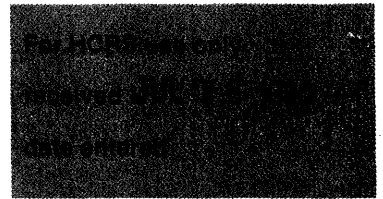
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Paula Power Reed date 10/3/80
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Paula Power Reed date 9/30/80
Chief of Registration

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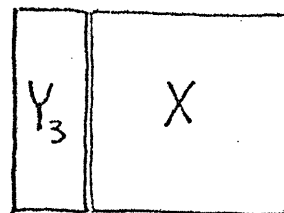
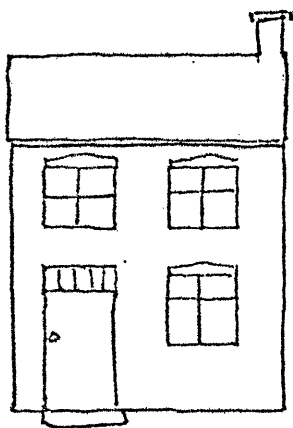
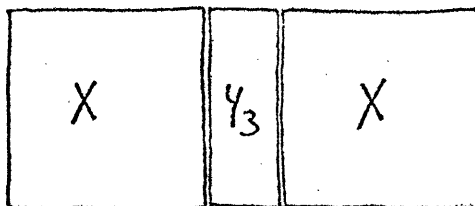
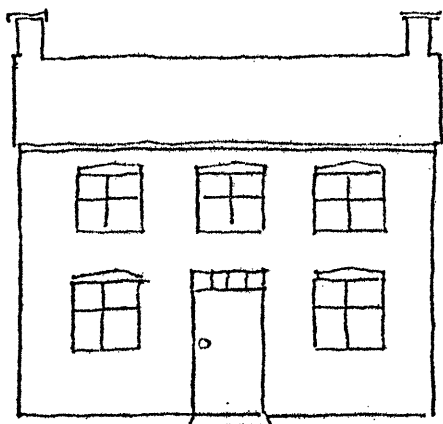
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- 2 Andrew Jenson, Latter-day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia, Volume IV (Salt Lake City: Deseret News Press), p. 363.
- 3 Hilda Madsen Longsdorf, Mount Pleasant, 1859-1939 (Mt. Pleasant, Utah: Mt. Pleasant Pioneer Historical Assoc., 1939), p. 87.
- 4 U.S. Census 1870.
- 5 See, M.W. Barley, The English Farmhouse and Cottage (London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1961).
- 6 Henry Glassie, "The Types of the Southern Mountain Cabin," The Study of American Folklore, Jan. H. Brunvand (New York: W.W. Norton, 1968), pp. 351-353 and Pattern in the Material Folk Culture of the Eastern United States (Philadelphia, University of Penn Press, 1968), pp. 48-53.
- 7 Leon S. Pitman, "Nineteenth Century Folk Housing in the Mormon Culture Region," diss. Louisiana State University, 1973, pp. 138-145.

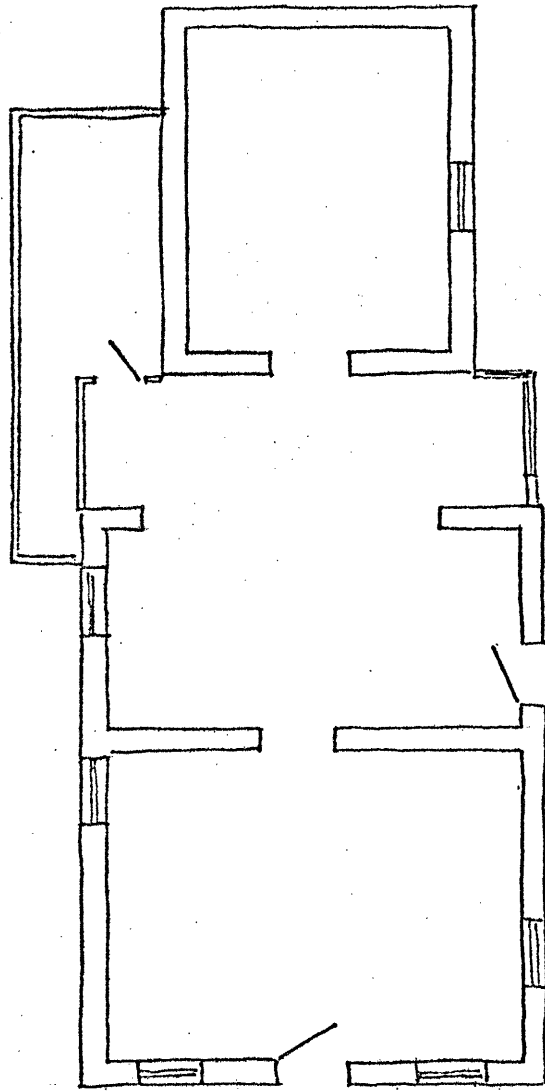
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CYRUS WHEELLOCK HOUSE MT. PLEASANT



ADOBE SQUARE CABIN TYPE C. 1860