

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

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

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

**1. Name**

historic Zial Riggs House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 94 South 100 East St. \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Wellsville \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 01

state Utah \_\_\_\_\_ code 049 \_\_\_\_\_ county Cache \_\_\_\_\_ code 005

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mrs. Lamont M. Allan

street & number 94 South 100 East

city, town Wellsville \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Utah

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cache County Courthouse

street & number 179 North Main

city, town Logan \_\_\_\_\_ state Utah

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Utah Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date Summer 1980 \_\_\_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Utah State Historical Society

city, town Salt Lake City \_\_\_\_\_ state Utah

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Built in 1868 of native sandstone, the Zial Riggs home is a 1 1/2 story hall and parlor folk/vernacular type with a 1 story rear lean-to extension. The house has a three bay symmetrical facade and gable-end fireplace chimneys. In massing and decorative trim the house reflects the Greek Revival style: the pitch of the roof is relatively flat, there is a plain entablature, and cornice returns are found on the gables. The lintels and sills are wooden beams and unadorned. The upstairs windows are approximately half as large as the lower openings and reveal the incomplete nature of the upper story.

The walls of the Riggs home are coursed ashlar with raised mortar joints. The stonework is of a uniformly high quality, suggesting that the house was originally constructed with the rear extension. There are heavy stone quoins whose light cream limestone coloring contrast sharply with the darker, multi-hued tones on the sandstone walls. In the 1880s a window with a red brick, relieving arched double frame was added in the south wall of the lean-to. A curious feature of the Rigg's house is the material in the east wall. While all the other walls are stone, this east section is red brick and appears to have been original to the house. During the Twentieth Century small hipped porches were added both to the front and back.

The Zial Riggs house remains in excellent historical condition.

## 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** ca. 1868 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Zial Riggs house built in about 1868 is significant because of its architecture. Folk design and construction practices dominated the first phase of Utah development and the Riggs house's hall and parlor plan and symmetrical facade are excellent examples of the residential architecture of this early period. The house remains in excellent condition and is one of a very limited number of buildings dating in Wellsville from the initial period of pioneer settlement.

The house was built ca. 1868 for Zial Riggs, one of the original settlers of Wellsville. He was born in Chester, Massachusetts, November 4, 1824, to Amasa Shurtliff and Marvilla Lichfield Riggs. He married Emeline Eunice Knox on May 24, 1846 and settled in Blanford, Massachusetts as a blacksmith and farmer. He and his wife came to Utah as Mormon converts in 1852 and settled in Wellsville in 1856, as members of the first group of settlers there. Like the other settlers, Riggs and his family lived in the community's fort until 1864, when the city was platted. Riggs first built a log cabin, and in about 1868, built this house. A polygamist, Riggs married his second wife, Emma Mitton in 1868. Whether or not she lived in this house is unknown. Riggs lived in the house until 1887, when he sold it to John Maughan, a son of Peter Maughan, another of Wellsville's first settlers. John Maughan in turn sold it to his son, Thomas in 1908. The house has been in the Allan family, who currently own it, since 1910.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Ricks, Joel E., ed., *The History of a Valley*, SLC: Deseret News Publishing Co., 1936.  
 McPherson, Greg, "The Zial Riggs House," 1980.  
 Hovey, M.R., compiler, *An Early History of Cache Valley*, Logan: Logan Chamber of Commerce, 1923.  
 Johnson, Sylvia Riggs, *Life Story of My Grandfather*.

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one  
 Quadrangle name Wellsville, Utah

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Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
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B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 2, Block 14, Plat "A" Wellsville City Survey, and running thence East 9 rods, thence N five rods 12 1/2 ft; thence W 9 rods, thence South 5 rods 12 1/2 ft to the place of beginning.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	John McCormick/Historian and Thomas Carter/Architectural Historian		
organization	Utah State Historical Society	date	Summer 1980
street & number	307 West 200 South	telephone	(801) 533-6017
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     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 December 10, 1980

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<i>Melvin T. Smith</i>	date <u>2/11/82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	