

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 599 East 100 South Pleasant Grove, Utah County

UTM: 12 438240 4468060 Orem Quad/1:24000

Name of Structure: White, Jacob Hanmer, House

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Present Owner: Robert Richardsen

Owner Address: 2923 East 3900 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84124

Year Built (Tax Record): Legal Description

Effective Age: Kind of Building:

Tax #: D-174

Com. at Cor of Blk 29, Plat A, Pleasant Grove City Sur; N 105.5 ft.; W 87 ft.; S 105.5 ft.; E 87 ft. to Beg. Acreage: less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Jacob Hanmer White

Construction Date: c. 1874

Demolition Date:

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Residence

Building Condition:

Integrity:

Preliminary Evaluation:

Final Register Status:

- Checkboxes for Building Condition, Integrity, Preliminary Evaluation, and Final Register Status.

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography: Date of Slides: 1986 Slide No.: Date of Photographs: 1986 Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other

Research Sources:

- Checkboxes for various research sources like Abstract of Title, Sanborn Maps, Newspapers, etc.

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

Interview with Verl L. Warburton, Grandson of builder, 2 May 1986, by Beth Olsen. Family group sheet of Jacob Hanmer White, LDS Church Archives. Warburton family records, in possession of Verl L. Warburton. Interview with Edith Monson, Granddaughter of builder, 17 June 1986, by Beth Olsen.

Architect/Builder: unknown/unknown

Building Materials: Soft-rock

Building Type/Style: central passage/vernacular

## Description of physical appearance &amp; significant architectural features:

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

Built c. 1874, the Jacob Hamner White House is a 1 1/2-story, central-passage vernacular house with a gable roof and soft-rock exterior walls. Additions and alterations have been made on the exterior over the years and as a result of a 1976 fire, but the original appearance of the house is still clearly evident.

The house has a symmetrical facade with a center door flanked by two windows. There is a central chimney, and there are returns on the gables. The Victorian details on the house are probably not original, but were probably added in the 1890s.<sup>1</sup> These include decorative wooden pediments over the windows and lathe-turned columns and scroll-sawn woodwork on the front porch. The gabled-roof extension on the rear was added c. 1908. A porch that was on the east side of that extension has been enclosed (date unknown). The entire rear section, which is constructed primarily of logs, has been covered with aluminum siding in recent years.

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## Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date:

Built ca. 1874, the Jacob Hanmer White House is one of the 13 buildings included in the Pleasant Grove Soft-rock Buildings Thematic Resource nomination. Soft-rock buildings are significant because they help document the distinctive regional diversity found in nineteenth-century building stones in Utah. They also represent a distinct phase of the building construction industry in the Pleasant Grove area. Mormon community building in the Great Basin West rested upon the dual principles of order and permanence, and the grid-iron town plan and the use of stone as an early building material have become important symbols of Mormon settlement values. A great variety of local stones were used throughout the state, and the soft and easily worked tufa stone, popular in Pleasant Grove between about 1865 to 1900, remains one of the most distinctive. About 130 soft-rock buildings were known to have once stood in Pleasant Grove, yet there are only 13 well preserved examples today. Most of the earlier buildings in the community, constructed during the 1850s and '60s, were made of adobe, which was easily made and worked. As fired brick became more available and fashionable during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, it replaced soft-rock as the dominant local building material. The remaining soft-rock buildings are important examples of a local architectural tradition and contribute to an understanding of the regional diversity of Utah's early architectural history.

This five-room soft-rock house was built for Annie Fenton and Jacob Hanmer White on land that they obtained from his father, Samuel White. It is uncertain in which year the house was built, but family tradition holds that all of Annie and Hanmer's nine children were born there. Their first child, Emma, was born February 9, 1875. Descendants of the fifth child, Hanmer Jacob "Mur" White, know that he was born there on October 15, 1881.<sup>1</sup> Annie and

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Jacob Hamner White House  
Description continued:

A fire c. 1976 caused extensive damage to the house and required a number of alterations. The roof, including the dormers, had to be rebuilt, the windows were replaced, and the interior had to be completely renovated. The existing dormers, though not original, replaced dormers that were reportedly either original to the house or early additions.<sup>2</sup> The dormers and the rear addition were covered with aluminum siding c. 1979 as part of the extensive post-fire renovation of the house.

Number of contributing buildings: 1

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<sup>1</sup>Adding Victorian elements to soft-rock houses was a way to make them more fashionable. Another example of a house that was updated in this way is the house at 630 N. 400 East (Fugal Dugout House, National Register 1986). Early photographs show the house with plain lintels and multi-pane windows, prior to the installation of pedimental window heads and two-over-two windows during the late Victorian period.

<sup>2</sup>Interview with Ver1 L. Warburton by Beth Olsen, May 2, 1986, Pleasant Grove. His grandparents and parents owned the house from the time of its construction until 1958.

Jacob Hamner White House  
History continued:

Jacob Hanmer White were married in 1873, so it is possible that the house was built for them soon after that.

Jacob Hanmer "Han" White was born August 22, 1852, in Pleasant Grove to Samuel Steven White and Catherine Fautz, two of the first settlers. Jacob farmed with his father on Sam White's Lane before and after his marriage. He married Annie Fenton March 31, 1873 in Salt Lake. Both Annie and Hanmer lived in this house until their deaths in 1911 and 1930, respectively.

The house was expanded c.1908 by the addition on the rear of a one-room log building that had been the old tithing office.<sup>2</sup> The construction of a new tithing office at that time made this building available to be purchased and moved to this location by Hanmer White. It was probably originally located on the old tithing lot at the northwest corner of 200 South and 100 West.

When Annie died in 1911 the house was sold to the youngest daughter, Erma White, who married Wellington Luellion Warburton that same year. Hanmer lived with them until his death, taking up residence in the two downstairs southwestern rooms. The Warburtons had four children. Wellington was a farmer and laborer. He owned ground in Manila. Erma worked as a matron at the Utah State Training School in American Fork. Their son, Ver1 L., sold the house after their deaths; it then changed hands every three to four years.

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History continued:

Around 1976 the roof of the house burned. Carma Rae Jones was the owner at that time. The subsequent owners, Robert and Linda Richardsen, completely remodeled the home beginning in 1979, after they purchased it. Wiring and plumbing were replaced, and the dormers and red pine log addition were covered with aluminum siding. The floor of the log addition, having always been crooked, was removed and a new floor layed. Woodwork inside the house was restored.

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<sup>1</sup>Interview with Verl L. Warburton by Beth Olsen, May 2, 1986, Pleasant Grove.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.