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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Brigham Young's winter home was constructed in 1874 of beige adobe brick. The architect of the original structure was Miles Romney. His son Miles P. Romney designed the addition or top of the T-shaped structure. The two-room basement has a floor of red sandstone apparently laid before the adobe walls were built on top of the blackrock foundations. The roofs are gabled and covered with wood shingles. The cornices are bracketed, a style common in Utah and apparently related to the architectural style popular in Nauvoo period in Illinois during the early 1840's.

The home was heated with four fire places, three brick ones at the north and south gables and at the junction of the wings. A fourth adobe fire place was used for the kitchen in the east wing. From the front entrance on the north one enters the stair hallway with a parlor on the right, a dining room behind. A kitchen is behind that with a pantry to the left of the kitchen. The second floor has a hallway and three bedrooms.

Much of the original wood remains in the home. Skilled artisans took pine, hardened it and grained it to look like oak. The local description is "Brigham Oak."

Since restoration of the home, some of Brigham Young's furniture has been returned to the home. The remainder is period furniture.

Brigham Young's small one-room office sets east of the main home. It is about  $18' 6'' \times 22' 6''$ . The adobe walls setting on sandstone foundation have been stuccoed. The structure has a red brick chimney in the south end of the gable ridge.

Plans are being made to restore the grounds to as near the time of Young's occupancy as possible, with garden, vineyard and orchard.

The site is operated and maintained by Utah State Parks and Recreation Department, and it is open to the public.



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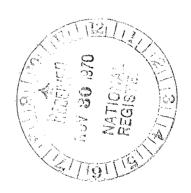
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Brigham Young's winter home and office was built for his convenience while spending the cold months in Utah's Dixie. The great colonizer sent missionaries to the Virgin River area as early as 1856. Cotton production began the following year at Washington. In 1861, a major influx of colonists resulted in the establishment of St. George.

Young frequently visited the "Dixie Mission," and spent his winters there between 1873 and 1877. One purpose was to encourage the settlers to finish the St. George Temple, which they did early in 1877. Brigham Young dedicated the temple before returning north in the spring. He died the following August.

Soon after his death, the family sold the home from the Brigham Young estate to Dr. Judd Gates, St. George's first dentist. Dr. Gates used the upstairs for his offices. Later the home became rental property. By the early 1940's it was vacant and needed repair.

The Young family again bought the property. Georgius Cannon Young, a grandson and architect of note, helped plan its restoration. The property was deeded to Utah State Parks and Recreation in 1959. The L.D.S. Church provided funds for re-shingling the roofs and the State Parks followed through with its restoration, which is well along, but not yet complete.

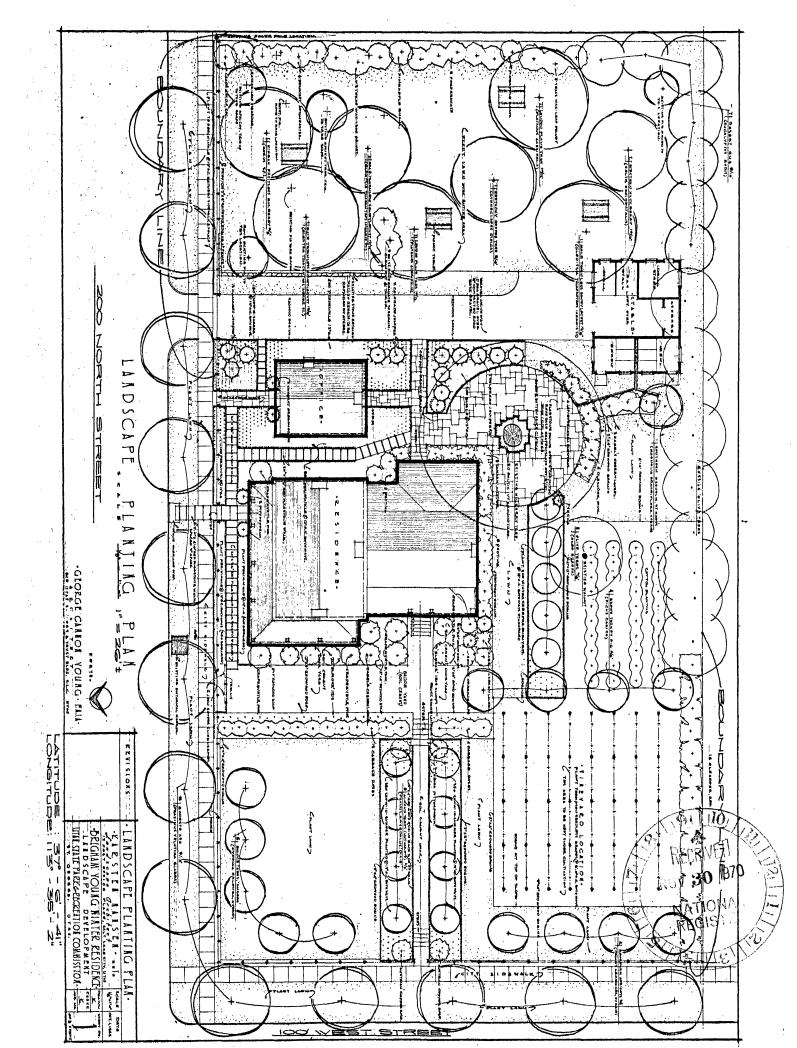


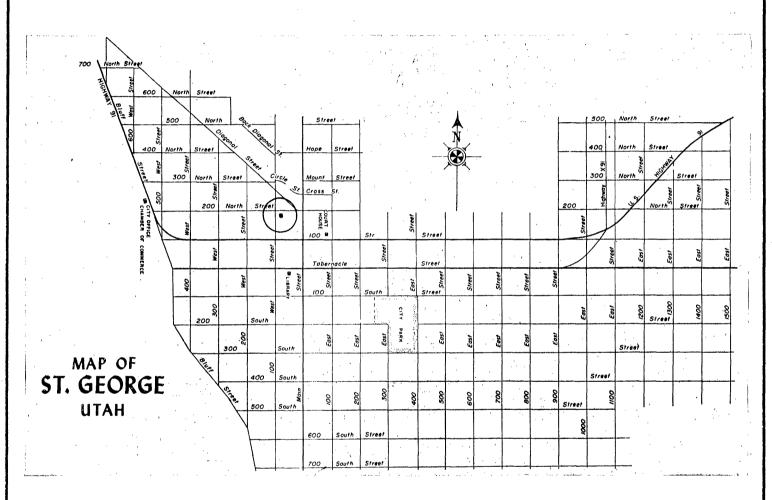
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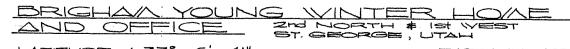
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