Street Address: Teasdale, Wayne County, Utah
Name of Structure: Teasdale Tithing Granary
Present Owner: Guy Pace
Owner Address: Teasdale, Utah 84773
Year Built (Tax Record):
Legal Description
Lot 2 Block 1 Plat B Coleman Addition to Teasdale Townsite Survey.
1.60 acres
The tithing granary is the only building on this property intended for inclusion in the nomination.

Original Owner: LDS Church
Original Use: religious--tithing office
Construction Date: c. 1895
Demolition Date:
Present Use: agricultural

Building Condition:  
Integrity:  
Preliminary Evaluation:  
Final Register Status:  

Photography:
Date of Slides: 1984
Date of Photographs: 1984

Research Sources:
- Abstract of Title
- Plat Records/Map
- Tax Card & Photo
- Building Permit
- Sewer Permit

Bibliographical References:
LDS Church Presiding Bishopric Letterbooks. Wayne County, 1899. Available in LDS Church Archives.
Pace, Mrs. Guy. Interview, October 28, 1984, Teasdale, Utah.
The Teasdale Tithing Office/Granary is a two story frame rectangular building with a gable roof. Typical of many of Utah's granaries, it has an exposed balloon frame of 2 x 4 inch studs with a wall of horizontal siding on the interior. This type of granary is commonly referred to as an "inside out" granary. The interior siding forms a crib for the storage of grain or corn. A door flanked by a single window is centered on the west gable end, above which is centered a second story door. There is a single second story door on the east facade. This granary is larger than a majority of examples of this type. Most are 1 1/2 stories, having an exposed frame on only the first floor. The balloon frame of this building extends up a full two stories. The building was moved a few blocks from its original location in the 1950s, but the new location is very similar to the original and does not detract from its significance. The building is unaltered, therefore it maintains its original integrity.

Built c. 1895, the Teasdale Tithing Granary is historically significant as one of 32 well preserved tithing buildings in Utah that were part of the successful "in-kind" tithing system of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon church) between the 1850s and about 1910. Tithing lots which usually included an office and several auxiliary structures, were facilities for collecting, storing, and distributing the farm products that were donated as tithing by church members in the cash-poor agricultural communities throughout the state. Tithing offices were a vital part of almost every Mormon community, serving as local centers of trade, welfare assistance, and economic activity. They were also important as the basic units of the church-wide tithing network that was centered in Salt Lake City.

The exact date of construction of the Teasdale Tithing Granary is unknown, but judging from its appearance and other evidence it was probably built c. 1895. The town was established in the 1880s, and by at least the late 1890s the Teasdale Ward's tithing program was operating. In 1899 Bishop George Coleman of the Teasdale Ward arranged to have the excess wheat in the "Bishop's Storehouse in Teasdale" shipped to Richfield to be stored in the grain elevator there. The "Bishop's Storehouse" that was referred to was probably this tithing granary. Granaries, because of their storage capabilities, were usually the only tithing buildings constructed in most small towns, which could neither afford nor had the need to build more extensive facilities. They usually served both as storage buildings and as administrative centers of the local tithing programs.

The Teasdale Tithing Granary was originally on the tithing lot located immediately south of the school property on "Main Street," but in the 1950s it was moved a few blocks away to its current location. The setting of the (See Continuation Sheet)
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new location is compatible with that of the old in that both are on blocks within the town proper. The relocation of the building neither detracts from the significance of the tithing office, nor does it adversely affect the significance of any historic properties at the new location. The building is currently being used to store hay, grain, and other farm supplies and implements.

Notes

1Presiding Bishopric Letterbooks, letter to Bishop George Coleman, Teasdale Ward, Wayne Stake, March 4, 1899.
2Interview with Mrs. Guy Pace, October 28, 1984, Teasdale, Utah. Her information is based upon statements made by her father, a long time resident of the town.