

HISTORIC SITE FORM

UTAH STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

(10-91)

1 IDENTIFICATION

Name of Property: Meyer, Albert and Ivy Jean, House

Address: 2460 East Bengal Boulevard

Twnshp: 2S Range: 1E Section: 27

City, County: Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake County

Lat/Long(degr dec.):

Current Owner Name: Don S & Jacquelyn E Cannon

USGS Map Name & Date: Draper, UT 2017

Current Owner Address: 2460 East Bengal Boulevard, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121 Tax Number: 22-27-453-053-0000

Legal Description (include acreage):

BEG N 89°56'46" W 1641.94 FT & N 889.46 FT FR SE COR OF SEC 27, T 2S, R 1E, SLM; N 284.29 FT; SE'LY ALG A 533.70 FT RADIUS CURVE TO R 73.75 FT; S 45°23'30" E 153.23 FT; S 142.06 FT; W 65 FT; N 13.38 FT; W 100 FT TO BEG. 0.81 AC. 9143-3658

2 STATUS/USE

Property Category

☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Evaluation

☐ eligible/contributing
☒ ineligible/non-contributing
☐ out-of-period

Use

Original Use: Residence
Current Use: Other Commercial/Public

3 DOCUMENTATION

Photos: Dates

☒ digital: November 2017
☒ prints: November 2017
☒ historic: Tax photos circa 1970

Drawings and Plans

☐ measured floor plans
☐ site sketch map
☐ Historic American Bldg. Survey
original plans available at:
☒ other: Tax Card Drawing

Research Sources (check all sources consulted, whether useful or not)

☒ abstract of title
☒ tax card & photo
☒ building permit
☐ sewer permit
☒ Sanborn Maps
☒ obituary index
☒ city directories/gazetteers
☒ census records
☐ biographical encyclopedias
☒ newspapers
☒ city/county histories
☐ personal interviews
☒ USHS History Research Center
☒ USHS Preservation Files
☐ USHS Architects File
☒ LDS Family History Library
☐ local library:
☒ university library(ies): UofU

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Attach copies of all research notes, title searches, obituaries, and so forth.

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Researcher/Organization: Storiagraph/ prepared for Cottonwood Heights CLG Date: February 28, 2018

4 ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Building Style/Type: Neoclassical/Other *No. Stories:* 1.0

Foundation Material: Concrete *Wall Material(s):* Stucco

Additions: none minor ☒ major (describe below) *Alterations:* none minor ☒ major (describe below)

Number of associated outbuildings 1 *and/or structures* 0.

Briefly describe the principal building, additions or alterations and their dates, and associated outbuildings and structures. Use continuation sheets as necessary.

The Albert and Ivy Meyer House is a one-story other type house with Neoclassical styling details. Although initially used as a residence, this building has been used as a commercial mortuary building since 1981.¹ The house is located at 2460 East Bengal Boulevard (7600 South), Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake County, Utah. The house was constructed in 1947 by Albert Meyer. This unusual, slab-on-grade stucco-over-masonry structure was originally rectangular-shaped with a large interior courtyard containing a swimming pool. The residence originally contained 3,403 square feet and after the interior courtyard was covered and additions made to the rear, it now contains 5,959 square feet. The exterior has had few modifications, including: asphalt shingles replacing ceramic tile shingles, vinyl replacement windows, concrete porch structure built across the front façade, as well as major interior renovations. In addition to the main structure there is a small storage building on the southeast corner of the property. The immediate neighborhood is composed of primarily late-20th century small residential development. The Albert and Ivy Meyer House does not retain its architectural integrity and is not a contributing local resource.

The Albert and Ivy Meyer House is a rectangular-shaped house constructed of masonry block covered by stucco over a slab-on-grade concrete pad. The house has a Neoclassical portico with Doric columns in an arc along the front façade, but otherwise is not a clearly defined type or style found in Utah residential architecture.² The original house was built along three sides of a large interior courtyard with a rectangular 45' x 13' garage enclosing the fourth, rear façade. Two 13' x 18' rectangular rooms have been added to the sides of the garage, making the rear façade rectangular. The house has a gabled, asphalt shingle roof. The roof was originally ceramic tile, and there was extensive tile-work on the interior, which was replaced or removed during the 1980-81 remodel from a residence to a commercial building.³

The front (north) facing façade has a symmetrical five-bay façade with a central door flanked by windows. The door contains two large art-glass block sidelights flanked by rectangular stone covered battered-columns. Two large fixed windows with matching rectangular battered-columns are found on each side of the central door. A large slider window is located on the eastern bay and two side-by-side narrow single-hung windows are located on the western bay. There are large floor-to-ceiling curved glass-block panels on the east and west corners of the front façade. A Neoclassical portico with Doric style columns arcs along the entire front façade and is covered by a sloped roof. The front façade also contains a cut-stone wainscot.

The west façade contains four windows and a door. From the north: a large slider window is located just behind the glass-block corner feature, with a smaller slider window just to the south, after a repaired section of stucco there is a large slider window and a small glass-block window, with a steel

¹ Cannon Mortuary History. Cannon Mortuary Website. Accessed February 7, 2018. <http://www.cannonmortuary.com/our-history>

² Carter, Thomas and Peter Goss (1988) *Utah's Historic Architecture: 1847-1940*, Salt Lake City: Utah State Historical Society. p. 150-51

³ Cannon Mortuary History.

security door on the rear of the original structure. The circa 1981 addition on the south end of this façade is stucco covered plywood with a low slope roof.

The south façade was originally composed of a garage covered by a sundeck balcony.⁴ The garage doors have been replaced by a Neoclassical entry door under a low-slope portico porch element. The door is flanked by two rectangular block-glass windows. The sundeck balcony has been removed. On the east side of this façade is a rectangular addition with tall, narrow single-hung windows. An original large ashlar-stone chimney is enclosed by the addition.

The east façade, from south to north, contains another panel of the tall, narrow single-hung windows on the addition, a shallow bay slider window, a fixed window, metal security door, and two rectangular slider windows.

The interior contains 3,403 square feet in the original structure and an additional 2,556 square feet in the addition. There is no basement. The house sits on a 0.81 acre parcel.⁵ The parcel is primarily asphalt parking, with some mature trees on the west side of the property and landscaping along the north and east sides. The property also contains a 528 square foot pyramidal cottage structure with a hipped roof on the southeast corner of the property, with a shed roof addition in the rear.

The Albert and Ivy Meyer House is located in residential neighborhood and has two Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ward houses and large city park on the north side of Bengal Boulevard. The immediate neighborhood is residential and is composed of primarily late-20th century small residential developments.

5 HISTORY

Architect/Builder: Albert Meyer

Date of Construction: 1947

*Historic Themes: Mark themes related to this property with "S" or "C" (S = significant, C = contributing).
(see instructions for details)*

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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/ Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social History
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration/ Settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning & Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Maritime History	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> Military	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts	

Write a chronological history of the property, focusing primarily on the original or principal owners & significant events. Explain and justify any significant themes marked above. Use continuation sheets as necessary.

William Sanford received the United States Land Patent for the Southeast quarter section where the Albert and Ivy Meyer House is located on October 20, 1879.⁶ He sold the property to Joseph Maxfield on February 4, 1882. Joseph Maxfield sold the property to early resident of Butler/Butlerville, William Joseph Hyrum Bowthorpe on February 20, 1900. Asa and Estelle Bowthorpe, descendents of William Bowthorpe sold the property to their daughter, Ivy Bowthorpe Meyer and her husband Albert Meyer on September 10, 1946 and Albert began construction on their house, completing it in 1947.

⁴Salt Lake County Archives Tax Assessment Card 1949.

⁵ Salt Lake County Assessor's website, 2460 East Bengal Boulevard.

⁶ Salt Lake County Recorder's Office. Plat maps. Title Abstract Books. Township 2 South, Range 1 East, Section 27.

Albert and Ivy Jean Meyer History

Jantje Pieter Albert Meyer, who went by Albert, was born on February 1, 1916 in Amsterdam, Netherlands to Johannes Meijer (1870-1965) and Annachiena Bakker Meijer (1882-1953). The family emigrated from the Netherlands to the United States and arrived in New York on August 3, 1923.⁷ The family were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and moved to Salt Lake City where Johannes worked as a carpenter. Albert attended local schools and graduated from West High School.⁸ After high school he learned watch repair and within a few years had started his own business, Meyer's Jewelry, a watch repair business which was located at 67 East 200 South, Salt Lake City, between 1937 and 1946.⁹ After completing the construction of his house in 1947, Albert promoted and sold admission to the house at 2460 East 7600 South as the "World's Most Unusual Home".¹⁰ Albert later continued with the jewelry business, but also sold real estate.¹¹ On November 25, 1954, at the age of 38, Albert died of cancer.¹²

On June 12, 1940 Albert married Ivy Jean Bowthorpe, daughter of Asa Bowthorpe (1885-1973) and Estelle Staker Bowthorpe (1887-1970).¹³ The Bowthorpe family were early settlers of Butlerville, now Cottonwood Heights, Utah. Ivy Jean, who went by Jean in her later years, was born July 13, 1918 in Butlerville and attended area schools, including two years of college.¹⁴ After Albert's untimely death, Jean returned to school and in 1957, graduated from the University of Utah in with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.¹⁵ Shortly before her graduation, on June 27, 1956, Jean married Irvin Whipple Taylor.¹⁶

Irvin and Jean Taylor History

Irvin Taylor was born July 16, 1911 in Salt Lake City, Utah, son of Ezra Oakley Taylor (1863-1952) and grandson of early LDS Church President John Taylor. Irvin was a World War II Veteran and master chess player, as well as the postmaster in Cottonwood Heights for more than 30 years.¹⁷ Jean and Irvin lived in the Albert and Ivy Meyer House until 1980, when they sold it to the current owners Don and Jacquelyn Cannon.¹⁸

The Albert and Ivy Meyer House does not retain enough architectural integrity to be a contributing local resource. The extensive remodeling completed to transform the "world's most unusual home" residence into a mortuary significantly altered the historic building constructed by Albert Meyer.

⁷ *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, New York, 1820-1897*. Microfilm Publication M237, 675 rolls. NAI: 6256867. Records of the U.S. Customs Service, Record Group 36. National Archives at Washington, D.C.

⁸ The 1940 census indicates that Albert completed one year of college.

⁹ Ancestry.com. U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011.

¹⁰ Open House, *Salt Lake Tribune Newspaper (Utah)*, September 26, 1948. P. 98

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¹⁵ University of Utah 1957 Graduation List, *Utah Chronicle Newspaper*, May 31, 1957

¹⁶ Taylor, Irvin Obituary, *Deseret News Newspaper (Utah)*, July 6, 1991.

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