

HISTORIC SITE FORM

UTAH STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

(10-91)

1 IDENTIFICATION

Name of Property: Fowles, Cyril and Vida, House

Address: 6983 South Sunrise Hills Circle

Twnshp: 2S Range: 1E Section: 22

City, County: Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake County

Lat/Long(degr dec.):

Current Owner Name: Rustyn and Lana Christensen

USGS Map Name & Date: Draper, UT 2017

Current Owner Address: 6983 South Sunrise Hills Circle
Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121

Tax Number: 22-22-479-022-0000

Legal Description (include acreage):

LOT 1A, SUNRISE HILLS SUB NO 2. 9814-7863 10184-722 10185-2923 (0.23 acres)

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: Residence

3 DOCUMENTATION

Photos: Dates

☒ digital: October 2017
☒ prints: October 2017
☒ historic: Tax photo circa 1940

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

Drawings and Plans

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

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

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Eight 4th Year Graduates from Emery Stake Academy *Emery County Progress* May 8, 1915 p. 1

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

4 ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Building Style/Type: Minimal Traditional/World War II Era Cottage No. Stories: 1.0

Foundation Material: Concrete Wall Material(s): Aluminum Siding

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

Number of associated outbuildings 0 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 Cyril and Vida Fowles House is a one story World-War II Era cottage with Minimal Traditional styling details. The house is located at 6983 South Sunrise Hills Circle, Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake County, Utah and was constructed in 1940.¹ This small rectangular wood-framed house rests on a concrete foundation and its exterior is covered by replacement aluminum siding. The gabled roof has asphalt shingles. The house contains 826 square feet on its original main floor and 315 square feet in an addition located on the building east side. The house has an 826 square foot full basement. The house exterior has had few modifications except replacement siding and is in good condition. The house is located on a 0.23 acre sloped parcel, which is the remains of Cyril Fowles four acre fox farm parcel. The immediate neighborhood is composed of small late 20th century residential housing infill and 1920s through 1940s houses located along major roads. The Cyril and Vida Fowles House retains its architectural integrity and is a contributing local resource.

The Cyril and Vida Fowles House is rectangular, with wood-framed single story walls on a concrete foundation. The house is very simple and has few decorative elements, making it a good example of the post-1930s depression and World War II era Minimal Traditional style.^{2 3} The decorative details include trim boards around windows, divided lights on the upper half of original single-hung windows and a small gable-roof porch. The original narrow siding and vertical shiplap wood siding in the gable ends has been entirely replaced by narrow aluminum/vinyl siding, although the exterior remains visually similar to the original exterior. The original lot level has been changed by the addition of a significant amount of fill dirt, reducing the foundation exposure along the front façade from approximately four feet to less than one foot. The house has a matching gabled addition which is most likely a conversion of the 1942 garage identified on Salt Lake County tax appraisals.⁴

The front (south) facing façade has an asymmetrical three-bay façade under the roof gable end. The façade has a shallow gable end articulated on the west half, which includes two adjacent tall, narrow single-hung windows and the front door. The front door is not original and nor is the small gable end porch roof, which was added in the 1940s according to tax records. The east side of the façade originally contained three adjacent narrow, single-hung windows. Those have been replaced with a single fixed horizontal window with craftsman styling. The front façade contains two basement windows located underneath the main floor windows. The significant landscaping changes have caused these to be enclosed within concrete window wells. The garage addition has a false gable end facing toward the south and a single slider window centered on the 21' addition.

¹ The original address for this house was 2505 East 7000 South (7000 South is now named Fort Union Boulevard). The address was changed when the property behind the house was subdivided and developed circa 1980.

² Utah State Division of History, "World War II & Post-War Residential Building Types" (2016) Retrieved January 24, 2018, from <https://heritage.utah.gov/history/world-war-ii-post-war-residential-building-types>

³ Utah State Division of History, "World War II/Post-War Building Styles" (2016). Retrieved January 24, 2018, from <https://heritage.utah.gov/history/world-war-ii-post-war-building-styles>

⁴ Salt Lake County Archives tax photo and tax information cards 1940 and 1958

The east façade contains the narrow end of the low-slope garage addition, which has been remodeled to include a man-door rather than the larger garage door. The door is located on the north side of the façade. The garage/addition has a low-slope membrane roof.

The north façade addition contains a centered single window and a porch roof which extends out to the depth of the original north façade. On the original main façade there are two windows: the east window are two adjacent narrow, single-hung original windows, and the west window is a small nearly rectangular single-hung replacement window. Due to the highly sloped lot, most of the concrete basement is exposed along this façade, and contains a door and rectangular basement window with a narrow depth shed-roof porch covering two-thirds of the original house façade.

The west façade, along the parallel roof-line contains a 20' wide by 12' deep deck on the main house level. The deck was constructed at an unknown date after 1974. The deck is covered by a low-slope wood roof. The deck is wood, with wood rails, posts and cedar-slat screen covering the base. The main level façade contains a series of two adjacent original narrow single-hung windows on the north and a series of three adjacent similar windows on the south side. A slider glass entry door has been added to the center of the façade. The concrete foundation along this façade has been faced with a cobblestone veneer.

The interior contains 1108 square feet on the main floor and 826 square foot full basement. The house sits on a 0.23 acre highly sloped parcel.⁵ The parcel has several mature trees along the south and west facades. The house is now accessed by a concrete driveway along the northwest of the lot. A 1,152 square foot garage to east of the house is contained in an adjacent lot. There are no other structures on the property.

The immediate neighborhood surrounding the Cyril and Vida Fowles House is composed of small residential housing developments. The residences are older and contain more mixed styles along major roads and are primarily mid-20th century and newer where agricultural land parcels have been developed. The houses on Sunrise Hills Circle were built in the 1990s.

5 HISTORY

Architect/Builder: unknown

Date of Construction: 1940

*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"/> Archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Science
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/ Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input checked="" 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	
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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.

Benjamin Brown received the United States Patent to the Southeast quarter of section 22, Township 2 south, range 1 east effective August 6, 1878 after purchasing the newly surveyed property. On March 18, 1878 he sold the property to James Spillet, who owned it until October 11, 1880 when

⁵ Salt Lake County Assessor's website, 6983 South Sunrise Hills Circle.

they sold it to Richard C. Whitney. Richard Whitney owned the property until March 21, 1901 when he sold it to Franklin Webb, with a special rider that Richard is allowed to live there until the end of his natural life. Richard C Whitney died on February 13, 1907 after living in Butlerville for 33 years.⁶

Franklin Webb was born May 14, 1864 in Newport, Monmouth, England and immigrated to the United States in 1874 with his family. The family moved to South Cottonwood in 1875. Franklin lived in the area farming, prospecting and mining at the Argenta Mine in Big Cottonwood Canyon.⁷ He married four times, had two children, and by the 1940 census lived in Salt Lake City. He died in the Utah State Hospital in American Fork, Utah at the age of 89 on December 2, 1953.⁸ On April 21, 1939 Franklin and current wife May Belle Webb sold the property to Benjamin. L. Farnsworth, the vice president of Utah Construction and Realty Company.⁹ Benjamin was also a fur farmer, probably in the Butlerville area.¹⁰

Benjamin sold four acres to Cyril and Vida W. Fowles on April 11, 1940 and they constructed their home that year, as well as started fur farming, specifically foxes, on their property.¹¹

Cyril and Vida Fowles History

Cyril Edward Fowles was born on September 12, 1898 in Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete County, Utah to Charles Edward Fowles (1877-1929) and Mary Serine Gunderson (1876-1963). He married Vida Nathalia Wilberg, a native of Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah on July 26, 1917 in Mt. Pleasant. Cyril was a member of the Utah National Guard and was federalized in 1916 with Troop E 2d Cavalry Squadron on Mexican Border duty and again with the 145th Field Artillery Battalion in August of 1917 during World War I.¹² He trained with the artillery in Washington and California, but was transferred to D Company 115th Engineers. He was wounded at St. Mithiel and returned from the service in July 1919. In addition to fur farming, Cyril worked for Mountain Fuel Company for 24 years, retiring in 1963.¹³ Cyril died the next year, on October 3, 1964.¹⁴

Vida Wilberg was born September 30, 1898 at Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah to Carl Wilberg (1864-1951) and Matilda Maria Johnson (1865-1950). She graduated from the Emery Stake Academy in 1915, one year prior to marrying Cyril.¹⁵ Vida was active in American Legion auxiliaries, baby wellness programs and other LDS callings. She died on June 20, 1964.¹⁶ On October 11, 1973 the house was sold in Vida's name to Jack F. & Elaine Horsely, ending 33 years of Fowles ownership.

Ownership after 1973

⁶ Utah State Archives and Records Service, Salt Lake City, Utah; Department of Health, Center for Health Data and Informatics. Vital Records and Statistics Division. Death Certificates, Series 81448. Richard C Whitney death certificate February 13, 1907

⁷ Webb, Franklin Obituary unknown newspaper December 6, 1953

⁸ Webb, Franklin death certificate December 2, 1953

⁹ US City Directories, Salt Lake City, 1939, 1958

¹⁰ US City Directory, Salt Lake City, 1940

¹¹ US City Directory, Salt Lake City, 1940

¹² Utah State Archives and Records Service; Salt Lake City, Utah; *Military Service Cards, ca. 1898-1975*; Creating Agency: *Department of Administrative Services, Division of Archives and Records Service*; Series: 85268; Reel: 68 and Roster of the National Guard of Utah *Salt Lake Tribune Newspaper (Utah)* June 19, 1916 p. 4

¹³ Gas Aide Retires *The Salt Lake Tribune Newspaper (Utah)* October 3, 1963. p. B-4

¹⁴ Fowles, Cyril Obituary *Deseret News Newspaper (Utah)* June 22, 1964 p. B-11

¹⁵ Eight 4th Year Graduates from Emery Stake Academy *Emery County Progress* May 8, 1915 p. 1

¹⁶ Fowles, Vida Obituary *Deseret News Newspaper (Utah)* March 20, 1974 p. D-6

Jack and Elaine Horsely owned the house from October 11, 1973 to 1980, when they sold the house to Joyce Partridge. Joyce owned the house until January 27, 1982, when she sold it to James Marinos. James Marinos sold the house on December 21, 1987 to John C. and Eleanor Hay, who owned the house directly or through a trust until their daughter Judith Ann Forysth sold the property on April 1, 2010. She sold the property to John P. Glauser, who owned it until April 1, 2015, when he sold it to the current owners Rustyn and Lana Christensen.¹⁷

The Cyril and Vida Fowles House is significant for its architecture and for its association with fur farming in the Cottonwood Heights area. Although it is a modest example of a World War II minimal traditional house, it retains most of its original design and exterior. There are few of these houses remaining in the area. The house was also associated with fur farming between 1940 and 1956 with Cyril and Vida Fowles.¹⁸ Fur farming was a unique and economically important business in the area between 1940 and the 1960s.

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¹⁷ Salt Lake County Recorder's Office. Deed record index.

¹⁸ Tax assessments for fox pens were noted on the tax appraisal cards found in the Salt Lake County Archives tax records.

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