

# HISTORIC SITE FORM

(10-91)

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## 1 IDENTIFICATION

Name of Property: **Anderson-Hansen House**

Address: 7920 S. Danish Road

Township: 2 S Range: 1 E Section: 35

City, County: Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake County, Utah 84121 UTM: 12T 431563 4495485

Current Owner Name: Harvey H. Hansen et al

USGS Map Name & Date:  
Draper, Utah Quad, 2011

Current Owner Address: 7920 S. Danish Road  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84121

Tax Number: 22-35-102-054

Legal Description (include acreage): LOT 6, DANISH HEIGHTS SUB. 2.07 ACRES

## 2 STATUS/USE

### Property Category

building(s)  
 structure  
 site  
 object

### Evaluation

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

### Use

Original Use: Single Dwelling  
Current Use: Single Dwelling

## 3 DOCUMENTATION

### Photos: Dates

slides:  
 prints: 2016-2021  
 historic: circa 1904

### 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 Library  
 USHS Preservation Files  
 USHS Architects File  
 LDS Family History Library  
 local library: Whitmore Library  
 university library(ies):

### Drawings and Plans

measured floor plans 2021 (tax card)  
 site sketch map aerial photograph  
 Historic American Bldg. Survey  
 original plans available at:  
 other:

### Bibliographical References (books, articles, interviews, etc.)

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

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Researcher/Organization: Preservation Documentation Resource/prepared for Cottonwood Heights City Date: 2022

Building Style/Type: Period Revival / Hall-Parlor (modified) No. Stories: 1

Foundation Material: Stone & Concrete Wall Material(s): Adobe & Stucco

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

Number of associated outbuildings 2 and/or structures \_\_\_\_\_.

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

The *Anderson-Hansen House*, is a stucco-covered cottage, located at 7920 S. Danish Road in Cottonwood Heights, Utah. The house was built in two phases. The south half is a hall-parlor built of adobe brick around 1890. Sometime in the 1930s, the house was expanded with an intersecting wing in the English Cottage period revival style. At the time, the house was covered in stucco. The older section has a rubble foundation, which was encased in concrete when the addition was built on a concrete foundation [Figure 1]. The roof features two intersecting gables covered in tan-colored asphalt shingles. The house has excellent historic integrity with original six-over-one windows from the 1930s expansion. The house is setback from the street on a large 2.07-acre lot. There are two contributing agricultural outbuildings with shed roofs. This "little white house" on an oversized lot is a distinctive historic landmark in a neighborhood of newer subdivisions [Map #1].

The house has a roughly square foot print of rectangular footprint of 33 by 48 feet, visually divided in half by the two gables. The east elevation and current façade is divided in half with the gable end of the hall-parlor on the south and the 1930s wing on the north. The tax records give a date of 1931 for the house, which is the earliest possible date for the addition. Both wings are visible in an aerial photograph of the neighborhood taken in 1938. The only opening in the gable end is a pair of 1930s six-over-one windows. The front door is just off-center in the later wing [Photograph 1]. There is a small concrete front stoop sheltered by a steeply-pitched projecting gable roof supported on plain Tuscan columns. The front door is also from the 1930s and features eight-small lights above vertical panels. Next to the door is another pair of six-over-one windows.

The south elevation has a second door in the center, which was likely the original front door of the adobe section. Concrete steps provide access, but there is no stoop [Photograph 2]. There is a small 1930s windows to the west. Also at the west end is an exterior basement entrance. There is a third door and two more windows on the west elevation. The north elevation features the wider gable end of the addition. It is symmetrical with two pairs of six-over-one windows and a glazed attic vent. The main floor of the interior has 924 square feet of space with one bedroom and one bathroom. There is 624 square feet on space in the basement.

The *Anderson-Hansen House* is located on the curving section of Danish Road, one of the oldest road through Cottonwood Heights. The neighborhood was known as Danish Town. The house is located prominently on the curve of the road as it turns from east-west to north-south [Map #1]. Despite the presence of newer subdivisions and sidewalks on Danish Road, the house and the adjacent undeveloped parcels to the west retain the agricultural feel of the original farmstead. The gravel driveway to the house is on the south side of the property. There is a parking area in the front while the driveway curves around to the back of the house. The house is surrounded by lawn and mature trees. A circa 1900 stable is located southwest of the house. This contributing outbuilding is sheathed in horizontal planks and features two shed roofs with a small addition at the west end. The openings face east and it has been used more recently as a garage. The second contributing cow shed is west of the house. It was built circa 1940s and has a single shed roof. It is covered in horizontal plank siding. Both sheds have newer seamed metal roofs [Photographs 3-4, Map #2]. The property was the largest mink farm in Cottonwood Heights in the mid-twentieth century, but none of the mink sheds have survived.

Architect/Builder: Unknown Date of Construction: circa 1890, 1931

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 type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/ Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Social History
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration/ Settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> Maritime History	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
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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.

The *Anderson-Hansen House* is locally significant under Criterion A in the area of Agriculture and Criterion C in the area of Architecture. The property is an unusually large extant parcel of 2.07-acres that is still owned by the Hansen family and has resisted the temptation to subdivide for new housing. Adjacent undeveloped parcels to the west are also owned by the family and part of the original farmstead. The land began as a subsistence farm on a homestead grant improved by Gustave and Maria Anderson. When the Andersons left the area, their property was acquired by a neighbor, Andrew Hansen Jr., whose father was one of the earliest and largest land owners in the Danish Town area. All the farmers in the area worked on the communal irrigation projects. Andrew's son, Wilford Hansen, lived in the house and farmed the property. He was one of the farmers who converted their dry crops to orchards during the depression and by the 1950s, Wilford owned the largest mink farm in Danish Town. The mink sheds were located within the boundaries of the existing house parcel but were torn down between the 1980s and 2006. The period of significance for Agriculture could extend from 1890 into the 1970s.

The *Anderson-Hansen House* is also locally significant under Criterion C as one of only two extant houses that were built with adobe brick within Cottonwood Heights. The *Anderson-Hansen House* adobe section, built in 1890, is the older of the two. The *Alvin and Annie Green House* is a concrete block house built between 1905 and 1915 with adobe as a lining brick.<sup>1</sup> Because of the difficult topography, sparse population, and proximity to stone quarries in the mountains, adobe brick houses were rare in the early settlements of Butler and Cottonwood Heights. The *Anderson-Hansen House* is the only documented extant adobe brick building in the area. The house and its addition would have an extended period of significance from 1890 to 1938 in the area of Architecture.

Gustave Anderson was born in Vesterlanda, Sweden, on December 1, 1840.<sup>2</sup> He married Maria Carlson in 1858. Maria was also born in Vesterlanda on March 25, 1837. Gustave immigrated to Utah in 1881. A year later Maria and their five surviving children, born between 1867 and 1881, also immigrated. The Andersons homesteaded forty acres of land, the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 2 South, Range 1 East. The land patent was granted on December 10, 1890, and recorded on February 26, 1891. The adobe house could have been built as early as 1885, but it is more likely the family lived in a log cabin or dugout on the homestead before completing the adobe house therefore 1890 has been given as an estimated date. On the 1900 census of Butler precinct, Gustave and Maria are living in the adobe house on Danish Road. Gustave is listed as a farmer. The household includes his wife, Maria, and their youngest daughter, Norah (Elnora). Older daughters, Anna and Emma, had married in 1895 and 1897 respectively. Sons, Karl Magnus and John August, were not living at home in 1900. Elnora "Nora" August Anderson married Samuel Butler in December 1900.

Hansen family tradition states that Gustave and Maria Anderson moved away from Butler in 1903 and that is when Andrew Hansen Jr. acquired the farm. However, a deed for 38 acres was not recorded until April 1907. Maria Carlson Anderson died on May 23, 1906, in Butlerville, according her death certificate. This could indicate the family was still in the house or that Maria was living with Nora A. Butler, who stayed in Butlerville after her marriage. Gustave Anderson married Hanna Hansen Olson in 1907. He died in South Cottonwood in 1911.

<sup>1</sup> The *Alvin and Annie Green House*, is a rock-faced concrete block Victorian cross wing house with adobe brick lining the inner walls. The property is located at the south end of Danish Town at 8400 S. Danish Road. Annie and Alvin Green briefly lived in the Anderson-Hansen house while Alvin worked on building their own home between 1905 and 1915. It took ten years to finish because Alvin did not believe in going into debt. *Alvin and Annie Green House*, National Register of Historic Places nomination, prepared by Gayle Conger and Utah SHPO staff, in 2000 (NRIS #00000356): Section 8, page 1.

<sup>2</sup> Gustave's name appears as Gustaf in several historic records. The surname is misspelled Andersen in some secondary records.

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According to family tradition, Andrew Hansen Jr. and his wife, Emma Hadfield Hansen, lived in the former Anderson house between 1903 and 1907. Andrew Jr. was the son of Anders Romer Sr. and Anne Else Rasmussen Hansen. The couple married in 1871 and immigrated from Denmark to Utah the same year. Anders changed his name to Andrew Hansen. He was known as Andrew Sr. after their first child, Andrew Jr., was born in 1872. Three children followed between 1875 and 1881: Hans, Annie, and Elsie. The Hansen family homesteaded 160 acres in Section 35. Other Danish immigrants arrived and settled nearby or purchased property from Andrew Hansen Sr. Gayle Conger, historian and descendant of Andrew and Else Hansen, noted that “Since everyone living in the area was Danish or married to someone who was Danish, the area became known as Danish Town.”<sup>3</sup> The Andersons were one of the few Swedish families in the area.

Andrew Hansen Jr. was born in South Cottonwood before the family settled in the Danish Town area. He married Emma Hadfield on June 19, 1895. Emma was born in Butlerville in 1875 to Robert and Mary Ann Mace Hadfield. Three of their children died in childbirth and two other children did not survive childhood. Five children lived to maturity: Elizabeth Annie (1902), Alice Emma (1904), Wilford Hadfield (1906), Cecil Lester (1909) and Edith Mary (1912). A historic photograph, taken in 1904, shows Andrew Jr. and Emma with Elizabeth and Alice in front of the Andersons’ adobe house, which suggests the family did move away in 1903 [Figure 1]. Family tradition states that Andrew Jr. completed building a large frame house in 1907 just south of his parents’ home (both demolished). Andrew is listed as a logger on the 1900 census and a farmer on the 1910 census. The family is listed on the 1910 census with four children: Elizabeth, Alice, Wilford, and Cecil [sic]. Andrew Hansen Jr. and a four-year old daughter, Dorothy, died of influenza in the winter of 1919. The family farm, including the adobe house, was divided between Emma and her five surviving children, in 1935. Emma Hadfield Hansen died in 1940.

When Andrew and Emma moved to their new home around 1907, the next known occupants of the adobe house were Andrew’s sister, Annie, and her husband, Alvin Reuben Green. Annie Hansen and Alvin Green were married in 1900. Their first child was a stillbirth. Annie lived with her parents and her second daughter while her husband served an LDS Church mission in Texas. After his return, the couple had another daughter and moved twice before 1907 when they moved into the two-room adobe house that Gustave Anderson had built on Danish Road. The family are listed as renters with four children on the 1910 census. Alvin was a farmer laborer. Five of their nine living children were born in the adobe house. In 1905, Alvin had begun working on a concrete block house near his in-laws. Because he refused to acquire debt, the house was not finished until 1915.<sup>4</sup> That year the family moved to their new home where two more children were born. Annie Hansen Green died in 1922. Alvin continued raising the children alone. In addition to being a farmer, Alvin was a quarryman and rock mason, hauled supplies to the mines near Alta, and was the water master of the Green Ditch. During the depression he worked on WPA projects in Big Cottonwood Canyon and was in the egg business. Alvin Reuben Green died in 1938.

Between 1915 and 1921, it is unclear who is living in the adobe house. On the 1920 census, the family of Parley and Iva Blair were renters and farmers in the vicinity, but the census does not provide addresses or street names. In 1922, the adobe house was occupied by Andrew Jr. and Emma’s daughter, Beth (Elizabeth) and her new husband, Roy Phillip Tate. Roy worked as an auto mechanic for Ballard Motors. They did not live there long but had moved to Salt Lake City by 1925. They raised six children there. Elizabeth “Beth” Annie Hansen Tate died in 1961. Roy P. Tate died in 1981.

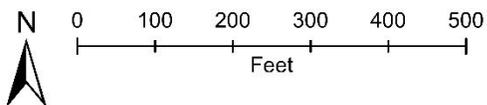
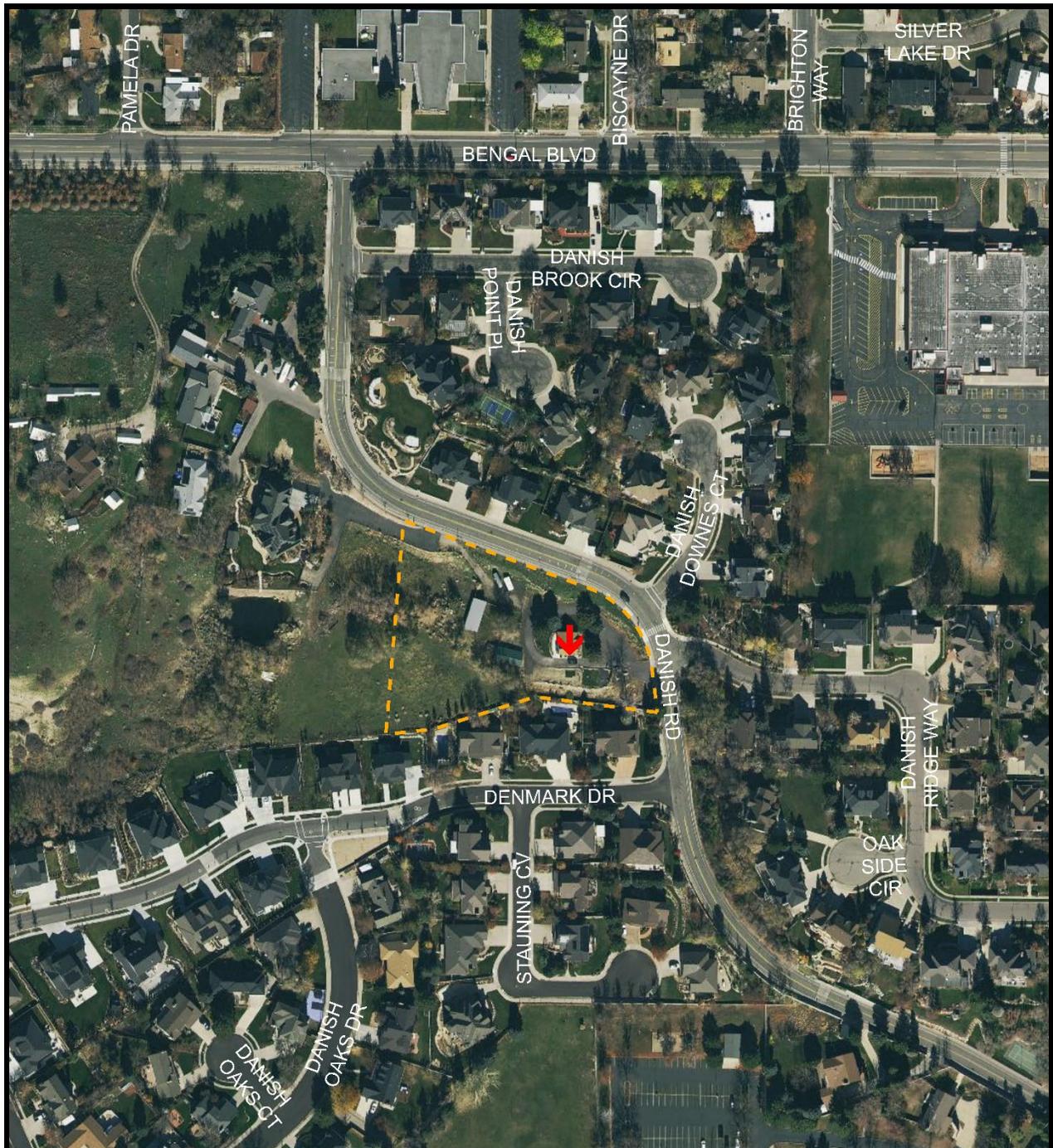
The census enumeration taken in April 1930 also does not provide addresses and very few street names. The house may have been unoccupied because there are no renters in the immediate neighborhood. On August 27, 1930, Wilford Hansen married Viola Webster. Wilford and Viola moved into the adobe house and were the first long-term occupants in the history of the house. Wilford Hadfield Hansen was born on November 1, 1906, the oldest surviving son of Andrew Jr. and Emma. Viola Lucille Webster was born on March 25, 1911, in West Jordan. When the family farm was divided Wilford received the portion where the adobe house was located. Sometime between 1931 and 1938, Wilford and Viola expanded the adobe house and restyled it as a period-revival English Cottage. The couple are listed on the 1940 census with two children: Beverley (born 1931) and Harvey H. (born 1934). Their youngest child, Ronald (born 1944), appears with the family on the 1950 census.

<sup>3</sup> Gayle Conger, “Danish Town” unpublished TMs, revised 2012.

<sup>4</sup> The *Alvin and Annie Green House*, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2000.

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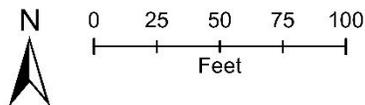
On both enumerations, Wilford is listed as a farmer. He raised hay and alfalfa. In addition to his own farm, Wilford farmed all of the Hansen land on the west side of Danish Road. His brother Cecil's portion was later developed into a large subdivision. His son Harvey encouraged him to get into the mink business. Aerial photographs from the 1950s and 1960s show Wilford's mink farm was the largest in the area with approximately two dozen mink sheds. Wilford was in the mink business longer than any other family along the road. Wilford and Viola divided their land between the three children and each built a house in the neighborhood. Viola died on October 28, 1985. Wilford H. Hansen died on April 2, 2001. The house is still owned by the Hansen family and is occupied by renters.



**Anderson-Hansen House**  
7920 S. Danish Road  
Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake County, Utah

**MAP #1 - Neighborhood Map**  
↓ Latitude: 40.607355° Longitude: -111.808951°

GIS Data Courtesy Utah AGRC & Cottonwood Heights City



**MAP #2 - Site Plan & Photo Key**

 **PHOTOGRAPH KEY**

***Anderson-Hansen House***

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**Photograph 1**  
East elevation of house. Camera facing west.



**Photograph 2**  
East and south elevations of house, contributing outbuilding on left. Camera facing west.



**Photograph 3**  
West elevation of house with outbuilding on right. Camera facing southeast.



**Photograph 4**  
North elevations of house and outbuildings. Camera facing south.



**FIGURE 1**

**7920 S. Danish Road**  
Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake County, Utah

**Andrew Jr. & Emma Hansen** in front of adobe house, 1904  
courtesy Cottonwood Heights Digital Archives