#### Provo City Landmarks Commission

#### Report of Action

September 18, 2013

ITEM 2

Kena Mathews, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Utah County requests a Landmarks Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior rehabilitation and restoration of the George Taylor Jr. House located at 187 North 400 West, Provo Utah. The George Taylor Jr. House is listed in the Provo Historic Landmarks Register. *Timp Neighborhood* 13-0004LMDR

The following action was taken by the Landmarks Commission on the above described item at its regular meeting of September 18, 2013:

#### APPROVE

On a vote of 4:0, the Landmarks Commission approved the above noted application, with the following conditions:

#### **Conditions of Approval:**

1. All products, specifications and construction details remaining to be finalized shall be forwarded to Landmarks Commission Members via email for review and approval.

Motion By: Steven Hales Second By: Susan Fales

Votes in Favor of Motion: Susan Fales, Stephen Hales, Craig Witham, Matthew Christensen

Votes Opposed to Motion: None

Matthew Christensen was present as Chair.

• Includes facts of the case, analysis, conclusions and recommendations outlined in the Staff Report, with any changes noted; Landmarks Commission determination is generally consistent with the Staff analysis and determination.

#### STAFF PRESENTATION

The Staff Report to the Landmarks Commission provides details of the facts of the case and the Staff's analysis, conclusions, and recommendations. Key points addressed in the Staff's presentation to the Landmarks Commission included the following:

Habitat for Humanity Utah County proposed the following scope of work.

- Masonry paint removal, cleaning, and repair.
- Window and door repair or replacement.
- Repair and replacement of exterior trim and decorative elements.
- Reconstruction of front porch with a wood deck and preservation of existing historic elements.
- Removal of failed roofing and installation of new sheathing and composite shingle roofing.
- General site improvements and landscaping

Each of these work items generally comply with the standards adopted in Provo City Code 16.06.010.

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Some specific products, specifications, exterior paint colors and site improvements have yet to be finalized. Staff recommends that the Landmarks Commission approve the Certificate of Appropriateness contingent on the applicant's continued collaboration with Landmarks Commission staff regarding these elements. Staff will forward such information to the Commission via email for review and comment.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Neighborhood Chair was not present during the hearing.

Neighbors or other interested parties were present or addressed the Landmarks Commission.

Kirk Huffaker, Executive Director of the Utah Heritage Foundation expressed his support for the project and encouraged the applicant to repair and rehabilitate existing historic features, including windows wherever possible.

#### **CONCERNS RAISED BY PUBLIC**

No concerns were raised.

#### APPLICANT RESPONSE

Key points addressed in the applicant's presentation to the Landmarks Commission included the following:

Kena Mathews, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Utah County expressed their desire to comply with the recommendations made by staff regarding the northernmost doorway on the ground level front (east) façade.

The applicant further explained that their organization hopes to establish some type of program or structure for continuing maintenance of the building exterior and site in collaboration with the development of the remainder of the surrounding site.

#### LANDMARKS COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Key points discussed by the Landmarks Commission included the following:

The Landmarks Commission expressed satisfaction with the restoration of the house. The commission concurred with the staff recommendation regarding the northernmost doorway on the ground level front (east) façade. The commission also expressed their desire to see the remaining historic windows repaired or restored and any new replacement windows to match the historic units.

Landmarks Commission Chair

Director of Community Development

See <u>Key Land Use Policies of the Provo City General Plan</u>, applicable <u>Titles of the Provo City Code</u>, and the <u>Staff Report to the Landmarks Commission</u> for further detailed information. The Staff Report is a part of the record of the decision of this item. Where findings of the Landmarks Commission differ from findings of Staff, those will be noted in this Report of Action.

<u>Legislative items</u> are noted with an asterisk (\*) and require legislative action by the Municipal Council following a public hearing; the Landmarks Commission provides an advisory recommendation to the Municipal Council following a public hearing.

Administrative decisions of the Landmarks Commission (items not marked with an asterisk) may appeal that decision to the Mayor,

subject to the procedures in Section 3.06.010, Provo City Code.

BUILDING PERMITS MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS



# Landmarks Commission Staff Report Certificate of Appropriateness Hearing Date: September 18, 2013

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Applicant: Habitat for Humanity of Utah County;

Kena Mathews

Staff Coordinator: Josh Yost

Property Owner: Habitat for Humanity Utah County

Parcel ID#: 40790029

Current Zone: DT1

\*Council Action Required: None

#### **ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS**

- 1. **Continue** to a future date to obtain additional information or to further consider information presented. *The next available meeting date is October 16, 2013, at 12:30 p.m.*
- 2. **Recommend Denial** of the Landmarks Certificate of Appropriateness. *This would be <u>a change</u> from the Staff recommendation; the Landmarks Commission should state new findings.*

Landmarks Designation: Listed in Provo City

Landmarks Register

Current Legal Use: Single Family Dwelling

Neighborhood Issues: None

Staff Recommendation:

Recommend Approval of the Landmarks Certificate of Appropriateness. This action would be consistent with the recommendation of the Staff Report. Any additional changes should be stated with the motion

#### <u>OVERVIEW</u>

Habitat for Humanity Utah County has purchased the George Taylor Jr. House with the intent of rehabilitating and restoring the home for use as a single family residence. The portion of this work that falls under the purview of the Landmarks Commission is limited to the exterior of the house and its surrounding site.

#### **STAFF ANALYSIS**

Habitat for Humanity Utah County proposed the following scope of work.

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#### **CONCLUSIONS**

The work proposed to be performed on the George Taylor Jr. House by the applicant generally complies with the standards of the Provo City Landmarks Preservation Ordinance and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties as referenced by the ordinance.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Landmarks Commission approve the Certificate of Appropriateness with the change to the northern doorway opening as recommended by staff, contingent on the applicant's continued collaboration with Landmarks Commission and staff regarding the specific outstanding elements delineated in the staff analysis.

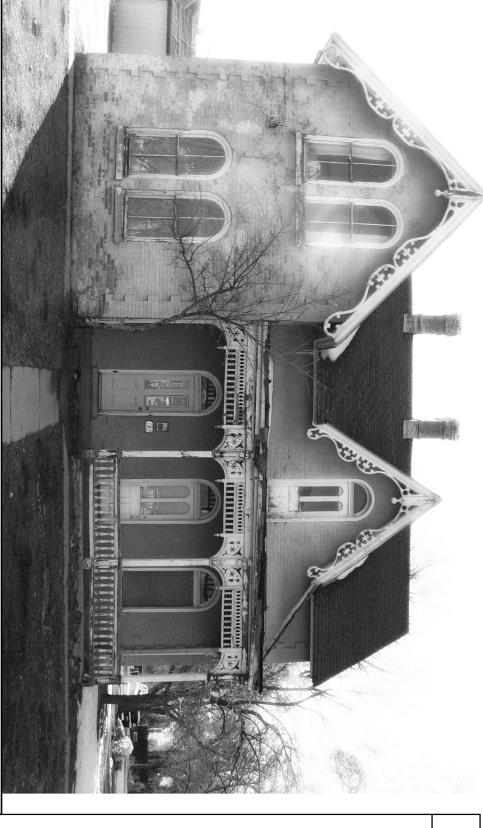
#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Architectural plans
- 2 National Register of Historic Places Nomination

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# GEORGE TAYLOR, JR. HOUSE RENOVATION

187 NORTH 400 WEST, PROVO, UTAH



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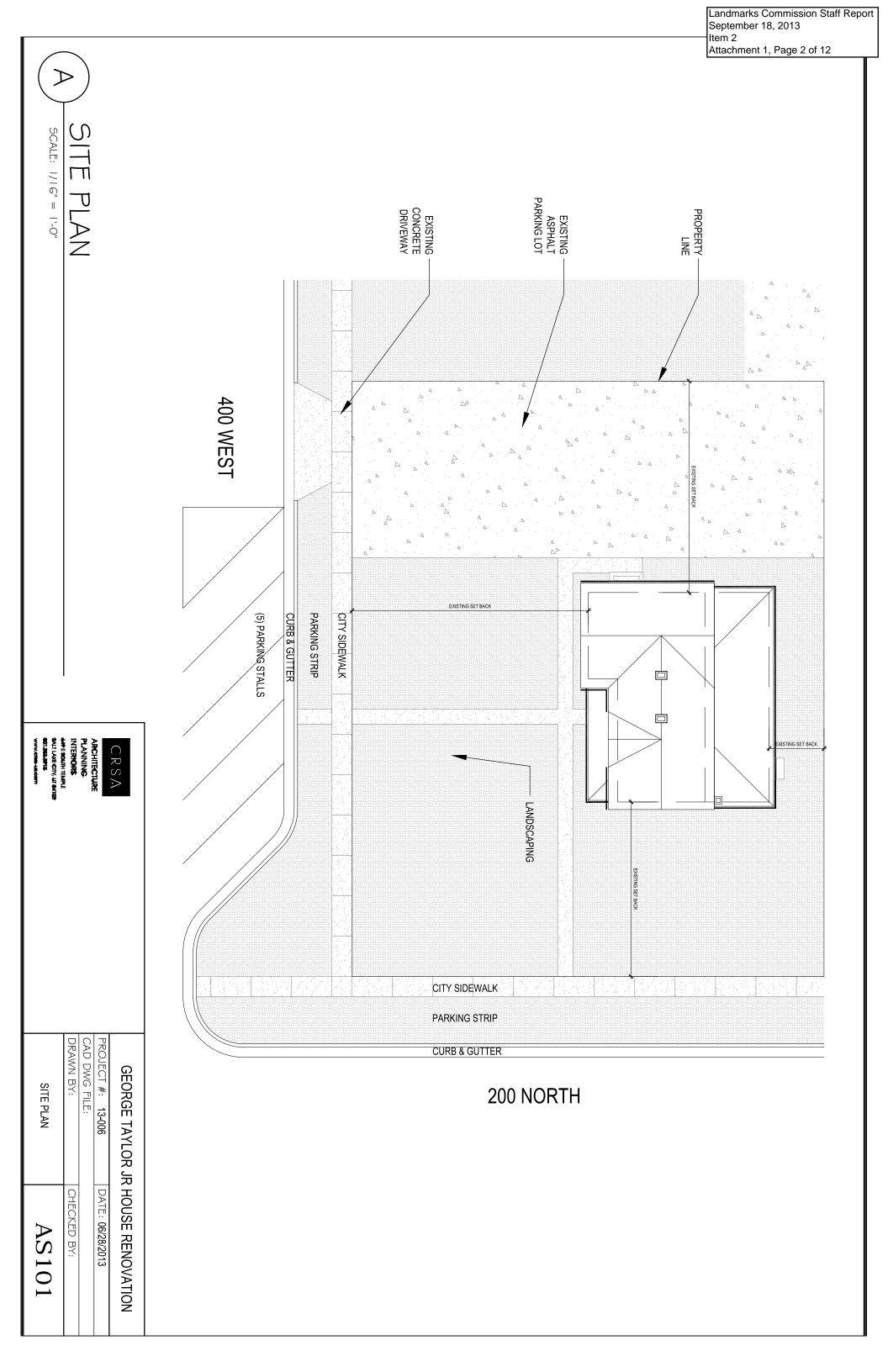
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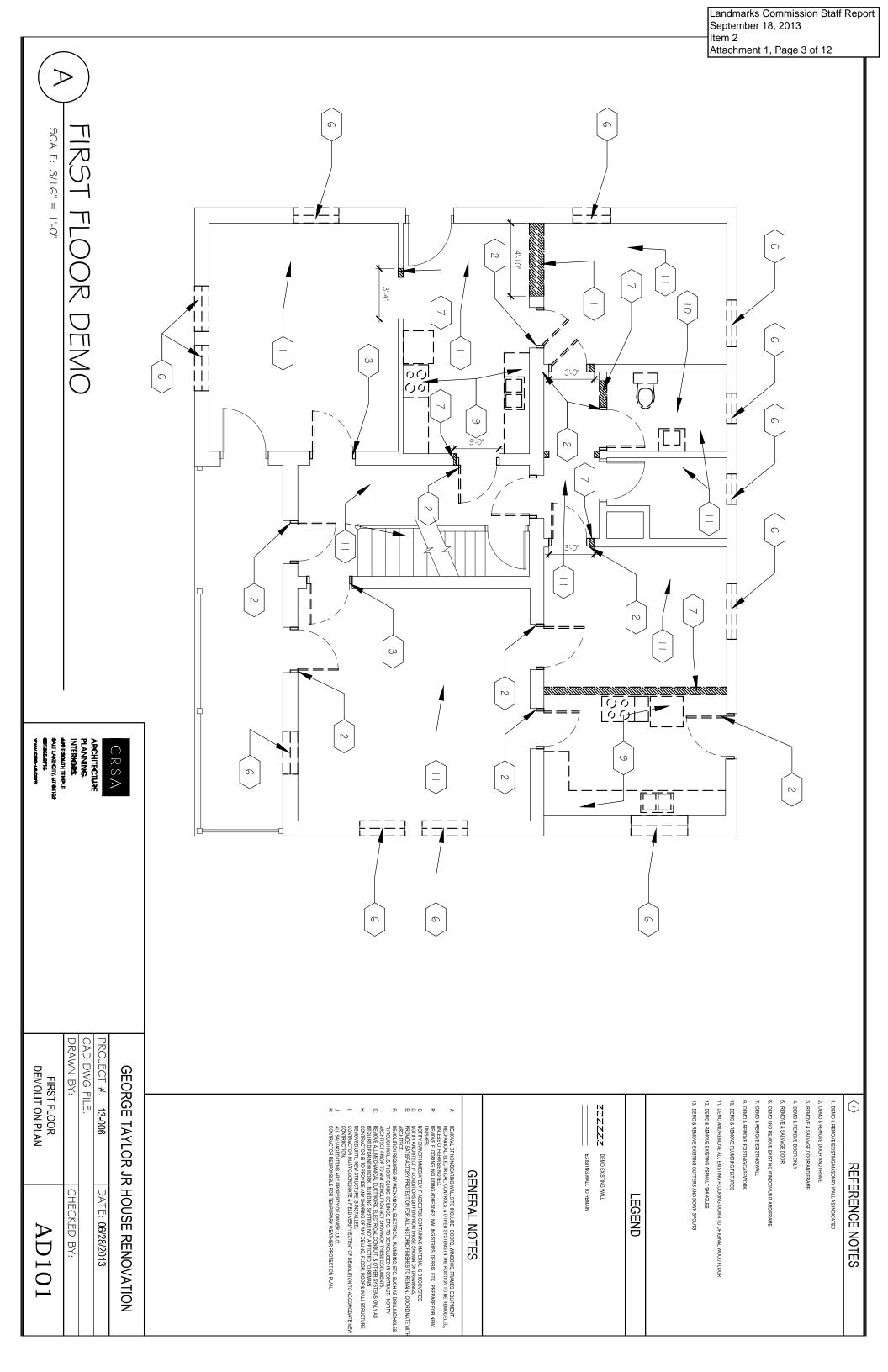
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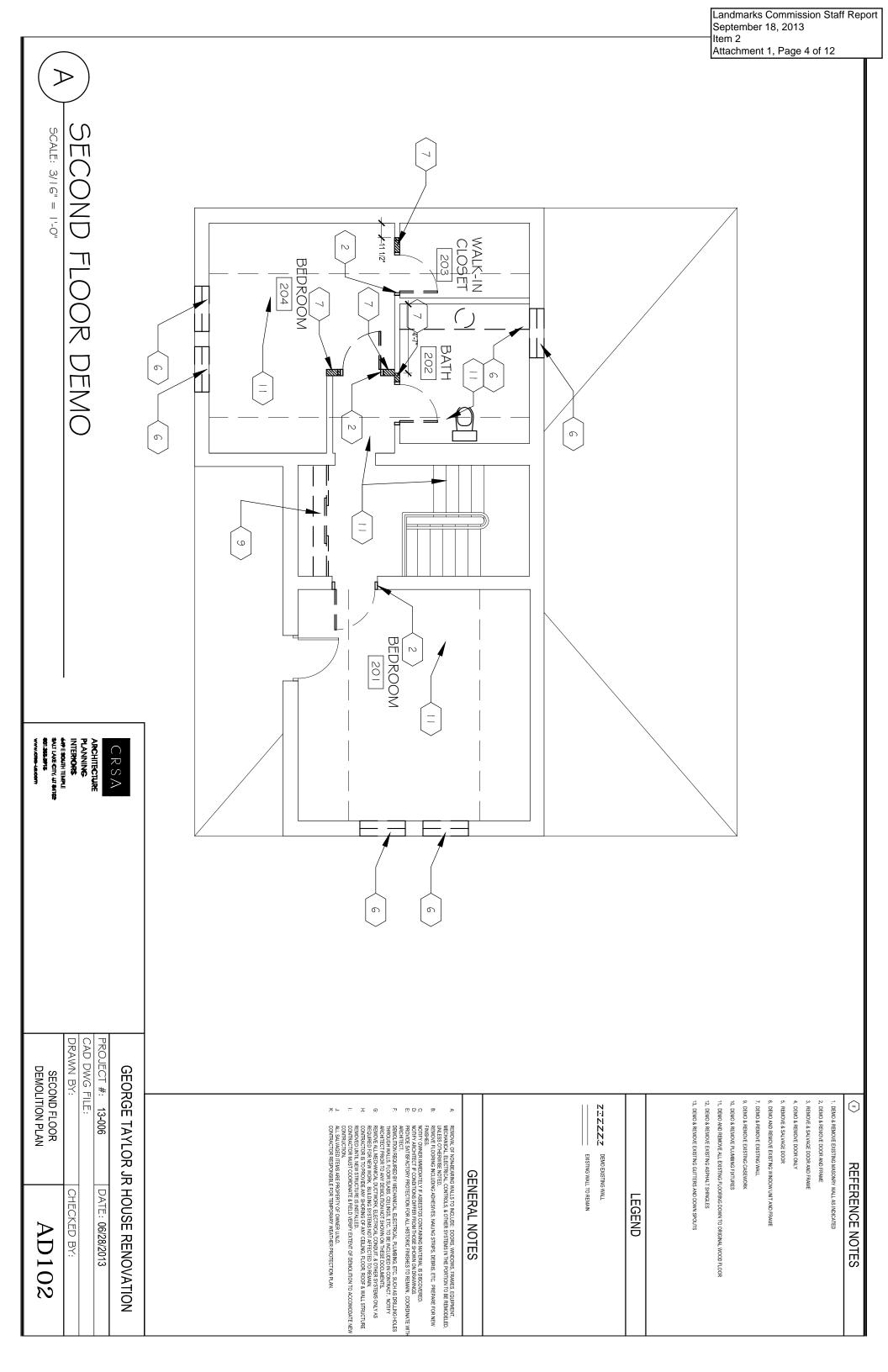
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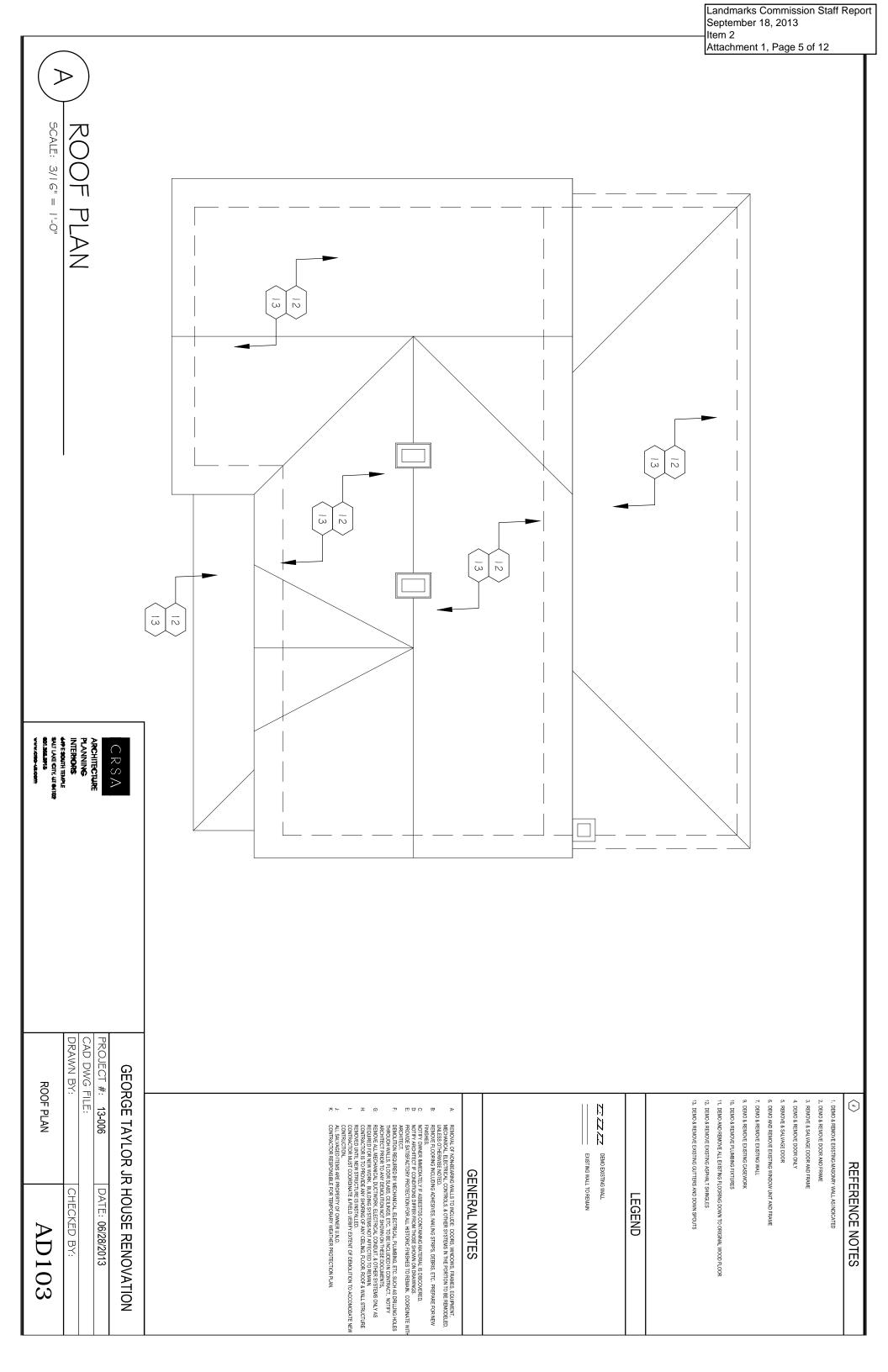
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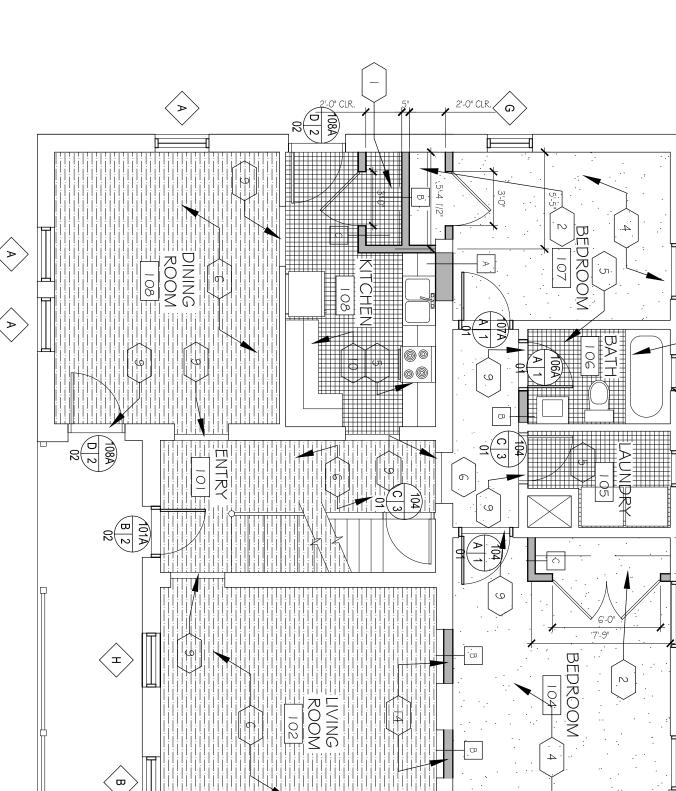
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SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"









# **GENERAL NOTES**

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HARDWOOD FLOORING (REFINISHED)

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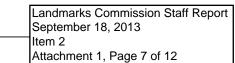
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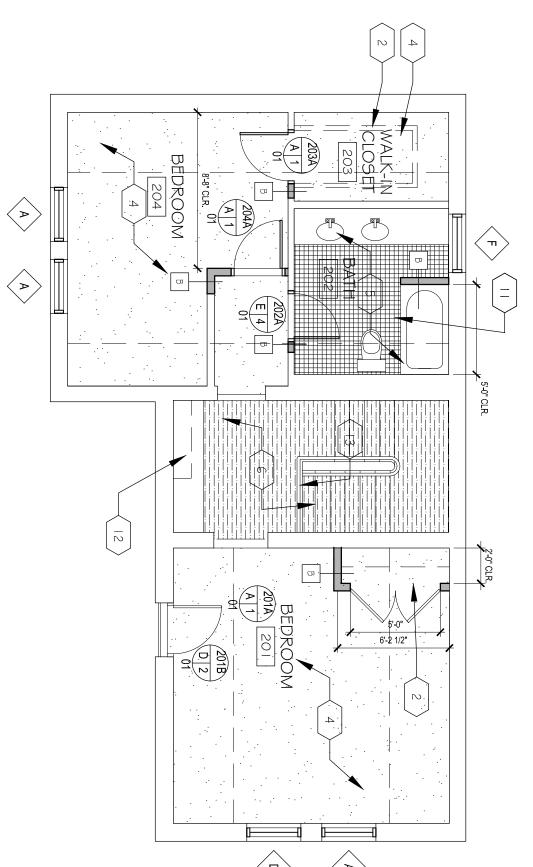
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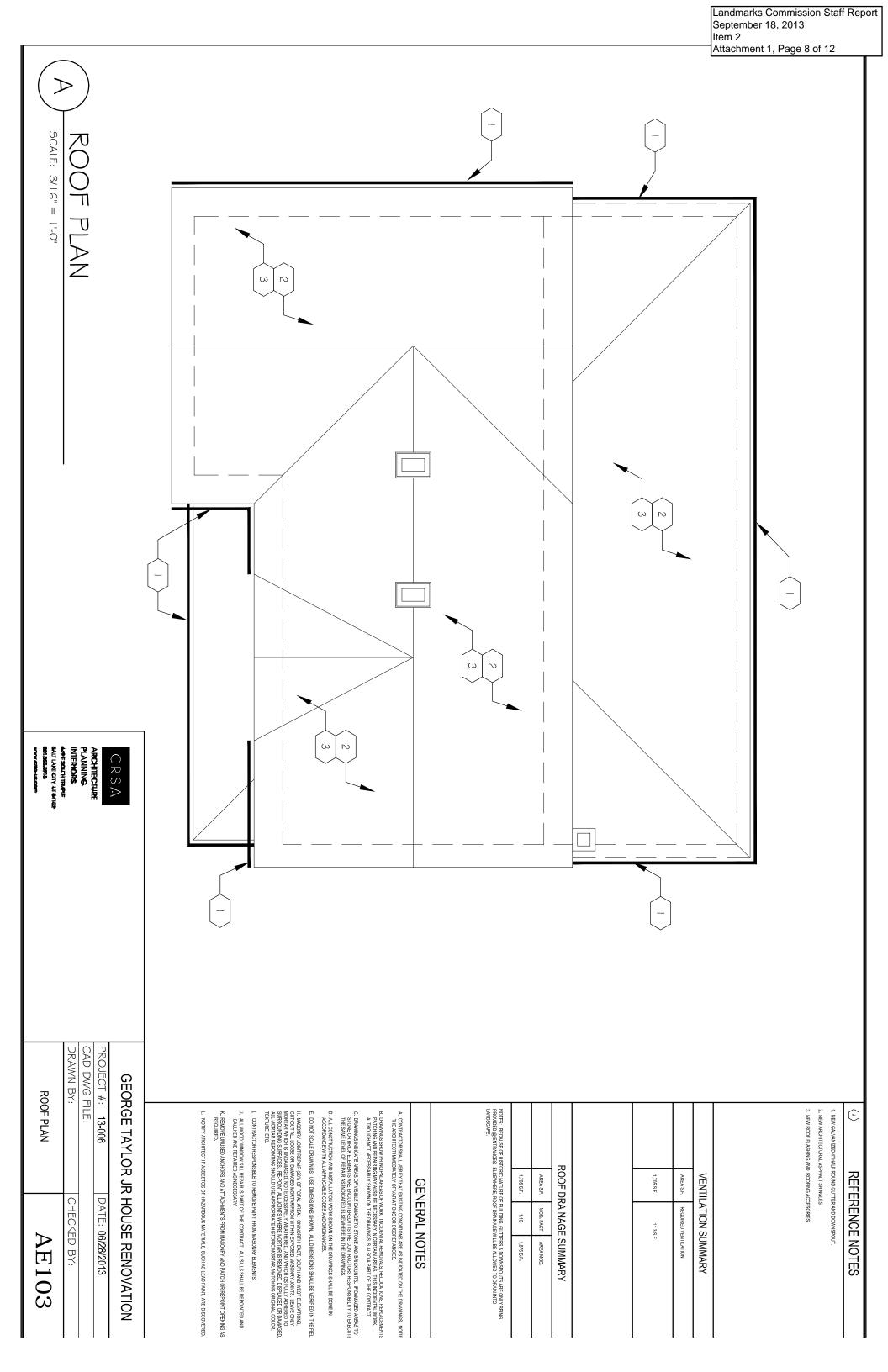
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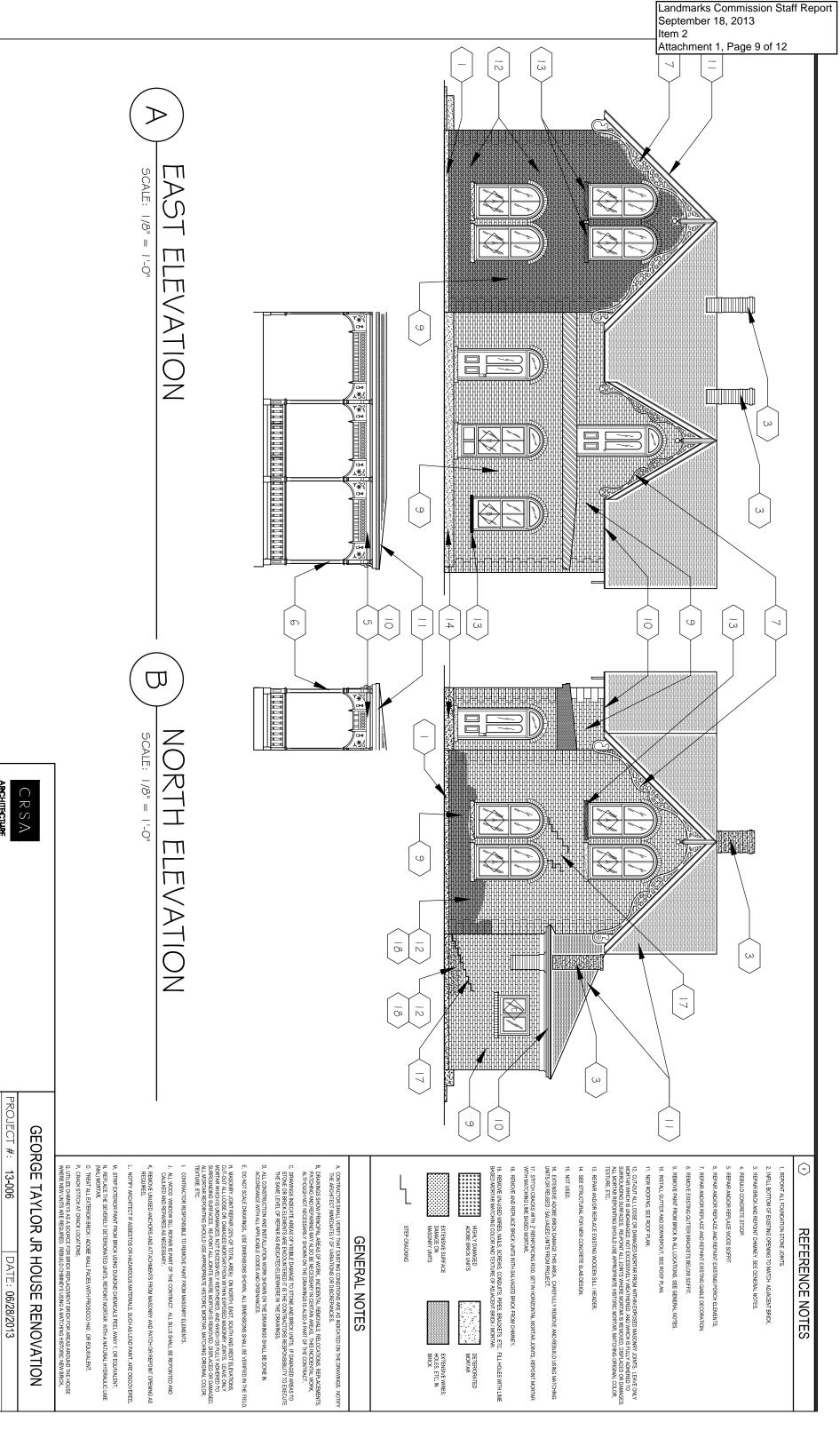
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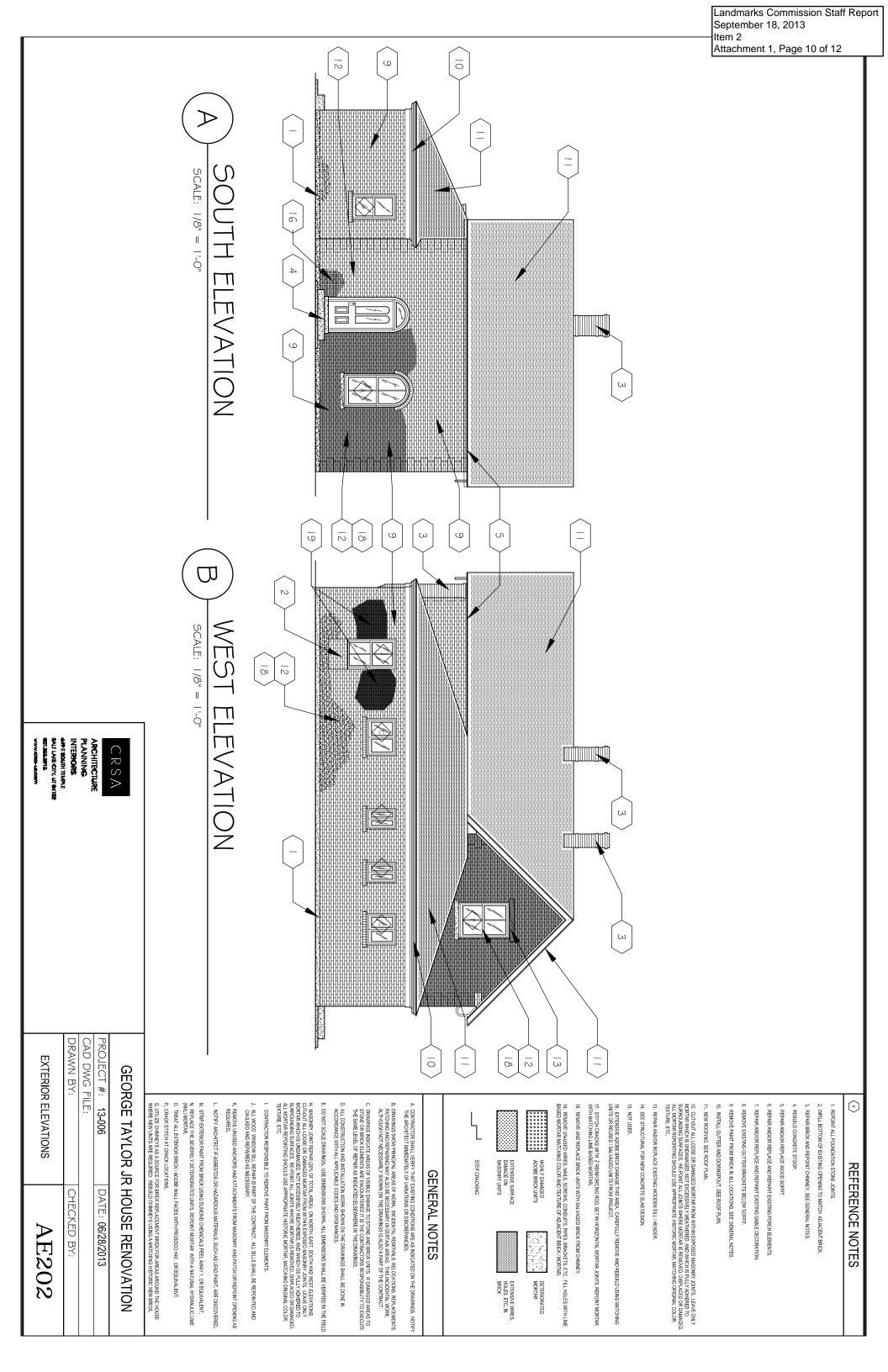


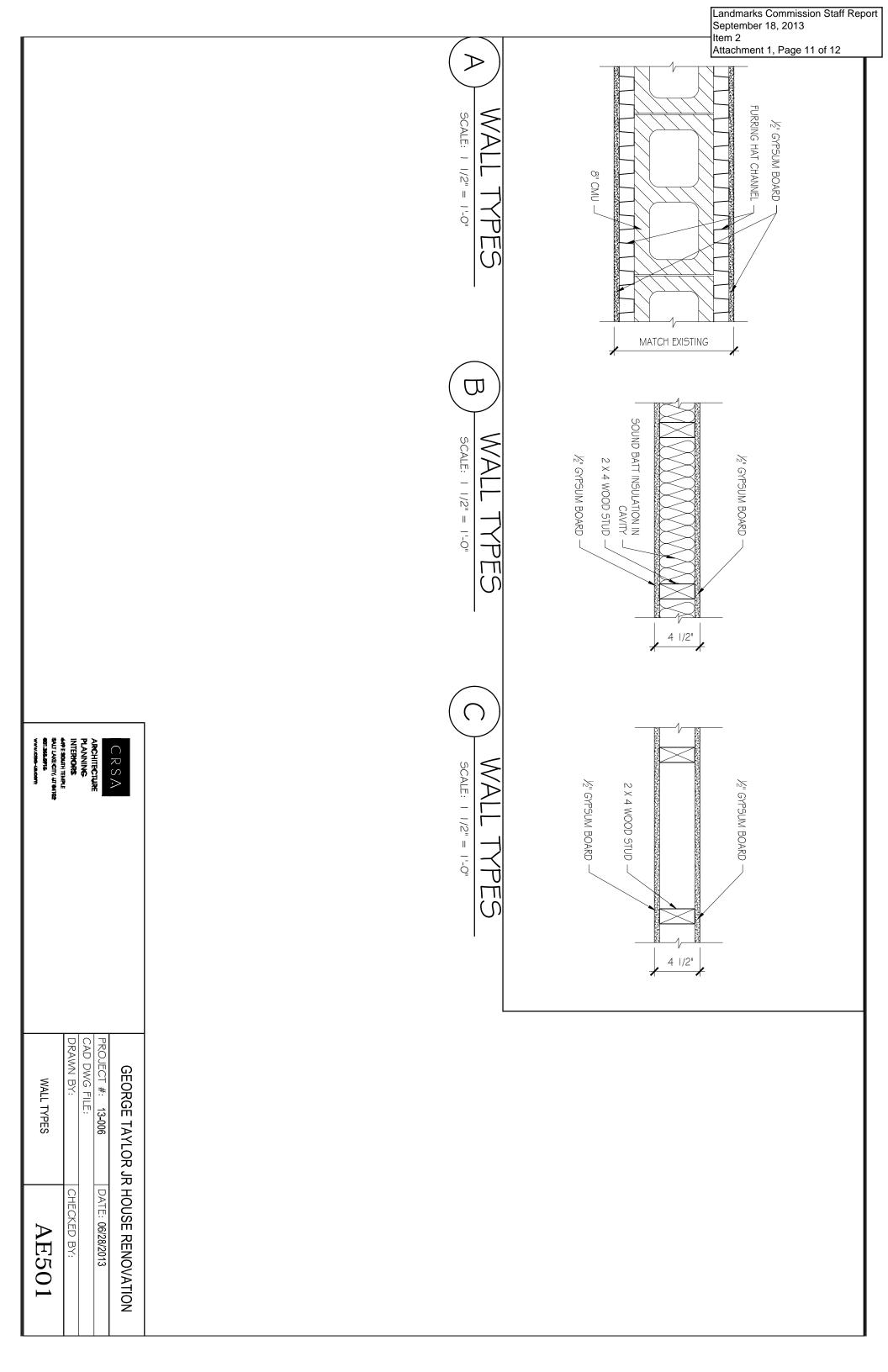
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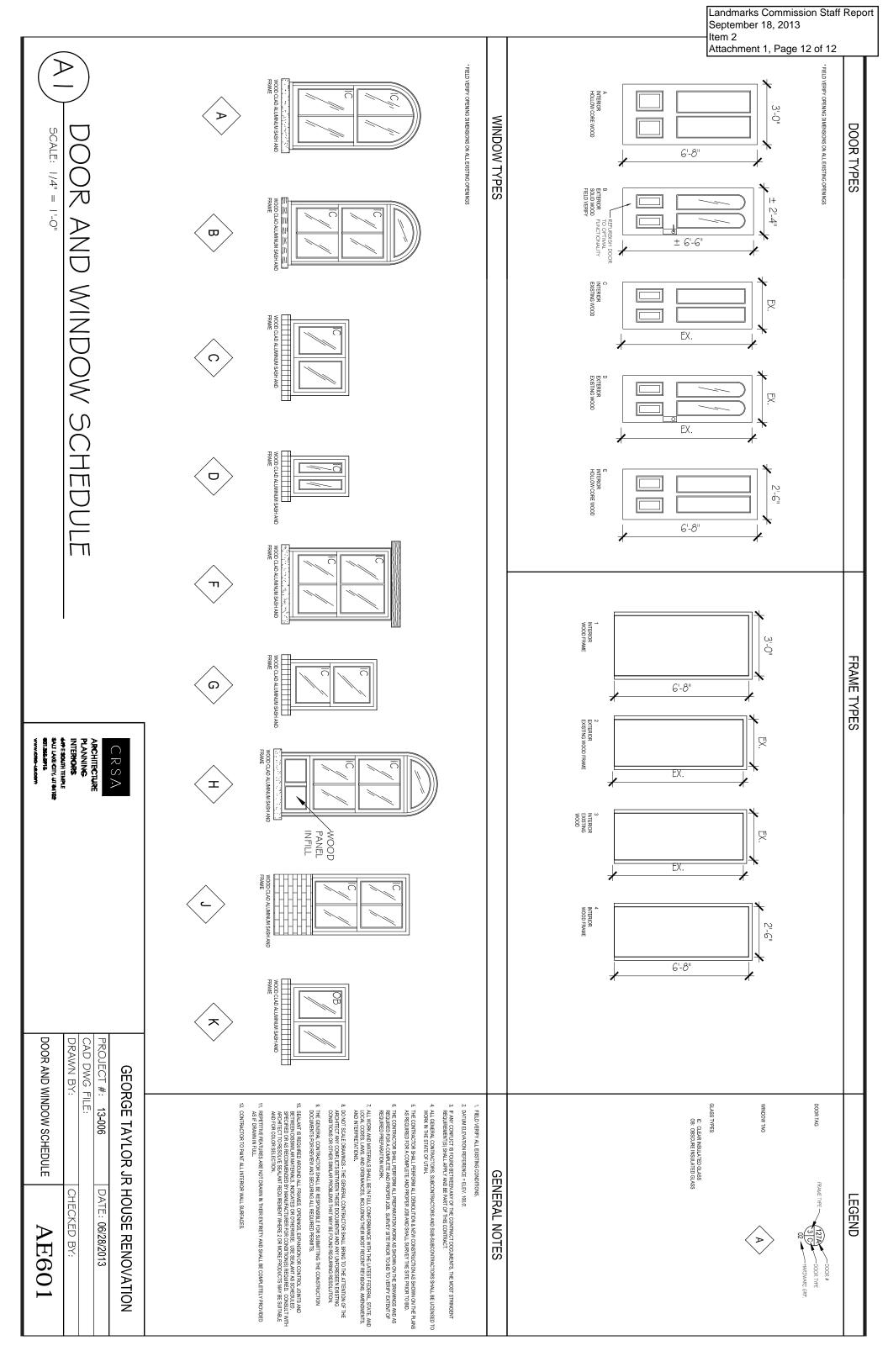
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# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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#### 7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The George Taylor, Jr., House, built in the 1880s, is a one-and-a-half story brick structure on a rubble stone foundation. It is a gable roof, cross wing, vernacular house type with Gothic Revival styling. The cross wing plan is a version of the modified temple plan made popular by the Greek Revival. It was a common plan available to the nineteenth century builder and one propagated through house pattern books to which decorative ornament from any of the prevailing styles was individually or eclectically applied. Carpenter Gothic and Eastlake trim add lacy, intricate ornament to this simple house plan. The house is distinguished as one of only three existing examples in Provo that exhibit the influence of Gothic Revival residential architecture as applied to vernacular house forms. It also has a unique combination of Classical quoins and round arched windows. An addition was made to the back of the house about 1910 and other minor alterations were made during a 1970s restoration project.

This cross wing form house has a gabled wing perpendicular to the main house body. The gable facade is moderately narrow and gives a Gothic feeling of verticality in its two story height with its tall, moderately steeply pitched gable roof. The gable end is decorated with gingerbread bargeboard and a central pendant. This same decoration is repeated in the center gable of the broadside of the cross wing and its end gable. Both gable ends are pierced by paired, round-arched windows with radiating brick voussoirs. These double-hung sash windows are divided by muntins into four lights each. The casing and slipsills are painted white, as is the wooden trim on the rest of the house.

The broadside of the cross-wing is spanned by an elaborate, one story Eastlake porch. A balustrade with turned spindles at the ground level is complemented by an intricate porch frieze that is delicately pierced and has short spindles. Squared, chamferred posts, which represent stylized pillars, on panelled pedestals, support the roof. Springing from the pillar abacus are scroll brackets and side brackets with cutout patterns. Pendants mark the termination of the side brackets where they meet the freize. Much of this wooden porchwork and the wooden bargeboard is not original, but it duplicates as nearly as possible the original woodwork which was replaced during the 1970 restoration due to deterioration. Historic photographs were scaled and the existing elements copied to duplicate the original ornamentation.

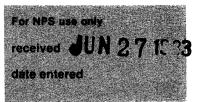
Round arches with radiating brick voussoirs are also used for the doorways and other windows on the house. The doorways, all identical, are recessed and topped with lunette shaped glass transoms. Each door has four panels, two tall glass panels with round arched heads over two moulded wooden panels. There are three doors in the porch area, one on the side of the gable facade, and two on the broadside of the cross-wing. There is a door centered over the front porch under the center gable, and also a door and window on the side of the house. Brick quoins decorate the corners of the house and overhanging eaves emphasize the roofline.

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A one-story brick rear addition was attached to the house around 1910. It has a boxed cornice with a plain frieze and casement windows. Each side has one window and the rear facade has one door and four windows. The roof of the addition covers a part of a window in an offset gable at the rear of the house. The addition does not detract from the original historic appearance of the house.

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#### 8. Significance

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#### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The George Taylor, Jr., House, built in the 1880s, is significant as an important example of the cross-wing house type in Utah. The cross-wing plan, a predominant form of late nineteenth century construction, is characterized by a floorplan which has a two-room, forward-projecting wing placed across a single room side wing, and is normally one-and-a-half or two stories high. Looking from above, the massing of the cross-wing house resembles either a "T" or an "L", plus it may have any number of extensions to the rear. The origins of the cross-wing house form can be traced back to the popular gable-facade, or temple-form, houses of the early and mid-nineteenth century. 2 Cross-wing plans were conspicuous in the house pattern books of the post-Civil War era<sup>3</sup> and became particularly popular in the late nineteenth century Utah vernacular building tradition. The basic cross-wing house plan provided a structural form around which decorative ornament was applied from the then current range of high style designs. In Utah, the cross-wing type is often closely associated with the Italianate and Second Empire styles, but is found in a number of highly eclectic configurations. (See Appendix I)<sup>4</sup> The design, ranging from the simple to the complex, could incorporate porches, bays, and turrets, and could be found with or without an internal passageway containing the staircase. The central- passage cross-wing house, of which the Taylor House is a good example, was usually larger and more elaborately embellished than other cross-wing forms. The Taylor House, which outwardly displays a combination of Victorian decorative styles, has a moderately pitched roof with a center gable and end gables ornamented with scroll-cut bargeboards and pendants that give the house a Gothic Revival identity. The design also brings together such diverse elements as quoins, round arched window and door openings, and a spindled Eastlake porch. These elements, the house plan and its particular combination of decorative ornament, make the Taylor House one of the two best examples of the important cross-wing house in Provo, and one of the best documented examples in the state.<sup>5</sup> Also, the Taylor House is one of only three existing residential examples in Provo identified in a 1980 survey that have Gothic Revival trim; therefore it is important in documenting the influence of Gothic Revival architecture in Provo, and the manner in which Gothic Revival elements were applied in Utah, being utilized as decorative ornament attached to vernacular house forms.

The cross-wing house type became popular in the late nineteenth century through a process of popular selection. The house originated in the Greek temple-form house which had a front entrance on the gable facade. The cross-wing form developed as one or two side wings were added and the entrance was eventually moved to a side wing. This modified temple plan became a standard vernacular form and served as the prototype for the cross-wing plans

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#### 9. Major Bibliographical References

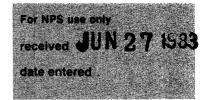
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of the house pattern books. The cross-wing type, popular in Utah, was one of the common choices available in the vernacular building tradition, and individual variety in houses was achieved by the application of decorative elements from any of, or a mixture of, the current styles.

The Taylor House is an "L" shaped cross-wing plan that has a side wing, containing one room and a central hall, which is perpendicular to a forward projecting gable wing with two rooms. Elements of the Gothic Revival style are used to ornament the house with decorative bargeboards on moderately pitched roofs, and a center gable on the cross-wing. Typical of late-nineteenth century eclecticism, round-arched windows rather than pointed Gothic windows are used on the house, and Classical Quoins and an Eastlake porch add to the architectural composition.

The original owner, George Taylor, Jr., was born on August 31, 1864 in Provo. His father, George Taylor Sr., founded the Taylor Furniture Store in 1866, the first in Provo. In 1890 the business was incorporated as the Taylor Brothers Company with George, Jr., as vice-president and his mother, Eliza Nicholls Taylor as president. The business expanded, and with new lines of products and new departments, the Taylor Brothers Company became the first big "department store" in Provo.

In December of 1884, George, Jr., married Sarah Elizabeth Thomas in Manti. Sometime after, he built this house in Provo with the help of his father-in-law, a mason. In 1891 the house was sold to Joseph F. Andrew who sold it in 1894 to Joseph D. Jones, a local probate judge and entrepreneur. Jones sold the house in 1899 to John D. Dixon. The residence remained in the Dixon family until 1906 when James E. Hosmer acquired the house. Hosmer sold the house to Eliza N. Taylor, and she in turn sold it to her son George who returned in 1909 to live there until his death in December of 1941. The house presently remains in the Taylor family and is rented as offices.

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<sup>1</sup>Tom Carter, "Utah's Vernacular Landscape: A Preservation Method," <u>Utah</u> Preservation/Restoration Volume IV (in press).

<sup>2</sup>Henry Glassie, <u>Pattern in the Material Folk Culture of the Eastern</u> <u>United States</u> (Philadelphia: <u>University of Pennsylvania Press, 1968</u>), pp. 131-33

<sup>3</sup>Andrew Jackson Downing, The Architecture of Country Houses (1850, reprint New York: Dover, 1969). See designs II, IV, VI, XVII, and XX.

<sup>4</sup>See Karl Haglund and Philip Notarianni, <u>The Avenues of Salt Lake City</u> (Salt Lake City: Utah State Historical Society, 1980), pp. 55-56.

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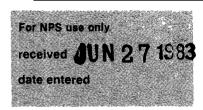
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<sup>5</sup>The other example in Provo, the Erik Henrichsen House at 690 West 300 South, was also identified as a significant building in the Provo survey and is eligible for nomination. Other National Register examples throughout the state include the George H. and George W. Layton Houses, Davis County, the William Culmer House, Salt Lake County; David McDonald House, Salt Lake County; N. S. Nielson House, Sanpete County; Thomas Allen House, Summit County; John Boyden House, Summit County; and the William Myrick House, Summit County.

<sup>6</sup>J. Marinus Jensen, A.M., <u>History of Provo</u> (Provo: New Century Printing Company, 1924), p. 319. The Taylor Brothers Store was listed in the National Register in May of 1980 as part of the Provo Downtown Historic District.

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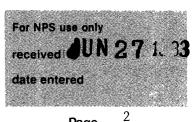
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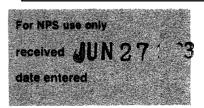
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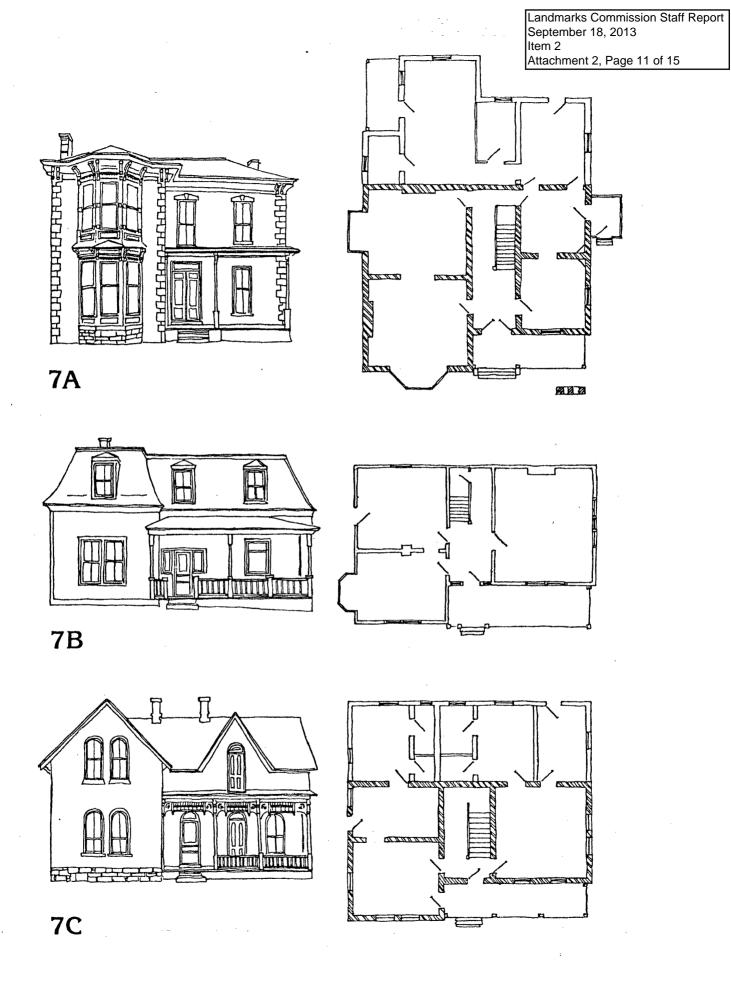
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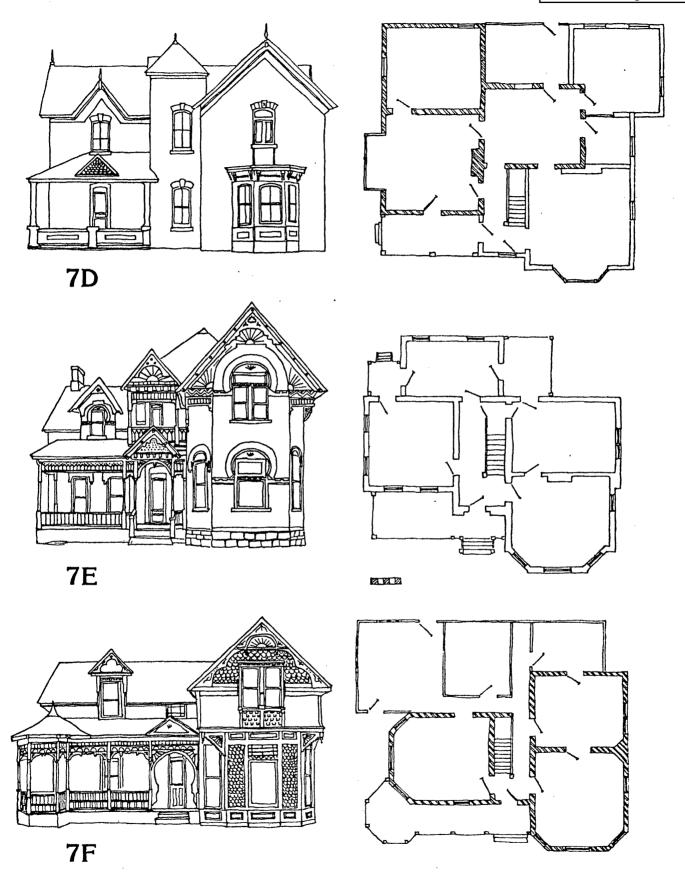
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APPENDIX I

Figures 7A-F: 7A: the Horace Eldredge house, Italianate, c. 1878, West Bountiful (8/6/82); 7B: the Brice W. Sainsbury house, Second Empire, 1881, Salt Lake City (plan courtesy David Merrill): 7C: the George Taylor, Jr. home, Victorian Eclectic, c. 1885, Provo (plan courtesy Craig Call); 7D: John Boyden house, Victorian Eclectic, 1865, remodeled to present form c. 1885, Coalville (3/80); 7E: the George W. Layton house, Victorian Eclectic, William Allen, architect, c. 1897, Layton (8/2/82); and 7F: the William Myrick house, Eastlake, 1902, Marion (8/9/82). These six Utah houses, while displaying great diversity in external stylistic features, are all examples of what I have chosed to call the "central-hall, Cross-wing" vernacular house The Cross-wing house is characterized by a floorplan which has a two-room, forward projecting wing placed across a side wing which contains the central hall. The type is normally found as a 1 1/2 or 2 story house and may have a side wing which is two rooms deep (7A is an example of this double-pile arrangement). Looking from above, the massing of the Cross-wing house resembles either a "T" or an "L" and may have any number of extensions to the rear (the basic house plans are shaded in the drawings). This house form was extremely popular throughout Utah during the late nineteenth-century--a popularity fueled no doubt by the house's similarity to earlier traditional models and its widespread occurance in the pattern-book catalogues of the period. The plan was utilized in new house construction and also for the remodeling of older homes. The John Boyden house (7D) was originally a smaller 1-story brick home (shaded walls) which was enlarged in the 1880s to resemble the more prestigious Cross-wing type (facade sketches and plan drawings by author).



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George Taylor Jr. House Provo, Utah County, Utah

East Facade

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George Taylor Jr. House Provo, Utah County, Utah

Northeast corner

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