

# Samuel E. Holt Farmstead “Aunt Mame’s”

  
SOUTH JORDAN  
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# HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

## Samuel E. Holt Farmstead



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 Continuation Sheet

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The Samuel Elijah Holt farm is significant under criterion B because of its relation with its owner, Samuel E. Holt and his accomplishments and contributions to the small community of South Jordan from 1907 to 1940. Samuel Holt was a successful stock raiser and farmer in his adult life. In 1907 he built a fine 10 room one-and-a-half story brick house on the family property to accommodate his wife and 12 children. The house, out buildings, and surrounding ground that remain are a symbol of his success at work and at home. In addition, the farm is significant because of Samuel Holt's church service. Samuel served as the third bishop of the small community of South Jordan and during his 11 years as bishop the farm served as a source of food for the poor and needy in the area as well as the tithing storehouse. It is the only remaining representation of Samuel Holt's church contributions. Also, the S. E. Holt farm is significant as one of only five remaining functioning farms in South Jordan that still retain the integrity of their homes and out buildings and that are farmed by their individual residents.

In 1807 the first Mormon pioneers settled in what is called South Jordan, located approximately 15 miles south and one mile west of present Salt Lake City. They were comprised of about 9 families and they settled on the banks of the Jordan River, where water was available for sustenance and irrigation of crops. In 1808, Matthew Holt, his wife Ann, and their three children came to South Jordan, immigrating from Dorchester, England.<sup>1</sup> Just five years later, on August 30, 1808 Samuel Elijah Holt was born to them in a small one-room cabin near the Jordan River.<sup>2</sup> In 1816 the South Jordan Canal was finished. Sometime between 1816 and 1860 Samuel and his parents and siblings moved to a 57 acre farm approximately one mile north and two

<sup>1</sup>Holt, Lonnie. *South Jordan Heritage*. South Jordan; Vol. 2, April 1989. Page 104. (This book is not published and is available from the author).

<sup>2</sup>IBID.: Page 123.

### EXHIBIT "A"

#### SAMUEL E. HOLT FARMSTEAD - HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECT LETTER OF INTENT

LETTER OF INTENT (the "LOI") dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2006, witnesses the wish and intent of the parties to the Newbold Family, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Newbold") will sell and assign to Arborescence, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Arborescence") the rights, titles and interests in and to that certain real property located in South Salt Lake County, State of Utah, including approximately 2.8 acres (the "Farmstead") upon the preservation project to be known as the Samuel E. Holt Farmstead (hereinafter the "City") will be established. Arborescence will convey the Farmstead to South Jordan City (the "City") lease and maintenance thereof subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein. THIS INTENT IS A NEGOTIATION MEMORANDUM AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE A CONTRACT AND SHALL NOT BE BINDING ON ANY PARTY UNLESS AND UNTIL THE AGREEMENT IS EXECUTED.

Purpose: The purpose of this undertaking is to provide money and a plan for the preservation of the Farmstead as a National Register historic site, encompassing its place, its historic structures and natural features, which have significant architectural, historical significance to the City, the South Valley Community, and the State of Utah. A detailed description of the Farmstead is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Method: For title to the Farmstead, including its present structures and its most historic property shall be conveyed to the City in accordance with a Development Agreement by Arborescence and Newbold, at no financial cost to the City. Said conveyance shall be a full satisfaction of the obligations to be undertaken in the Development Agreement as it leads to be donated, the structures to be protected, rights granted to the City for control of the site, and a final feasibility study for the renovation of the Historic Site to ensure the City bear responsibility for a title search, land survey, and appraisal.

Intent:

a. The City shall protect and maintain the Farmstead to ensure its integrity and secure support the site and structures according to the National Register of Historic Places Guidelines, thus maintaining the Farmstead's National Register listing. The City shall also maintain a record of the Farmstead's historic structures and the holder of the Preservation Easement and shall maintain all historic structures and the site through the support of a plan, which shall be established by Newbold and City at the time of the conveyance of the site to the City.

### GRANT OF PRESERVATION EASEMENT

PRESERVATION EASEMENT ("Easement") is granted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2006 by SOUTH JORDAN CITY, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Utah (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor"), having an address 100 West Towne Center, South Jordan City, Utah 84095, in favor of SOUTH JORDAN CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH, a political subdivision of a county of the State of Utah (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee"), having an address 100 West Towne Center Drive, South Jordan City, Utah 84095.

Grantee is the owner of certain real property known as The Samuel E. Holt Farmstead in South Jordan City, Salt Lake County, Utah, more particularly legal description set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and which is its and made a part hereof (the "Property"), having received fee title to the Property by deed from Bruce & Arden Newbold LLC, Richard C. & Danna M. & Danna J. Newbold and Family LLC (collectively "Arborescence LLC" ("Arborescence")).

Property possesses historical and architectural values (hereinafter "Preservation Values") of great importance to the Grantor, to Newbold and to the people of South Jordan City.

The purpose of this Easement to protect and preserve the Preservation Values; the historic integrity and character of the land and buildings in a historic and open condition, to be used for public recreation, and to prevent any activity that will significantly impair or interfere with the Preservation Values. Grantor and Grantee intend that this Easement will confine the City to such activities, including, without limitation, those that are the purpose of the Easement.

This is a political subdivision of a municipal corporation of the State of Utah under §§7-18-3 and §§9-5-501 et seq. of the Utah Code Annotated without which shall be managed by the City of South Jordan under the authority of the Samuel E. Holt Farmstead Preservation Committee of the City of South Jordan (the "Committee"), which Committee was created in Resolution 2006-03 of the South Jordan City Council on June 20, 2006 (a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B") for the purpose of fulfilling the intent of the Letter of Intent dated April 23, 2006 by and between the City.

# CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

## Mable Holt "Aunt Mame"



**Popcorn and peace at Aunt Mame's**

**South Jordan's citizens of the year is gracious woman**

It is, she says, a tradition she started decades ago, giving away bags and bags to her "kiddo" whom she defines as anyone who lives in the South Jordan, as well as her nieces and nephews, who number 150 households.

Aunt Mame lives on property purchased by her grandparents 150 years ago.

It is a peaceful step into the past, a place where sheep graze in the pasture and a milk house complete with pump sits next to her house.

It is the home where she was raised, the home where she spent most of her 60 years of marriage, and the home that serves as the local gathering point for the Holt-Bishop clan.

The welcome mat is obvious. It doesn't greet her door — it is bigger than that, making a beautiful statement about her love of guests.

"That mat is two people tables pushed together. They free the concrete pathway that leads to her house."

Aunt Mame says it simply enough.

"This is home for everyone," she says smiling. "They are always welcome. It's always here may have grown up in the past nine decades."

The world around her may have grown up in a place and project a gentility that Aunt Mame manages to live in a place and project a gentility that is becoming increasingly rare.

She remembers when South Jordan was made up basically of the people who lived in the local LDS ward. That meant about 500 people. Now there are nearly 27,000.

When she grew up, there was a coal stove in every room, providing heat for the family of 12 children, and Aunt Mame, a milkmaid she had seen she was a child, had to walk her chickens peck in the dirt and the 40 sheep nibble on a lush pasture behind her house.

The cows are gone, but she is able to watch her chickens peck in the dirt and the 40 sheep nibble on a lush pasture behind her house.

— the popcorn, the reason for her home as citizens of the year.

— by the little sayings scattered throughout her home.

— "All things grow with..."

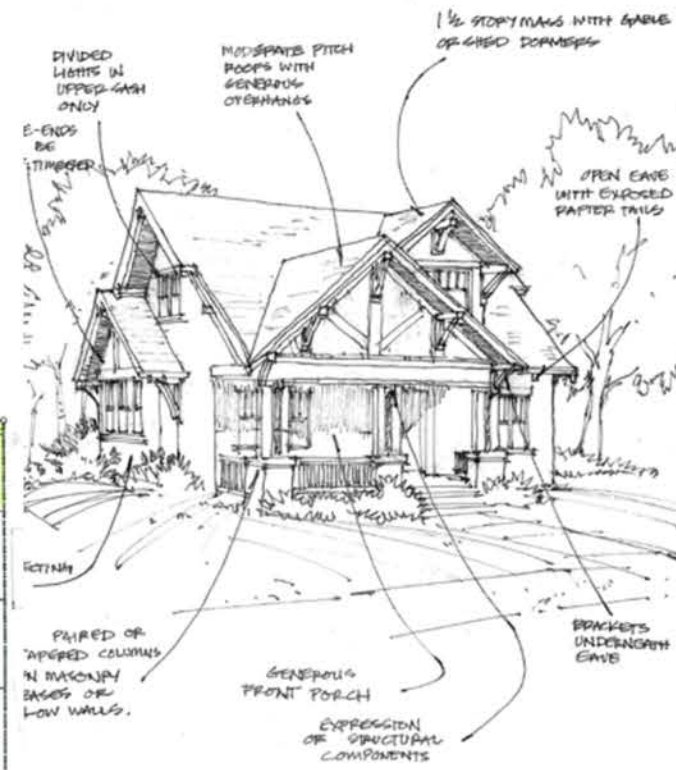


# PRESERVATION

## Historic Preservation Considerations



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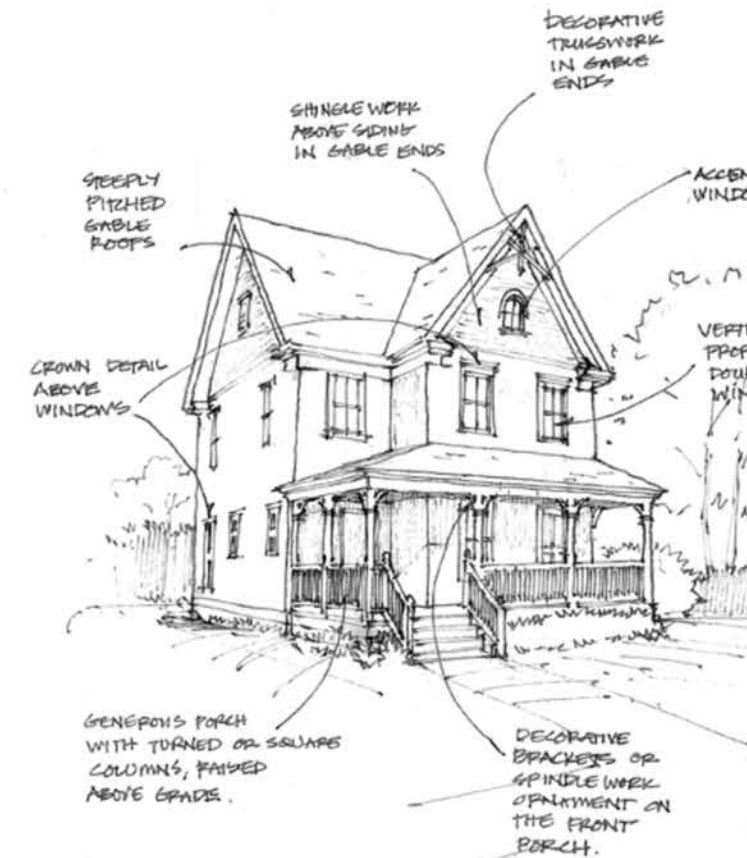


CONCEPT- HIDDEN VILLAGE CRAFTSMAN  
THIS STYLE IS DOMINATED BY A STEEPLY PITCHED GABLE ROOF FACING THE STREET. THE MAIN GABLE COMBINED WITH WINGS ON ONE OR TWO SIDES OR EMERGE FROM A LARGER HIP-ROOFED RECTANGULAR SYMMETRY IS OPTIONAL. A GENEROUS ONE-STORY PORCH SHOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO THE FRONT PORCH. SPECIAL DORMERS ARE TYPICALLY EMPLOYED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLOOR AREA ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST. OVERALL COMPOSITIONS SHOULD FEATURE SYMMETRICALLY PLACED, VERTICAL HUNG WINDOWS.

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VIEW: EAST FROM PARK

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Project Purpose: "A means and a plan for the restoration and preservation of the Farmstead as a National Register Historic site, emphasizing its historic sense of place, its historic structures and natural features, which have significant architectural, historical and cultural significance to the City, South Valley and the State of Utah."

# PRESERVATION

## Exterior Complete 2010



# INTERIOR

## Current Condition



# INTERIOR

## Historical Restoration Concept



# COSTS DETAILS

(provided by Babcock Design)

## Stage 1

Interior Design, MEP & Structural Conceptual Drawings

\$9,348

## Stage 2

Interior Design, MEP & Structural Construction Drawings & Construction  
Estimates (excludes Construction Administration)

\$74,332

## Additional Costs

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\$4,500

Contingency

\$8,820

## Less Additional Funding

South Jordan City & State of Utah CLG Grant

(\$10,000)

**Total TRCC Funding Requested**

**\$87,000**





# QUESTIONS?



City of South Jordan's Dowdle Puzzle 2024