

Jeppa Nelson Log Granery
150 West 1100 North
City of Pleasant Grove
Utah County
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Log Granary

The log granary is constructed of fitted, hewn timbers joined at the corners with full dovetail notching. As such it embodies distinctive characteristics of nineteenth century immigrant log buildings in Utah. Similar structures may be found throughout sectors of the Mormon corridor settled by Scandinavians.

The log walls include adze shaping and narrow chinking of sand and lime plaster. The walls feature a single wooden plank door and no windows. The rectangular superstructure sits upon a foundation of native rock laid in mortarless, random rubble walls which form a shallow cellar beneath the building. Such historic cellars are increasingly rare in Utah. They were used to store perishable food in a cool, protected environment. The 12/12-pitched gable has a structure of two-by-four-inch sawn rafters, one inch board sheathing and machine sawn cedar shingles. The gable end is covered with one inch vertical board planks.

The south elevation, measuring 14 feet 9 1/2 inches in length, is the broadside of a gabled, one-room cabin with a rectangular plan. The low wall consists of ten adze-hewn log timbers secured tightly at their corners with interlocking dovetail notching. There are no openings in the wall. In the narrow cracks between some of the logs are remnants of chinking made of scantlings (thin sticks of wood or branches) covered with a soft plaster of lime, sand and mud. The bottom timber sits on a foundation of mortarless, native rock stacked in a random rubble wall which extends several feet underground to create a food cellar. Only one level of rock is visible above the ground. One broadside of the 12/12 pitched roof is visible in this elevation. It features worn out machine sawn cedar shingles over one inch board sheathing. A small ridge board caps the ridge. This description applies generally to the remainder of the building, although exceptions will be noted below.

The west wall also has ten logs and no openings. It measures 17 feet 7 1/2 inches in length. This is a gable end which is covered with one inch vertical board planks. About four or five boards are missing from the west side of the gable end. In the center of the rock foundation wall is a small opening about two feet in width allowing access to the cellar. The opening has partial sidewalls extending a short distance into the yard.

Whereas the other walls are in solid condition, the east side of the north elevation has collapsed slightly in one single section due to the weakening of the header over the door. A single, wood, vertical plank door is situated in the middle of the elevation. The door opening is untrimmed. There are no windows. This elevation, measuring 14 feet 10 1/2 inches in length, is otherwise

identical to the south elevation.

This east wall is identical to the west wall with the exception that all of the planking is intact in the gable end; this includes a three-board-wide former door opening made of the same siding. It measures 17 feet 6 1/4 inches in length.