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Location: South Side of Circle Drive, Hill Air Force Base, Layton Vicinity, Davis County, Utah

UTM: 12-414340-4553650

Date of Construction: 1939

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Present Owner: Hill Air Force Base

Present Use: Family Housing

Significance: Building 1110 renders a unique picture of residential life for officers' families at Ogden Arsenal during the U.S. Army build-up which occurred on the eve of and during World War II. The elegant building is additionally significant because it establishes a crucial link in understanding the hierarchy present among military workers.

History: Ogden Arsenal, which had been laid out to store left-over and obsolete ammunition from World War I, grew dramatically during the 1930's as a response to increasing world political tensions. As World War II approached, the Arsenal served as an ammunition storage base for the Air Corps and distributed items of ordnance supply and equipment to all areas and stations in the western United States. During this period, storage facilities multiplied more than tenfold, and the Arsenal manufactured ammunition.

Building 1110, an elegant single family house, was designed for the families of upper level officers, who were needed at Ogden Arsenal to supervise the manufacture and storage of munitions necessary to support the Pacific and European theaters of operation. This building contributes to an understanding of the inherent hierarchy among military workers, since officers lived in more

spacious and elegant quarters than enlisted men. It is located on the south end of a common formal lawn that embraces a distinctly suburban ambiance because of its lush landscaping, private patios, spacious yards, and curving drive. This area is fully detached from the industrial munitions storage area to the northeast.

General

Description: Building 1110, a two-and-one-half story Colonial Revival house, is one of three located in the General's Loop area. Like the other houses in the neighborhood, it is constructed of red brick and shows Georgian stylistic influences. Its walls are laid in five-course American bond, with brick quoins at the corners.

The building's massing is broken down into four distinct parts: the main two-and-one-half story block containing the entrance; another two-and-one-half story wing to the east (and set back approximately three feet); and two flat-roofed, one-story wings. The entire central block--both the main and set-back portions--are covered with hip roofs. A single gabled dormer is located in the center of the main block. The slight overhang of the roof, with its wood trim, eases the transition from roof to wall.

The front entrance is located to the west side of the north elevation, which faces onto a common formal lawn. It is accentuated with a segmental pediment supported by pilasters with Tuscan capitals. Except for one picture window, the windows are wooden sash, double-hung, with six-over-six panes. Brick lintels are configured in a flat arch arrangement. A brick chimney rises from the ridge, at the juncture of the two main blocks. The south side of the house has an enclosed patio area. The south (rear) elevation has an enclosed shed entry.