

3. Adrian C. Ellis, Jr. Home, 607 2nd Avenue, Salt Lake City (SR)

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ARCHITECTURE

Architect/Builder: Alberto O. Treganza

Building Materials: brick

Building Type/Style: Georgian Revival

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

The Ellis Mansion is Georgian Revival in style with an emphasis on horizontal lines popular in the early Twentieth-Century. The symmetrical front (south) facade has two hip-roofed dormer windows flanking the slightly projecting central pediment. The pediment has a dentiled cornice, with modillions, that continues under the eaves around the house. In the pediment is a small oval window, and below it is an elaborate arched 2nd floor fanlight window. The wide flanking second floor windows have flat arches with stone deys and a stone belt course separates the first and second floor. The first floor has blind oval-arched windows flanking a heavy portico. The portico has a second floor balustrade, cornice with modillions, and wooden Doric Columns supplementing the square rusticated brick corner piers. This rustication echoes the quoins at the corners of the yellow brick house. In front of the house is a low brick wall and a grand stairway. An iron fence surrounds the original Ellis estate. Major elements of the original interiors remain in the house.

A major addition was constructed on the house in 1913.

--Thomas W. Hanchett



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HISTORY

Statement of Historical Significance:

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Researcher: John McCormick
Date: 8/1/78

Site No. _____

Utah State Historical Society
Historic Preservation Research Office
Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 607 2nd Avenue Plat D Bl. 35 Lot 2
Name of Structure: T. R. S.
Present Owner: Andersen, Larry A & UTM:
Owner Address: Tax #:

AGE/CONDITION/USE 2

Original Owner: Adrian C. Ellis, Jr. Construction Date: 1906 ca. Demolition Date:
Original Use: single-family
Present Use: Occupants:
 Single-Family Park Vacant
 Multi-Family Industrial Religious
 Public Agricultural Other
 Commercial
Building Condition: Integrity:
 Excellent Site Unaltered
 Good Ruins Minor Alterations
 Deteriorated Major Alterations

STATUS 3

Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:
 Significant National Landmark District
 Contributory National Register Multi-Resource
 Not Contributory State Register Thematic
 Intrusion

DOCUMENTATION 4

Photography: Date of Slides: 5/77 Date of Photographs:
Views: Front Side Rear Other Views: Front Side Rear Other
Research Sources:
 Abstract of Title City Directories LDS Church Archives
 Plat Records Biographical Encyclopedias LDS Genealogical Society
 Plat Map Obituary Index U of U Library
 Tax Card & Photo County & City Histories BYU Library
 Building Permit Personal Interviews USU Library
 Sewer Permit Newspapers SLC Library
 Sanborn Maps Utah State Historical Society Library Other

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

Salt Lake Tribune, Sept. 30, 1941.

Salt Lake City Building Permit, #1973, May 23, 1907, #5181, July 1, 1913.

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Photos

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Construction Date:

Property Type: 113

Historic Preservation Research Office

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BATCH KEY
1804103550

Structure/Site Information Form

1 IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 00607 SECOND AVE.

UTM: 428177 513575

Name of Structure:

T. 01.0 N R. 01.0 E S. 32

Present Owner: SALVATION ARMY, THE
P O BOX 11626

Owner Address: SLC
UT 84147

Year Built (Tax Record): 1906 Effective Age: 1906 Tax#: 04 0440001

Legal Description 01 Kind of Building: RESIDENCE

BEG AT SW COR LOT 2, BLK 33, PLAT D, SLC SUR; N 107.25 FT; E 99 FT; N 33 FT; E 20.63 FT; N 63.69 FT; E 45.37 FT; S 38.94 FT; W 28 FT; S 28 FT; S 23 W 57.5 8 FT; S 84 FT; W 114.5 FT TO BEG

2 STATUS/USE

Original Owner:

Construction Date:

Demolition Date:

Original Use:

Present Use:

Building Condition:

Integrity:

Preliminary Evaluation:

Final Register Status:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributory | Historic Period | <input type="checkbox"/> National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Contributory | | <input type="checkbox"/> State Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic |

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Photography:

Date of Slides:

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Views: Front Side Rear Other

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Research Sources:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Plat Records/Map | <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah State Historical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> BYU Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Card & Photo | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews | <input type="checkbox"/> USU Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Church Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> SLC Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> County & City Histories | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Genealogical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

Researcher:

Date:

From: "Elizabeth Bradley" <elizabeth.bradley@utahheritagefoundation.com>
To: "Cory Jensen" <coryjensen@utah.gov>
Date: 6/22/2004 6:17:22 PM
Subject: Re: 607 Second Ave, SLC

Just FYI that some of the info for 607 Second Ave is wrong.

It was pointed out to me by a committee member that A.C. Ellis, Jr. was never a US Supreme Court Judge. Not sure about him being a US District Court Judge in Utah--I couldn't find a resource to confirm this.

Thanks again.
Elizabeth



Mourned

Funeral rites are being arranged for Adrian C. Ellis Jr.

**Death Takes
S. L. Mining
Man, Attorney**

**Adrian C. Ellis Jr.
Was Long Active In
Business Circles**

Funeral services were being arranged today for Adrian C. Ellis Jr., widely known western attorney and for many years prominently associated with the development of Utah mining industries who died last night at 8:25 after a long illness at his home at 607 Second Avenue.

Since coming to Salt Lake in 1892, he had taken active part in business affairs and through his association with William H. Dickson, one of the west's most prominent figures in mining litigations, he became widely known in this line of endeavor.

A son of Adrian C. and Lucy Reeves Cobb Ellis, he was born Oct. 7, 1866, in Carson City, Nev. He was graduated from the University of California in 1888 and from its law school in 1891. While at the California school he was affiliated with the Delta Keppa Epsilon fraternity.

He joined Mr. Dickson shortly after his arrival in Salt Lake organizing the firm of Dickson and Ellis, a partnership which produced one of the outstanding law firms in mining matters in the west. After Mr. Dickson's death, Mr. Ellis continued the practice, and the firm at his death was known as Dickson, Ellis, Parsons & McCrea.

Other business enterprises with which he was associated included directorships in the Silver King Coalition Mines Company, the First National Bank, and the First Security Corporation. Through his and his associates' efforts, the Columbia Steel Company was organized in Utah.

He was one of the organizers and a charter member of the University Club and a member of the Alta Club. In 1901, he married Stella Walker who survives him.

Other survivors are two daughters, Miss Clarisse Ellis and Mrs. Virginia Ellis von Khrum; two grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Carrie Ellis Thompson of Berkeley, Calif.

Pending funeral arrangements, the body was taken to 574 East First South Street.



Adrian C. Ellis Jr. . . . Noted western-mining attorney dies.

**Noted Lawyer
Dies at
S. L. Residence**

**Aided Development
Of Many Utah
Mining Enterprises**

Adrian C. Ellis Jr., 74, widely known western attorney and for many years prominently associated with development of Utah mining industries, died Monday at 8:25 p. m. after a long illness at his home, 607 Second avenue.

Mr. Ellis, since coming to Salt Lake City in 1892, had taken active part in business affairs, and through his association with William H. Dickson, one of the west's most prominent figures in mining litigations, became widely known in this line of endeavor.

Born in Nevada

He was born October 7, 1866, in Carson City, Nev., a son of Adrian C. and Lucy Reeves Cobb Ellis. He was graduated from the University of California in 1888, and from its law school in 1891. While at the California institution, he was elected to membership in Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

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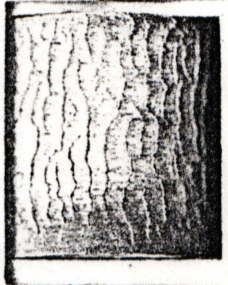
Club Organizer

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Callers



File
Ellis Home
State

Developer Gives Choice — Stores or Condominiums

Either change Avenues zoning to allow a block-long shopping center or greet a 140-unit condominium. That was the choice building developer John Price gave Salt Lake City's Planning and Zoning Commission Thursday.

"We oppose both," answered Greater Avenues Community Council leader Michael Hogben during an informal hearing on the request.

Mr. Price seeks the shift from R-6 (high density residential) to B-3 (many-use business) zoning for the block between 2nd and 3rd avenues and I and J streets. He holds an option on the land from Safeway Stores, Inc. If the zoning is changed, Mr. Price said he'd build a 25,000 to 28,000-square-foot Safeway Store on the land plus 18,000 square feet for other commercial operations on the 1/2-acre block. If the zoning isn't changed, he'll follow the limit and build a six-story condominium.

Under Advisement

Planners took the data under advisement, promising more "in-depth" studies before they make recommendations to city commissioners. Elected officials hold the ultimate decision-making power, explained Planning Vice Chairman Richard Cannon Andrew.

Contacted before the session, a ma-

jority of city commissioners said they didn't like the zoning change request and found it resembled spot zoning.

Mr. Price testified the shopping center wouldn't compound traffic problems despite neighborhood fears. But Greg Gunn, 865-2nd Ave., admitted his boss' development might increase traffic. "Would you rather have services or a six-story apartment complex?" he asked.

'A Raw Threat'

"That's a raw threat," answered Mr. Hogben. "Maybe we could get a moratorium on all large-scale developments until the Avenues master plan is complete," he added.

That master plan is also under study.

Pointing to the citizens' recommendations, Mr. Hogben said the rezoning request violates them.

Speaking on a different issue, Mrs. John M. Churchill said demolition of the block's dozen homes could bring complications to proposed historical districts. Director of the Utah Heritage Foundation, Mrs. Churchill said the Adrian C. Ellis residence at 607-2nd Ave. just received placement on the state historical register. It belonged to a U.S. Supreme Court justice and is a good example of Georgian Revival architecture, Mrs. Churchill said.