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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
DICKSON-GARDNER-WOLFE HOME

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 273 EAST CAPITOL BOULEVARD

CITY, TOWN SALT LAKE CITY VICINITY OF _____ NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE UTAH COUNTY SALT LAKE CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME STEPHEN G. HOLMES

STREET & NUMBER 36 SOUTH STATE STREET SUITE 1600

CITY, TOWN SALT LAKE CITY UT VICINITY OF _____ STATE 84111 UTAH

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. PLATS DIVISION--COUNTY RECORDER, SALT LAKE CITY

STREET & NUMBER CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING SLC 84111 UTAH

CITY, TOWN SALT LAKE CITY STATE UTAH

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK 2, PLAT K, SLC SURVEY

DATE _____ FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE

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			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Stephen G. Holmes

STREET & NUMBER

36 South State Street, Suite 1600

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

STATE

Utah 84111

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Salt Lake City & County Building

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

STATE

Utah

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Utah State Register of Historic Sites

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Utah State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

STATE

Utah

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Buff brick with white trim. Modern red brick addition on north side.
White wooden Grecian facade on East side.

East porch four massive wooden columns to 3rd floor. Porch across all the east side of house. Roof of porch was the 2nd floor balcony now enclosed with wooden panels and windows. Chippendale pattern wood railings on 2nd floor balcony

First floor porch has wooden flooring. Wrought iron railing on 1/2 of porch. Oval recessed entrance door with leaded glass windows on each side. Leaded glass transom. Two small pillars in recessed entrance and tile floor. Metal torch light fixtures on each side of door. Three windows. Bay window on porch and a six window projecting bay with door on front porch. Fan shaped leaded glass transoms on windows. Dormer on roof.

Sandstone foundation in rear. Colored opaque leaded glass window in rear.

Four bay house without addition; six with. Three stories and a basement liveable. E trim on cornice. Bracketed cornice

Windows vary from 1 over 1 to 10 over 1.

Arched brick lintels. Sandstone and wood sills.

Hipped roof. Four interior chimneys, four dormers, four outside basement doors. Brick patterned quoins.

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Georgian home built with stone and concrete foundation and pressed brick exterior. Hip and deck roof with six large windows. Hardwood floors throughout, with seven fireplaces. Made of buff brick with white trim, facing out over City Creek Canyon and located on approximately 3/4 of an acre. The front porch has four massive wooden columns reaching to the third floor. Porch across all the east side of house. Roof of porch enclosed with wooden panels and windows. Chippendale pattern wood railings on 2nd floor balcony. 1st floor porch has wooden flooring. Wrought iron railing on 1/2 of porch. Oval recessed entrance door with leaded glass windows on each side. Leaded glass transom. Two small pillars on each side of door. Bay window on porch and a six window projecting bay with door on front porch. Fan shaped leaded glass transoms on windows. Colored opaque leaded glass window in rear. ~~4 bay house without addition; 6 with.~~ 3 stories and a basement. Trim on bracketed cornices. Arched brick lintels. Brick patterned quions.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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SPECIFIC DATES SEE BELOW

BUILDER/ARCHITECT UNKNOWN

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dickson-Gardner-Wolfe Home is listed on the Salt Lake City Historical Register and on the Historical Register of the State of Utah. Application has not been previously made to list the property on the National Register of Historic Landmarks. The property was among the first listed in Utah and Salt Lake City. The home was built on land acquired by John R. Park in 1894 from Salt Lake City; namely, all of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 2, Plat K. In July of 1903, John R. Park had died and the three lots were sold to William H. Dickson.

William H. Dickson was a lawyer who became United States Attorney. He was associated with the firm of Dickson, Ellis, Lucas and Adamson. He was a wealthy man and built an elegant mansion. In 1919 the property was given as a gift deed, with love and affection, to Irene Earle Dickson Schulder. In 1924 she sold the home to the Bankers Trust Company, and James P. Gardner and his wife Florinda purchased it.

James P. Gardner was President of the Gardner and Adams Co., located at 138 South Main, Kearns Building. This men's store sold clothing, furnishings, shoes and hats. A mortgage was taken out for the home in 1924 at a cost of \$16,000. James H. Wolfe, Jr. stated that there was a land boom and Gardner was impelled to take out bankruptcy.

James H. Wolfe, former chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court and a member of the state's judiciary for almost 25 years, was the next owner of the 273 East Capitol Boulevard home. He was elected to the Supreme Court in 1934 after serving six years as judge of the Third Judicial District. During his 20-year tenure on the Utah Supreme Court, Justice Wolfe wrote about 1,000 opinions. He was regarded in legal circles as an authority in constitutional and administrative law and the law of torts. The Utah Law Review devoted its Fall issue of 1952 to an analysis of his work. Politically, he was associated with the Democratic Party. He was deeply interested in social, economic and political questions and was a strong supporter of progressive social and welfare legislation throughout his career. He was a member of the American Bar Association, Utah Bar, American Law Institute and a former vice president of the National Lawyers Guild. He was a member and officer of the Unitarian Church in Salt Lake City, and served as regional vice president of the American Unitarian Association. He had been editor of the Utah Survey, an editor of the National Guild Quarterly, a regent of the University of Utah, a member of the National Municipal League, a director of the Family Service Society in Salt Lake City for 20 years, chairman of the Alien Enemy Hearing Board of Utah during World War II, a member of the National Alien Enemy Hearing Board and a Board member of the War Relocation Authority.

Judge Wolfe was born April 26, 1884, in Skippack, Pennsylvania, a son of Dr. Samuel and Emma Seipt Wolfe.

Since that time the property has been converted to an apartment building, changed ownership twice, and at present the new owner is anxious to upgrade the building to its original condition if available tax benefits can be accorded the property.

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The importance of the Dickson-Gardner-Wolfe home is that it is a good example of Georgian Revival domestic architecture that is not common in Utah, and also because of its close association with leading figures in Utah legal history.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

State Register Files. USHS. S.L.C.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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QUADRANGLE NAME _____ QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES			QUADRANGLE SCALE		
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	1, 2	4 2, 5 2, 4, 0	4, 5	1, 4	0 0, 0
B					
C					
D					
E					
F					
G					
H					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All of lots One, Two and Three in Block Two, Plat "K" Salt Lake City Survey

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Stephen F. Holmes	DATE July 18, 1979
ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE (801) 533-0820
STREET & NUMBER 36 South State Street	STATE Utah
CITY OR TOWN Salt Lake City, Utah 84111	

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE _____ DATE _____

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
	DATE _____
ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE _____
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION	

THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN



Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

When: 18 May 2005, 6:30 p.m.
Where: *Utah State Capitol Cafeteria, new east wing of State Capitol*

If you need transportation, please contact me (Peter von Sivers, 364-3310) and I will help you. I will also pass by Washington Elementary School (corner of 200 West and 400 North) at 5:50 PM to pick up anyone who needs a lift.

- 6:30 *Welcome by Peter von Sivers, Chair*
- Minutes of April*
- 6:35 *Police Report*
- 6:50 *Reports by our community representatives*
- 7:15 *Report by Gwen Springmeyer, Liaison with the Mayor's Office*
- 7:30 *Presentation on the Columbus Street Tunnel Project*
- 8:00 *Open Forum for Community Matters*
- 8:15 *Adjourn*

NEXT MEETING
JUNE 15, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Members

Chair	Peter Von Sivers	364-3310
Vice-Chair	Georg Stutzenberger	510-1603
Vice-Chair	Polly Hart	355-7203
Secretary	Christine Wade	918-0114
Treasurer	Kim Fowkes	521-0104
Historian	Hermoine Jex	364-5326

Neighborhood Trustees

Capitol	Carol Wood	355-6475
DeSoto/Cortez	Katherine Gardner	328-1724
Ensign Downs	Dean Larsen	575-8135
Kimball	Victoria Collard	595-8575
St. Marks	Shauna Davenport	363-1905
Swedetown	Mary Solt	355-8507
Temple	Gene Simmons	364-3830
Warm Springs	Minta Brandon	355-1363
Washington	Bonnie Mangold	363-4634
West High	Erlinda Davis	531-1964
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Comment: Swedetown – a Brief History (part 1) by Mary Solt, Trustee for the Swedetown area

(Editors note: Some of our Capitol Hill residents may not be familiar with the Swedetown neighborhood at the northern end of our Community Council area. The Bulletin asked Mary Solt, trustee for that neighborhood, to share a brief history of Swedetown. Part 2 will appear in next month's Bulletin.)

Swedetown is located at the north end of the city, west of Beck Street and east of the railroad tracks between 1400 North and the city limits. In the early days its boundaries went to the Jordan River.

When the early pioneers settled in the Salt Lake Valley they found that there were warm springs throughout the area where Swedetown is located. The people enjoyed the many hot mineral pools in the area. This helped them to feel invigorated and refreshed after long hours of hard work.

In the year 1889 a large tract of land was developed for residential use. Water was provided from a large artesian well that was piped to the area for the use of the residents. When the well became insufficient to supply all the homes, this stopped growth in the area for some period of time. Later, a clear spring was found in the mountains nearby and came to serve the homes on the newly acquired lots.

Original settlers of this little community spoke Swedish over their back fences and maintained their native language. They all seemed to be honest and hard-working people, happy to be here in Utah. It is said that Swedetown got its name because of the number of Swedish people who settled here. Some of the younger children would call it "Sweet Town."

Of the early residents, many came to work on the Salt Lake Temple because of their needed construction skills. Many others worked for the railroad, and others worked for a brick-making company. Some worked in the established foundry which produced manhole covers, many of which are still in use throughout Salt Lake City.

One of the more colorful groups for which Swedetown was known in the early 20th century was the "Indian Grove," a group of about 45 young bachelors who liked to get together in the evenings. After they were asked not to congregate on the porch of the Swedetown store, they shifted to the steps of the recently built LDS ward house. Here they were accused of "spitting on the steps, using boisterous and profane language, destroying the lawn and defacing the property," so they decided to build a meeting place of their own.

(To be continued in next month's Bulletin.)



This Old House Dickson-Gardner-Wolfe Mansion 273 N East Capitol Street By Nelson Knight

Perhaps best known to Capitol Hill residents as Kay Malone's Bed & Breakfast, the Wolfe Krest Inn is more properly known as the Dickson-Gardner-Wolfe Mansion. The building is named for the first three families to own the building – all were prominent residents of the city.

The house was built in 1905 for attorney William H. Dickson, his wife, Annie, and their family. Dickson purchased the land from John R. Park, early president of the University of Utah. Noted and prolific architects Walter Ware and Alberto Treganza designed the house. Early photos show elaborate classical revival details such as the two-story portico, classical cornices, fanlight windows, and projecting bays on the front corners of the building.

A New Brunswick, Canada, native, Dickson moved to Salt Lake City in 1882. In 1884, Dickson was appointed to be the U.S. Attorney for the Territory of Utah in 1884. From then until he left the post in 1887, Dickson became one of the most controversial figures in territorial Utah. In 1882, the U.S. Congress passed the Edmunds Act, which prompted a crackdown by the federal government on LDS polygamists. During his term, Dickson prosecuted dozens of polygamist men for cohabitation, which was punishable by a fine of \$300.00 and six months in jail. Editorials in the local newspapers either praised (in the case of the SL Tribune) or condemned (in the case of the Deseret News) Dickson's actions. Frank J. Cannon, who later became a prominent publisher in Ogden, spent three

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months in jail for participating in a group that assaulted Dickson in 1886. The group was angry with the U.S. Attorney for his "untoward" questioning of Cara Cannon during the trial of her husband, Angus M. Cannon. LDS Church lobbyists in Washington, DC worked diligently for Dickson's removal, but it was Dickson who made the decision to resign from the post in 1887, citing the low pay of the position. Dickson returned to private practice, where he apparently let bygones be bygones – he later represented the LDS Church before the U.S. Supreme Court in their case challenging the federal government's seizure of the Church's assets (Dickson lost). By the time he constructed this house, Dickson had apparently made up for the modest salary of the U.S. Attorney and was a wealthy man. He practiced law in several firms and at his death in 1924 was described as "one of the most prominent attorneys in the west" and "the greatest mining attorney in the world." Following the death of his wife in 1917, Dickson deeded the property to his daughter, Irene Earle Dickson Schuler, and moved to Los Angeles, where he died in 1924.

Irene sold the house to James P. Gardner, president of Gardner and Adams Clothiers, which was located at 138 S. Main Street, in the Kearns Building. According to later sources, Gardner encountered financial difficulties, and after taking out a \$16,000 mortgage, was forced to sell the property in 1924. The new owner was also an attorney, James H. Wolfe. James, his wife Carolyn, and their five children moved into the house. Wolfe later became Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court and a member of the state's judiciary for almost 25 years. Wolfe was a Democrat, social reformer, Unitarian, regent of the University of Utah, active in welfare organizations, and a wartime administrator during World War II. In this role, Wolfe, like Dickson, attained some notoriety as the chairman of the Alien Enemy Hearing Board of Utah, a member of the National Alien Enemy Hearing Board and a board member of the War Relocation Authority. These organizations were responsible for the relocation of Japanese-Americans into internment camps during World War II. However, Wolfe's record as Chief Justice, activist and social reformer far outweighs this aspect of his career.

Like many houses of its size, the house was converted into apartments some time after the house was purchased by the Wolfe family, who owned the property for over forty years. A wing was added to the north side of the house, dormers were changed on the roof, and the second story porch was filled in, all in an effort to provide more space. The graceful original design of Ware and Treganza was obscured with these additions, but the overall character of the house was still apparent. The mansion was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Capitol Hill Historic District in 1982.

The house was extensively rehabilitated in its conversion to the Wolfe Krest Inn in 1997. In addition to Kay Malone (the wife of basketball player Karl Malone), Jane Johnson, and Capitol Hill resident Tom Sieg were partners in the venture and guided the restoration work. With the Malone family's exit from Utah, the inn was put up for sale. The new owners, Sign of the Dove, own a group of assisted living facilities in California, several of which are in historic, upscale buildings. The mansion has reopened as an assisted living facility under the Wolfe Krest name.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Crossroads Urban Center**, (347 S. 400 E) helps feed the homeless in our neighborhood. Their **Thrift Store**, 1385 W. Indiana (850 S.), needs gently used/new sleeping bags and bath towels. Call 364-7765 for information. To donate food, call 359-8837.
- **The Road Home** (210 S. Rio Grande St.) Donations of personal hygiene items, socks, underwear, diapers, and any other items are needed. Call 359-4142 or go to www.theroadhome.org.

Washington Elementary's two buildings will be torn down this summer and be replaced by a new building.

Come join with the neighborhood at a farewell carnival on Friday, May 20th from 3-7 pm on the upper playground.

There will be games, music, food and historical displays.

For more information or to share Washington memories & photos, call Bonnie Weiss (359-5991) or Lisa White (364-0721).

- **Utah Food Bank** (1025 S. 700 W) always welcomes volunteers to help sort food. Please call Christine Thomas at 908-8660.
- **Become a foster parent:** You can be married or single, with or without children, renter or homeowner. Involves 32 hours of training. Visit www.utahfostercare.org.
- **Primary Children's Medical Center** needs volunteers for its information desks, gift shop, and other areas. Call 588-2446 for more information.
- **English Skills Learning Center** seeks volunteers to teach English to adult refugees and immigrants. Training is provided. Call Barbara or Denise at 328-5608.

Memory Grove Clean Up - Community Service Event Co-sponsored by The Greater Avenues Community Council

Date: Saturday, 14 May 05
Time: 8 am-12 noon
Lunch: 11 am-12 noon
Location: Memory Grove - South Entrance



- Wear appropriate clothing & shoes for work
- Recommended to bring gloves
- Tools will be provided by the city – do not bring your own.
- All are invited – various levels of work available for all skills
- Participants encouraged to walk to park (when possible)

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- **The Children's Museum of Utah** (840 N 300 W) Call 328-3383 for opportunities or www.childmuseum.org
- **LifeCare** (1025 S. 700 W.) needs volunteers to help homebound seniors and persons with disabilities by delivering food boxes. For more information, call Taylor Beckstead 978-2452 ext. 229.



(Stately Mansion Now a Supreme B&B

There was a time, years ago, when those enjoying lengthy vacation drives, could spend nights during our travels at newfangled "tourist courts" or in rather elderly, often slightly seedy "tourist homes."

During my youth in the 1920s, family trips took us from New York to Montreal or Baltimore, where we visited uncles, aunts or more distant relatives. I presume Salt Lakers did likewise, making overnight rest stops at Cedar City, San Bernardino and the like when enroute to the West Coast, or halting for overnight rest stops at Grand Junction, Cheyenne or similar towns when headed east.

Since this columnist never visited Salt Lake City until later years, I can only guess that there were big, elderly houses on such streets as Second East or in the Avenues where travelers found lawn-signs welcoming motorized tourists. Back East, of an evening, we enjoyed baths in tall tubs that stood on "claw feet," slept in rather creaky beds, and visited in "the parlor" with our temporary hosts, all from \$2 to \$5 a night. One suspects things were much the same in overnight quarters located on Utah streets just off Highways 89 or 40.

Times have changed. Today's motor-car voyagers can pause in modern air-conditioned motels complete with swimming pools, restaurants, television sets in each room. However, the latest change in establishments welcoming the weary motorist are "bed and breakfast" houses — the "B&Bs" that seem to be springing up in many parts of Salt Lake city, even on that street of millionaire

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mansions, East South Temple.

Sizable homes, mansions in fact, are becoming B&Bs elsewhere in the city and suburbs. Which brings us to the case in point, a large and handsome house at 273 E. Capitol Blvd., an elderly brick structure known as the Dickson-Gardner-Wolfe home, a brick house in Georgian Revival style.

The land on which it stands, just below the State Capitol, was purchased in 1894 from Salt Lake City by John R. Park, who headed the University of Utah in its early days.

William H. Dickson, the U.S. Attorney for Utah at the turn of the century, was wealthy enough, according to the Utah Historical Society, to buy three lots from Park's estate in 1903 and build "an elegant mansion." There he dwelled until he gave the property "as a gift deed with love and affection to Irene Earle Dickson Schulder."

Schulder sold it in 1924 to the Bankers Trust Co. which, in turn, sold the home to James P. Gardner. The latter was president of the Gardner & Adams men's furnishing store in the then new

Kearns Building at 138 S. Main.

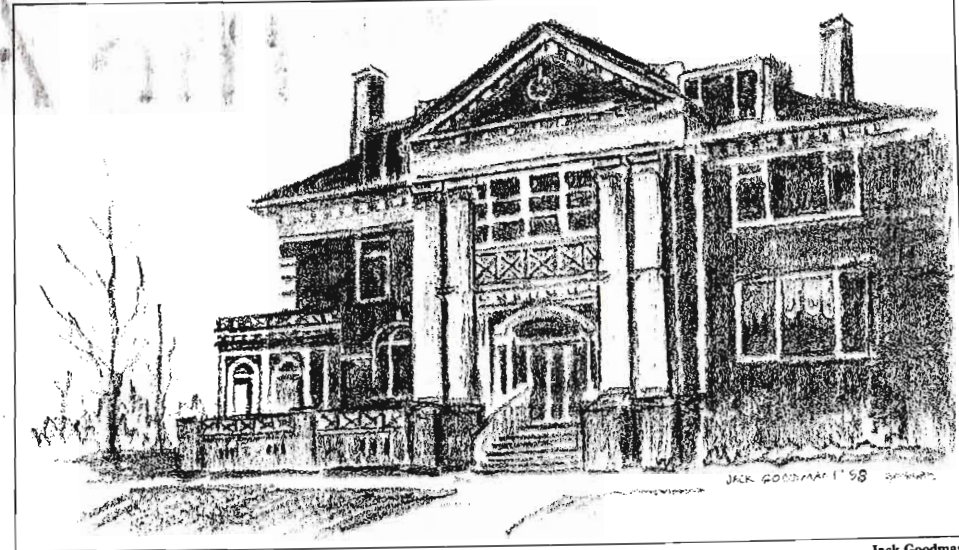
In those days, that was the geographical center of the menswear mecca, with such shops as Mullet Kelly, Arthur Frank, Rosen's and many more that thrived awhile in that busy Main Street area. However, Gardner, who had mortgaged his home for \$16,000 was forced to "take out bankruptcy" at the start of the Great Depression.

James H. Wolfe next owned the 273 E. Capitol home. He was a longtime member of the Utah judiciary who first served six years as a 3rd District judge, and then took a seat on the Utah Supreme Court bench for fully 20 years. Regarded as an authority on the state's constitutional and administrative law, Wolfe wrote some 100 well-regarded opinions, becoming as well-known as U.S. Judge Willis W. Ritter — but not nearly as controversial.

He was, like his federal contemporary, a Democratic Party supporter, and, according to newsmen of the time, "deeply interested in progressive social and welfare legislation." He became a vice president of the National Lawyers Guild, and an editor of the *National Guild Quarterly*.

Elderly Democrats, liberal thinkers and National Municipal League members recall gathering in the Wolfe mansion where subjects could range from religion (Wolfe was a Unitarian Church member and officer) to affairs of the controversial New Deal.

When World War II arrived, Wolfe was named chairman of the Alien Enemy Board of Utah, a member of the National Enemy



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Alien Hearing Board and a board member of the War Relocation Authority.

I could not trace ownership of the big Capitol Hill house after the jurist's death, but is took on a rather rundown appearance recently.

But last year, a partnership that includes Tom Sieg, Mike Davis, Marion Vaughn and Jane Johnson took over the property and invested a reported \$1 million in renovating the old home. As you may know, Tom Sieg has operated popular seafood restaurants, the downtown New Yorker club, and was involved with renovation of the Salt Lake Hardware Co. building. Johnson, operator of the Boxrud B&B, is president of the Bed and Breakfast Inns of Utah.

One reason for the recent "mushrooming" of bed and breakfast establishments as reported a while back in the weekly *Enterprise* newspaper is, of course, the approach of the Winter Olympics.

As for the old Capitol Hill mansion — you can recognize it by its handsome east portico, marked by four massive wood columns reaching to the third floor. There are handsome cornices above the buff brick walls of the structure, which stand, in part, on a sandstone foundation.

There are four tall chimneys above the gabled roofline, and such enhancing touches as wrought iron railing along the porch, Chippendale patterns on the second floor balcony and a pair of smaller pillars on either

side of the recessed oval entry doors. The doors have leaded glass transoms, and there are fan-shaped leaded glass accents above other windows, while a pair of six-windowed projecting bays on two corners add to the uniqueness of the house.

All in all, it is good to know one of the finest houses in the Capitol Hill Historic District has now been thoroughly renovated and restored. One hopes travelers' breakfasts at what is now called Wolfe Crest will equal the setting — including the fine views from the house across much of the city.

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