

Miner Grant Prisbrey
Mary Ann Hershey Prisbrey
413 South Main Street

Miner Heber Prisbrey
Sadie Mathis Prisbrey
295 South Main

TIME LINE OF A DIXIE PIONEER FAMILY

- 7 June 1860 - Miner Grant Prisbrey and Mary Ann Hershey are married at Council Bluffs, Nebraska.
- 30 Sept. 1861 - Their first child Hyrum Smith Prisbrey is born in Salt Lake City, Utah Territory. He was 16 months old when he came to Dixie and was able to call out the names of his father's two oxen.
- 6 Oct. 1861 - At the October General Conference, in Salt Lake City, 300 men were called to be the first group to the Dixie Cotton Mission.
- 19 Oct. 1862 - At the October General Conference, the 2nd group of 250 men were called to the Dixie Cotton Mission. Note: Charles L. Walker, grandfather of Scott Prisbrey was one of these men. From C.L.W. diary he wrote he left Salt Lake City on the 13 November 1862 and arrived in St. George 26 days later, 9 December 1862.
- 21 Nov. 1862 - Mary Ann H. Prisbrey receives her patriarchal blessing in the Mill Creek Ward by Patriarch John Young.
- Jan.-Feb. 1863 - Miner Grant Prisbrey, his wife, and year old son reach St. George in about 44 days. They left Salt Lake City on the 20th of December 1862 and arrived in St. George on the 1st of February 1863. Camped overnight at Cooper's Bottom, 2 1/2 miles South East of St. George. They had a visit by Indians dressed in rabbit skin robes. Miner Grant sang to the Indians the song "Oh Stop and Tell Me Redman", which they enjoyed. Miner's farm was located here on the Virgin River-Jarvis Ditch. (He was aquainted with the Jarvis Family in the Eastern States.)

Miner located on a lot assigned to him by the Bishop of the 1st Ward at 413 South Main. The pioneer plat first surveyed in February 1862 by Isral Ivins was later made an offical plat in 1876 and this lot was listed as Lot 5, Block 10, Plat "C" St. George City Survey. The St. George Court-house records show Miner Grant Prisbrey's signature on this Lot when Deeds were issued from President U. S. Grant to Mayor Joseph W. Young in 1874.

Also Tax Rolls list Lot 6 to the East of the Prisbrey home as being the property of M. G. Prisbrey.

The 1st living quarters on the Prisbrey Lot consisted of a wagon box, a dug out (cool place for food) and water willow brush shed.

On the 12th of June 1864, Miner was called to settle Meadow Valley, Nevada. (Panaca, a Mormon settlement) No records are in evidence that the Prisbrey Family of 5 ever left on this mission.

This would indicate Miner constructed his home in the mid-1860's. The home was an adobe structure approximately 15' X 29' 4". A cellar under the first floor served for food storage, a loft for sleeping could have occupied the attic space. Two fireplaces occupied the opposite ends of the home.

A family picture taken in front of the home on the 24th of April 1893, indicates an adobe grainery or sleeping quarters to the rear and south east of the home.

A rough lumber lean-to room was added to the rear or east side of the home for a summer kitchen.

Building materials came from these sources: Adobes were made from a light colored clay located at the "Dobe Yard" 400 South 800 East. Black rock for the foundation came from the west black ridge. This rock formed rough-dressed masonry laid-up with lime and sand mortar. Sand was hauled from the Santa Clara Creek south west of town. Lime was produced by burning lime rock in a kiln and then slacking with water. Plaster mortar for the interior walls and ceiling was made from lime and sand with a binder of animal hair from the local tannery. Lumber came from Pinevalley Mountain. Wrought iron nails were made locally from scrap iron. Samuel Adams produced one of these early nail machines.

Miner Grant died the 23rd of December 1895. Leaving St. George the family moved first to Meadow, Utah and later to Wapello, Idaho. (near Blackfoot are mentioned)

Miner Grant's son, George W. Prisbrey, lost his left foot in a train accident around 1907 and as a result, decided to return to his old homestead. His mother Mary Ann came with him. The home had fallen in disrepair due to years of being unoccupied.

Henry and Selina Atkin, old friends of the family, gave Mary and George a room in their home (95 W. 500 So.) to live in while they repaired the old Prisbrey home.

The Prisbrey boy's: Hyrum, Frank, Miner Heber, Brigham, John, and George were to assist in the restoration. They reached an agreement to provide the south room of the home as a living quarters for their mother until she passed away and George was to live in the other portion of the home and inherit the Lot.

At this point in time George met Effie Walker who lived one-half block north of the Atkin home. (444 So. 100 W.) They were married June 29, 1909. Their 1st child, Jean a girl, was born here on Oct. 4, 1910. This indicates that George was unable to complete the remodeling on the old home in time to move in with his new family.

The remodeling consisted of filling in the cellar under the home, removing the two fireplaces and building a two-way stove flue in the center of the home for the two rooms.

George excavated a cellar under the old grainery and rebuilt the walls and roof. The grainery's top floor was used for George's Gunsmith Shop from 1916 to 1926. To do the excavation work he constructed a wooden wheelbarrow with iron rimmed wheel. In this little shop he created many of the tools used in his gunsmith work and secured patents to cover these inventions.

He also developed an artificial limb, for his own use and obtained a

patent on it. Expert artificial limb manufacturers indicated it was one of the best in the United States.

George died in 1931 and his wife Effie continued on in raising a family of 10 children.

The home was sold in 1985 ending a 123 year ownership by the Prisbrey Family.

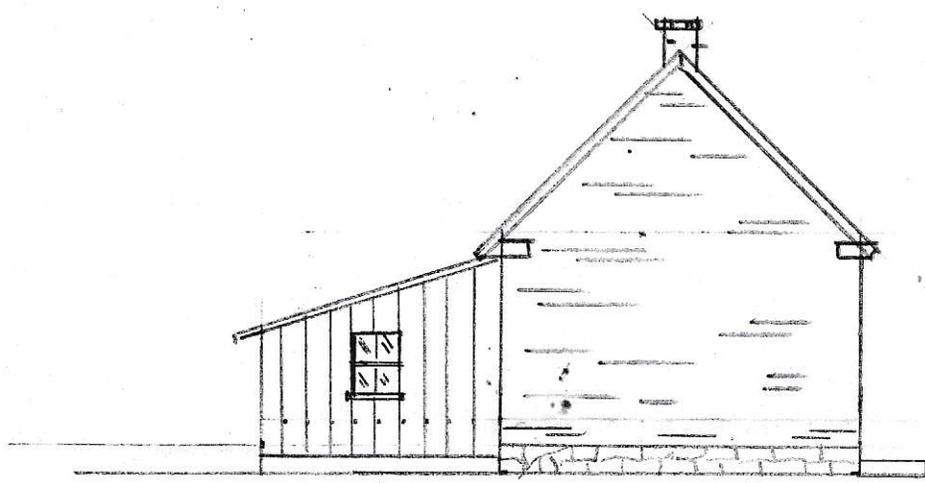
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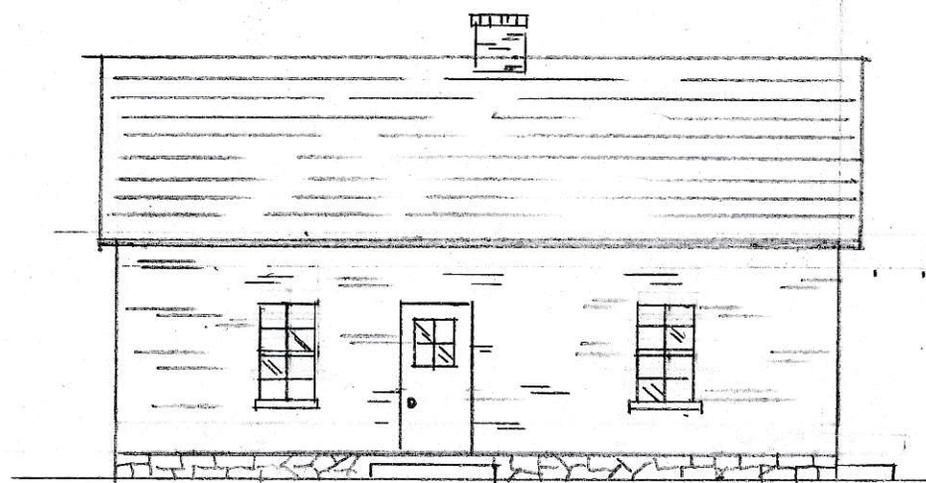
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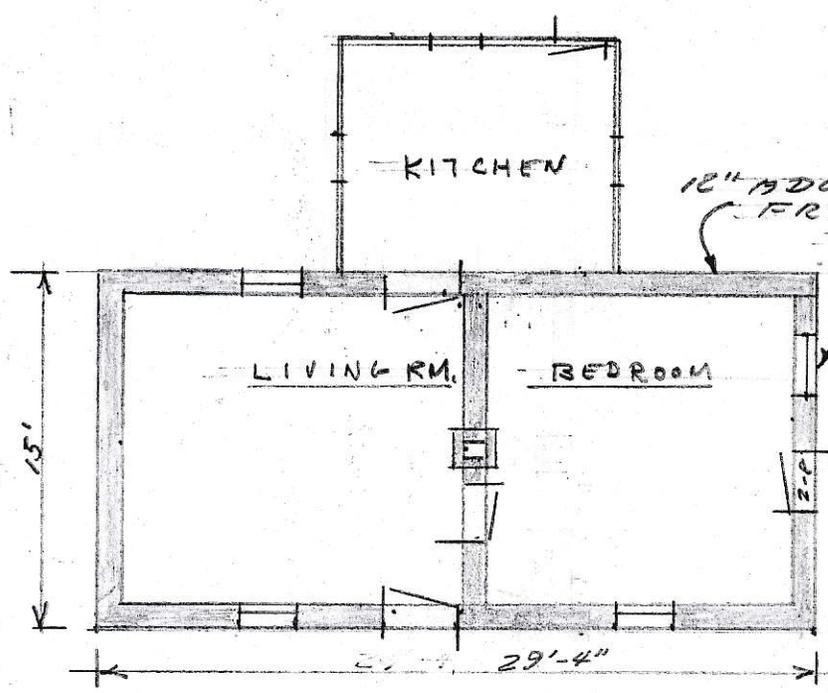
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NORTH ELEVATION
SCALE 1/8"=1'



FRONT ELEVATION
(WEST) SCALE 1/8"=1'



12" ADOBE WALLS REBUILT
FROM M. G. PRISBRY HOME
BY BROTHERS

GEO. FRANK MINE
& BRIGHAM PRISBRY
FOR THEIR MOTHER MAB

WINDOWS 30" X 4'-6"

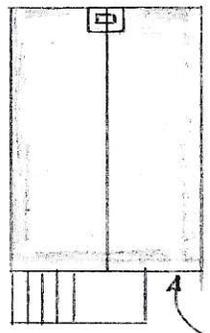
FLOOR PLAN
SCALE 1/8"=1'

GEO. W. PRISBRY
HOME 413 S. MAIN
ST. GEO. 0744

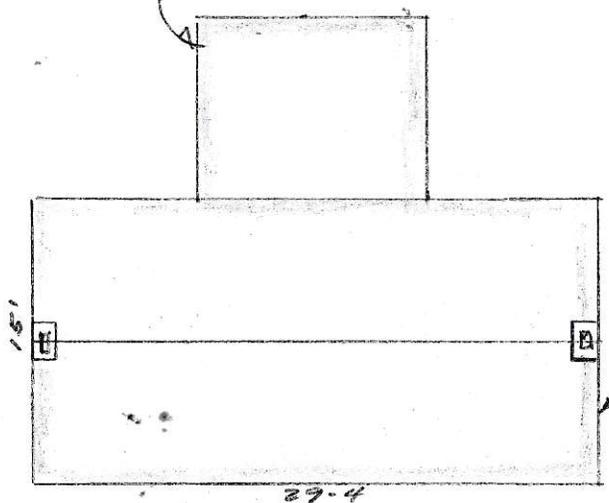
RE-BUILT 1907-1910

ORIGINAL HOME LOCATION
OF MINER GRANT PRISBRY 1863

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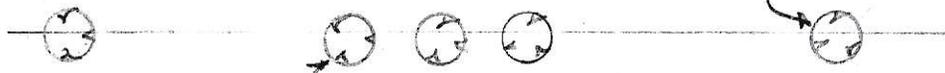
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 LEAN-TO KITCHEN



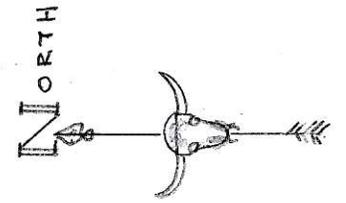
BRAINERY OR
 SLEEPING ROOM
 ADOBE CONST.
 GEO. W. PRISBRY
 GUNSMITH SHOP

TWO ROOM
 ADOBE HOME

SOLE SURVIVOR CUT
 DOWN IN 1928 ABOUT
 30" IN DIAMETER



ROW OF COTTONWOODS 1893



SITE OF
 CORRAL AND
 STACK YARD

MINER GRANT PRISBRY PIONEER OF 1862
 LOT 9 BUILDINGS

ST. GEO. UTAH

LOT 5 BL. 10 ST. GEO. CITY SURVEY

400 SOUTH ST.

413 SOUTH MAIN ST.