

HISTORIC LANDMARK AWARDS

1909 - "**Wyckoff House**," 619 East Madison Street



This house is an example of an early vernacular farmhouse, and was built in 1909. It sits on land that was once part of the 260 acre Asa Knapp farmstead dating back to 1841. The Scharlau family acquired 80 acres of it in 1864. Developers Ballard and Pollinger purchased the remaining Knapp farm in 1908, and formed the "Park Farms" subdivision. This land is located on the south side of Madison Street, bordered by the Salt Creek.

In 1909, Ballard & Pottinger started to build the house and sold it to George G. Wyckoff. Then in 1919, the Matson family purchased the property. Other owners included the Johnson, Overgaard, Nero, Walters, and Scarmardo families. Mr. Overgaard was an early founder of the Salt Creek PTA, and was an officer. Today, the Sugar Creek Golf Course resides on much of the Knapp farmland.

Over the years, this house has had many exterior and interior alterations including adding a fireplace. The current owners, Don and Chris Shore, purchased this house in 1994 and are continuing to preserve it along with raising their children, Jeremy and Shannon.

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