

# ESCALANTE UTAH

## Historic District Guide

### Homes Back Houses & Barns



**Mary Ann Schow Home**

## Walking Through Escalante's Heritage

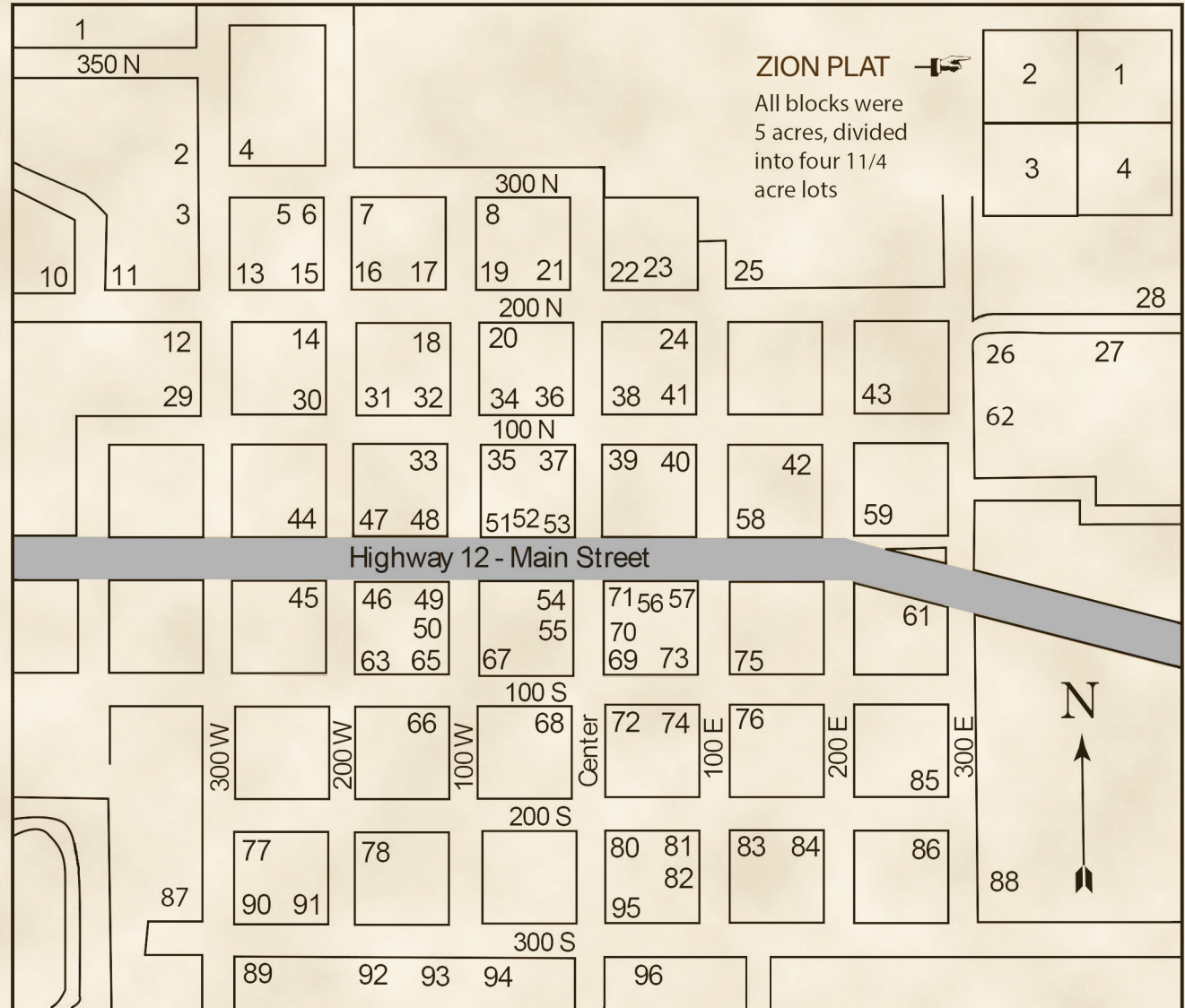
Escalante has a rich architectural heritage that reflects its pioneer, farming, ranching, and Mormon history. Mormon settlers, in the late 1870s, built rudimentary homes, dugouts and cabins.

As people and resources came to Escalante, more substantial homes, stores and public buildings were made. The styles of permanent architecture built in Escalante appeared in approximately the same sequence as they did elsewhere in the United States; but, interestingly, some of the architectural styles appeared here a decade or two later than they did elsewhere.

The City of Escalante was originally laid out following the Zion Plat system. All blocks were 5 acres, divided into four 1.25 acre lots. Most families also had 20 acres or more outside of town for grazing and farming. Typically, each property in town had a home, barn, granary, root cellar, chicken coop, one or more sheds, a garden, and an orchard. Some Escalante properties still retain their original sizes, but most now lack one or more of their original structures.

Escalante has been largely spared the ravages of demolition, and over 50% of its historically and architecturally significant buildings remain relatively intact. In fact, the density of significant historic buildings in Escalante is greater than it is in most other communities in the State of Utah.

# Welcome to Escalante Founded in 1876



The early structures were built of locally-produced lumber, sandstone, volcanic boulders, sun-dried adobe bricks and fired red clay bricks, but virtually all doors, windows, hardware, furniture, and household furnishings were brought in by horse-drawn wagons over hundreds of miles of rough dirt roads. Panel doors, door hardware, and windows were transported from Midwest and Eastern factories.

The first settlers arrived in the spring of 1876. They came seeking a mild climate, and were successful in growing fruits, vegetables, black walnuts, and even mulberry for silk worms. Called "Potato Valley" by the early explorers, small potatoes originally grew wild in the lush valley. Water came to the homes through an irrigation ditch system. Culinary water was made available to each home in 1937. Telephone lines were first installed in 1908. In 1919 the Shurtz family formed the Escalante Light and Power Co-op. providing power to each home by 1922. Garkane Power took over the service in the late 1930's. Roads came to the valley via Widtsoe. The current highway to Escalante was paved in 1956 then widened and paved through Boulder City to the Hwy. 24 junction at Torry in 1984.

Thank you for exploring our history!



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### Key to buildings styles & plans:

- AC = Arts and Crafts 1910-1940
- B = Bungalow 1915 - 1940
- BB = Box Bungalow
- C = Cabin 1876 - 1900
- CR = Colonial Revival 1900 - 1920s
- F = Federal Style (Federal Farm house) 1880s - 1890's
- FSB = Foursquare (box) 1910 - 1920
- M = Streamline Modern 1930s-1965
- R = Ranch 1940-1965
- V = Victorian, "Queen Anne," Eclectic and others 1890s - 1900s
- WW = World War II Cottage 1940-1955

**Escalante Historic District** was designated March 27, 2013 by the National Register. Over 42% of the structures inside the boundaries of this map were built prior to 1962.

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1. 1905 - Alva Prat - Brick home **V**
2. 1900 - Frank Lay - Wood backhouse **C**
3. 1900 - Davis - Brick. Note cement lintels over windows **CR**
4. 1890 - William Cottam - Sandstone back house - (**Illustration below**)



5. 1895 - William Henry Deuel - Small wood building for first blacksmith
6. 1896 - William Henry Deuel - Stucco over brick **F** "Queen Anne" **V** added
7. 1898 - Joseph Liston - Kitchen added 1926, indoor plumbing and electricity 1935 **F**
8. 1905 - Myron Shurtz - Brick **V** Bay window added 1986. Wood backhouse
10. 1930 - Beaumont Griffin - wood
11. 1911 - Philo Liston - **FSB**
12. 1923 - Lester Spencer - Brick **AC**
13. 1890 - P. Martin Liston Brick home "Queen Anne" **V** - Volcanic boulder foundation, decorative brick trim and unique chimney. Brick backhouse
14. 1930 - Brick **M** Pre 1900 - wood backhouse **C** Lacy Laramie, shoemaker
15. **C.** 1905 - Rufus Benson Liston - Brick home. **F** and "Queen Anne" **V** Wood backhouse **C** Wood garage
16. 1893-1894 - Andrew P. Schow - San Juan Mission Member, LDS Bishop 36 years. Brick **F** "Queen Anne" **V** Note hitching posts.
17. 1900 - Joseph Lay - Brick covered with siding later. **V** Wood Backhouse
18. **C.** 1900 - Thomas Heaps - Brick home later covered with siding. **V** Stone backhouse.
19. 1877 - Don Carlos Shurtz, Sr. "Carl" San Juan Mission Member. Early adobe brick w/stained glass windows. "Eastlake" **V**



20. 1900 - Mary Ann Schow home (**Front Cover Image**) had a window for mail pick up from the postmaster. "Queen Anne" **V** Original barn burned down and rebuilt early 1930's. (**Illustration above**)
21. Pre 1900 - Dairyman Jess Barker. Farm house **F** added on to 4 times. Note Petrified wood gate posts. Wood backhouse. **C**
22. 1917 - Roland Porter **AC**
23. 1924 - Lorin Griffin brought wood structure to site and added onto it.
24. 1890 - Edmund Allen - Brick - High ceilings with transoms over doors **F**
25. 1910 - Reeves Barker - Brick Bungalow (dormer added) **AC**, barn
26. 1905 - Napoleon Bonaparte Roundy built brick home for wives and they raised 17 children in what was then three-story brick house w/turret **V**
27. 1935-1941 - The Civilian Conservation Core camp was at 165 North. Only the chimney remains. Note a monument to the CCC men on the south side of the road on a boulder. CCC crews improved roads to Posey Lake and Hell's Backbone building a wooden bridge allowing auto access to Boulder, Utah. Parts of another old CCC road (now improved Hwy 12) can still be seen from Calf Creek to The Hog's Back.
28. 1920 - Don Carlos Shurtz, Jr., "Don" - Brick home w/ garage and swimming pool remnants. Mary Alice Barker Shurtz, (Sage Brush Mary) a midwife, was the first white woman in the valley in 1876. Replica of her cabin has been erected east of town at the Heritage Visitor Center.
29. 1900 - 1905 - William Alvey - **F** Wood garage - 1920's

30. **C.** 1915 - Henry Heaps home **FSB**
31. 1910 - Willard Heaps - Brick **FSB**
32. 1880's - Joseph H. Spencer - Adobe and sandstone structure (18" walls) two rooms w/more added later. "Century Register of Historic Homes" listed by Lorenzo and Ruth B. Griffin 10/20/71 Division of State History - Garfield County. Wood backhouse
33. 1928 - Old North Ward LDS Church and brick Seminary to the west. Now the Community Center/Senior Citizen's Center. City owned. **CR**
34. 1890's - Joseph S. Barney - 2-story brick house, now core of present building. **V** Early 1900's John King Boulder rancher purchased home. 1970-1980's Walter Bell many remodels incorporating garage and backhouse with additions. Note original trim at eaves. Howard Hutchison, current owner is working on his own plan and is illustrator for this brochure.
35. 1939-1987 Escalante High School. Now Escalante City Hall and gym. **M**



36. 1901 - People's Exchange - started as co-op on then Main Street. Late Victorian Commercial (**Illustration above**) - Directly beside it is a 2-story brick home **F** built by Victor E. Bean 1880's.
37. 1899 - 1955 - 2-story red brick elementary school. Note monument honoring Escalante's first public building erected by Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Veterans Memorial honoring local veterans built 2003.
38. 1880 - Josiah Barker - first family to arrive in Escalante 1876. Two adobe rooms - more added later.
39. **C.** 1900 - Charley Bailey - Brick home, wood garage and brick back house. **F** "Queen Anne" **V** added later.
40. 1880 - Reuben Collett had friends move a wood building **F** here, as he only had one arm, then later added rooms and rock fireplace.
41. 1961 - Earl & Nathella Woolsey - Early Ranch Brick. Cabin in rear built from timbers salvaged by Earl from the Woolsey cabin built 1880 and lived in until 1960 **C**
42. 1923 - Jasper Osborn - Large front porch and brick columns **AC**
43. 1920 - Reese Roundy - Bungalow **AC**
44. 1895 - Allen Cottam - Two room Brick **F** heavy timber barn stood where post office is today.
45. 1900 - Isaac Riddle - Brick "Queen Anne" **V**
46. 1895 - Ed Lay - Brick **F**
47. 1910 - Perry Martin Liston, Jr. Brick **FSB**. "Mother-in-law" cottage 1920 - overnight stop for mailmen
48. 1918 - William Mitchell. Cinder-like bricks of many styles made up by a brick making machine **AC** **C.** 1900 Zetland Mitchell Wodden Back House.
49. 1900 - Hyrum Gates - Brick "Queen Anne" **V** and barn
50. 1917 - Leo Munson - Brick Bungalow **AC**
51. 1912 - Oscar Liston - Note three dormers **CR** wood backhouse **FSB**
52. 1938 - Lorin Griffin - Escalante Showhouse - front wall inset with Petrified Wood. Roof painted with "Escalante" for early aviators **M**
53. Pre 1895 - Olt town jail built in part by Harry Cowles and Will Moosman.
54. 1920 - Carl Duel built part of store & Grant Twitchell added to either side. Commercial block built 1910-1920. Buildings served as cafes, stores, and Post Office.



55. 1884 - Morgan Richards, stone mason, LDS tithing office - "Greek Revival" style. Two rooms added in 1920 served as High School until 1938. Now Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum.
56. 1890 - Rufus Liston - **C** Moved out of town by Perry Liston - Reassembled 1990's by Escalante Lions Club. **C.**
57. 1896 - Rufus Liston - Brick w/balcony **F**
58. 1880 - Andrew R. Posey Porter - Core log cabin may be the second home constructed in Escalante. **C**
59. 1900 - Ernest Adelbert Griffin Brick "Queen Anne" **V**
60. 1870's - Escalante Cemetery - First grave Lavinsa Sylvester Williams & her baby daughter 1876. Oldest graves north end of the center road. East entrance monument to Boulder Mail Tr.
61. 1927 - Marion Woolsey - Wood backhouse **C**
62. 1910 - Napoleon Bonepart Roundy built this for one of his wives.
63. 1915 - Orson Spencer - Brick **FSB** backhouse. 1930 - Maitland Spencer **BB** 1995 Elray Nixon built half size copy of Joseph Spencer log cabin in South Hollow of Upper Valley
65. 1880 - John D. Wilcock - Log Cabin added onto later **C**
66. 1931 - Earl Nixon - Bungalow **AC**. Note native rock porch by Beryl Shurtz. Earlier wood backhouse, wood garage
67. Joseph Jared Porter - Note carved posts and 3 gable ends dated 1911. "Eastlake" **V**
68. 1897 - William Henry Gates, Jr. Brick Eastlake **V**
69. 1892 - Don Carlos Shurtz, Jr. - Brick - Originally w/ gas lights **F**
70. 1910 - Josiah Shurtz - Brick home U.S. Forest Service ranger office.
71. 1923 - Ray Shurtz - Brick Bungalow **AC** Two rooms were used for High School home economics classes
72. 1921 - Brick Bungalow **AC** Backhouse **FSB**
73. 1895 - Ed Wilcock - Two-tone brick. Different clay produced varied colors within several batches of brick **F**
74. 1907 - Charlie Haycock - home **V** started and sold to Frank Haws 1908 completed 1910 w/large barn. 1885 rock house covered with stucco. Wood **FSB** backhouse moved there 1945.
75. 1915 - Don Carlos Liston - Brick, original doors w/oval windows **CR** Small brick cottage on east side **FSB**
76. 1913 - Daniel Wilcock - Brick home **V** later covered with siding. 1915 Ice house and barn.
77. **C.** 1900 - Zetland Mitchell - Home remodeled over original cabin **C** Brick backhouse.
78. 1896 - John Spencer - Brick **F** "Queen Anne" **V** added later. Rock foundation. Brick backhouse.
80. 1900 - William Alvey - Wood backhouse
81. 1920's - Joseph Chesnut - Brick **B+AC**
82. 1930 - Edson Alvey moved barn here
83. 1915 - Arthur O. McInelly - Bungalow brick **V** Carpenter "Art Mac" built wood garage.
84. 1940 - Charles Leslie Griffin - Cottage pre **WW II** Note typical wire fence
85. 1880 - Samuel James Alvey - House built around adobe core **F** remodeled 1960's
86. 1920 - Tillman Woolsey - Wood home
87. 1932 - Mazel Alvey - Wood home "Pour Off" refers to irrigation canal nearby where kids swam and played.
88. 1915 - Tom Thurston - Wood home
89. **C.** 1915 - Dan Pollock - brick home **V**



90. 1914 - Mike Schow - "Queen Anne" with Hitching Post (**Illustration above**)
91. 1905 - James Woolsey, Jr. - Brick **B**
92. 1895 - Ed Twitchell - Brick **V**
93. 1920's - Jim & Erma Gates - Brick
94. 1910 - Moved from Widtsoe 1930's
95. **C.** 1900 - James Alvey - Brick **F**