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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printer in 12 pitch, using an 85 space line and a 10 space left margin. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name FERN/MARYLYN APARTMENTS

other names/site number (Site #11)

2. Location

street & number 2579 Adams Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Ogden N/A vicinity

state Utah code UT county Weber code 057 zip code 84401

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Three-story Apartment Buildings in Ogden,
1908-1928

No. of contributing resources
previously listed in the
National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

May J. [Signature] _____ November 4, 1987
Signature of certifying official Date
Utah State Historical Society
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Linda McClelland 12/31/87
___ See continuation sheet

___ determined eligible for the National Register. ___ See continuation sheet

___ determined not eligible for the National Register.

___ removed from the National Register.

___ other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper Date

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
<u>DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling</u>	<u>DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

other: 20th century vernacular

other: double-loaded corridor plan

other: vestibule/stairway plan

Materials

(enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick (multi-color)

roof unknown

other metal

concrete

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Fern/Marylyn Apartments consists of essentially two separate three-story brick buildings that are joined by a covered passageway. The 12-unit Marylyn Apartments on the south was built in 1923, and the 15-unit Fern Apartments on the north was completed in 1926. Both sections have flat roofs and concrete foundations and are virtually unaltered on the exterior.

The northern building, the Fern, is a rectangular building with its narrow end facing the street, giving it a vertical emphasis. The entrance is centered on the symmetrical facade and is framed on the sides by full-height brick pilasters of a darker color brick and on the top by a section of raised parapet. Dark brick is also used over the windows. There are decorative diamond-shaped sections of brick above the upper story windows on the facade, and there are small light-brick accents in the pilasters. The building contains 15 units which open off the central, double-loaded corridor. Attached to the rear of this building is a one-story, eight-bay frame garage that is probably original.

The southern building, the Marylyn, also contains three stories and a basement, though because of the slope of the terrain its roofline is lower. Its exterior walls feature the same shades of light and dark brick, but the brickwork is less decorative. This section has a horizontal emphasis, with two vestibule stairways set into the south facade. A masonry wall down the middle of this wing divides it into two square parts, each containing six units. The decorative metal canopies over these entrances match the one of the entrance of the north building.

Though the Fern and Marylyn apartments have separate facades, they are physically joined and therefore are counted as one building instead of two. The Fern was essentially an addition to the Marylyn, as indicated by the sequential numbering of apartments between the two sections.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally

Applicable National Register Criteria X A ___ B X C ___ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Community Development

Period of Significance

1923-28

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Dates

1923, 1926

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown/Stephens Bros. Construction Co.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Built in two sections in 1923 and 1926, the Fern/Marylyn Apartments is one of 21 apartment buildings included in the multiple property study "Three-story Apartment Buildings in Ogden, 1908-1928." These buildings are architecturally significant as examples of a distinct type of multi-family dwelling that was constructed in Ogden during the first three decades of the twentieth century. Characteristic features are their their multi-story height, brick construction, flat roofs, and self-contained apartment units on the interior. These apartment buildings are also historically significant, representing an attempt to accommodate the rapid population growth that Ogden experienced during its economic boom period of the early twentieth century. The expanding railroad industry and the introduction of major manufacturing plants and governmental facilities sparked the transformation of Ogden into an important urban center. Apartment buildings were constructed in response to the increased demand for housing, rising land values, and the appeal of apartments as a new and modern type of urban housing

The Fern/Marylyn Apartments is one of several apartment building investment projects by the Stephens family, who were among the leaders in this kind of enterprise during the important growth decade prior to the Depression. Samuel F., Daniel P., and Joseph F. Stephens shuffled ownership of the property between 1919 and 1926, the time during which the two adjoining structures were constructed. Another apartment building constructed by the Stephens brothers at about the same time was the Rose. The Rose and the Fern apartments are stylistically similar but feature floor plans quite different from any of the other 19 buildings. In this regard, the Stephens family or their architects or builders were experimenters and

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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not content to simply copy the designs of others.

The section of the building facing south, the Marylyn Apartments, is first listed in the city directory in 1924 with the address of 486 26th Street. The building's twelve apartments were numbered 17-28, indicating that the addition on the north, the Fern, was planned at that time. The Fern was first listed in the 1927 directory. Though it was built last, the Fern was clearly intended as the principal section, as indicated by its more decorative appearance, its claim to apartment numbers 1-15, and, after it was completed, the use of its address for both sections. (Apartment #16 was inexplicably left out of the listing of both sections.)

The city directories for 1925 and 1930 provide a general profile of the occupants of the building during the 1920s. The Fern/Marylyn contained a number of professional women living alongside several clerks, brick and metal workers, a fireman, nurse, stenographers, and the editor of an agricultural digest.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Polk Directories for Ogden City.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Ogden City.

Weber County Recorder and Assessor Records, Ogden, Utah.

___ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ___ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ___ previously listed in the National Register
- ___ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ___ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ___ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ___ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

- Primary location of additional data:
- State Historic Preservation Office
 - ___ Other State agency
 - ___ Federal agency
 - ___ Local government
 - ___ University
 - ___ Other
- Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property less than one acre

UTM References

A	<u>1/2</u>	<u>4/1/8/9/1/0</u>	<u>4/5/6/3/2/8/0</u>	B	<u>/</u>	<u>/ / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C	<u>/</u>	<u>/ / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>	D	<u>/</u>	<u>/ / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>

___ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: (tax no. 01-015-0002)

Beginning at a point 48.5 feet N of the SE corner of Lot 1, Block 17, Plat A, Ogden City Survey; thence W 41.5 feet, S .5 foot, W 44 feet, S 48 feet, W 20 feet, N 132 feet, E 50.5 feet, S 44 feet, E 55 feet, S 39.5 feet m/l to beginning. Also beginning at a point 88 feet N and 52 feet W of the SE corner of said Lot 1, thence N 11 feet, W 3 feet, S 11 feet, E 3 feet to beginning. ___ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary is based on the legal description of the property that has historically been associated with the building. ___ See continuation sheet

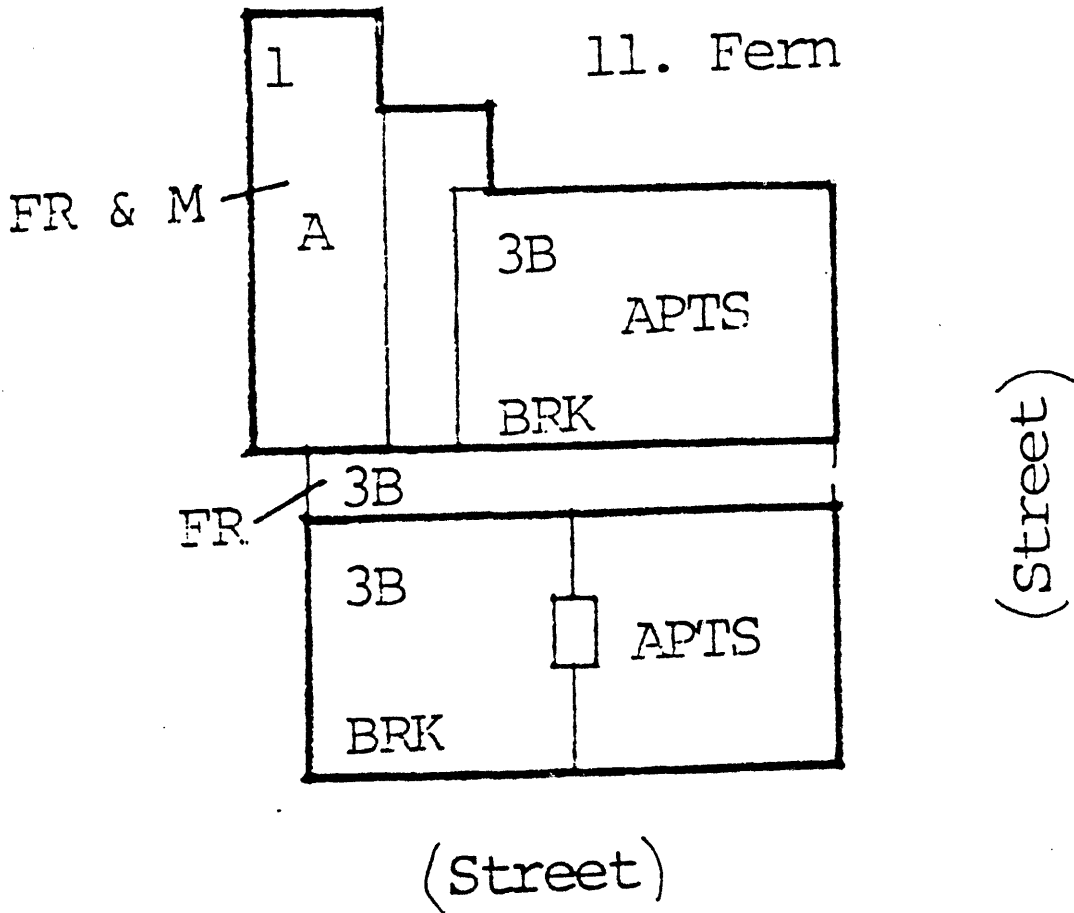
11. Form Prepared By

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Key to Abbreviated Notations

- Street = Street(s) the building faces
- 1,2,3 (inside building) = # of stories
- B = Basement
- A = Automobile garage
- BRK = Brick construction
- FR = Frame "
- M = Metal "
- ST = Stone "
- CONC = Concrete "
- APTS = Apartments
- = Former structure, now razed

NOTES: North is always at the top of the page; information is taken from Ogden Sanborn Map, 1906 updated through 1951; all buildings are drawn at 1" = 25 feet scale.