

Structure/Site Information Form

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IDENTIFICATION 1

1079 E. Center  
Street Address: Provo, Utah County, Utah

UTM: 12 445640 4453700  
Quad: Provo, Utah

Name of Structure: Superintendent's Residence  
at the Utah State Hospital

T. 7 S R. 3 E S. 6

Present Owner: State of Utah  
Utah State Hospital

Owner Address: P.O. Box 270  
Provo, Utah 84603-0270

Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #:

Legal Description Kind of Building:  
Beginning at a point on the back of the sidewalk on the north side of Center Street, Provo, Utah, which point is S 2055.72 feet and W 627.47 feet from the E Quarter Corner of Sec 6, T7S, R 3 E, thence along said back of sidewalk N 89°25'39" W 282.49 feet to a point in the extension of a wood fence, thence along said fence and extension thereof as follows: N 00°02'05" W 102.90 feet, N 87°24'58" E 59.93 feet, N 02°05'55" E 65.05 feet, and S 89°56'24" E 42.54 feet, thence E'ly along a non-tangent curve (see cont. sheet)

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: State of Utah Construction Date: 1934 Demolition Date:

Original Use: Residence Present Use: Health Care

Building Condition: Integrity: Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:

- Excellent  Site  Unaltered  Significant  Not of the  National Landmark  District
- Good  Ruins  Minor Alterations  Contributory  Historic Period  National Register  Multi-Resource
- Deteriorated  Major Alterations  Not Contributory  State Register  Thematic

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography: Date of Slides: 1985 Slide No.: Date of Photographs: 1985 Photo No.:

Views:  Front  Side  Rear  Other Views:  Front  Side  Rear  Other

Research Sources:

- Abstract of Title  Sanborn Maps  Newspapers  U of U Library
- Plat Records/Map  City Directories  Utah State Historical Society  BYU Library
- Tax Card & Photo  Biographical Encyclopedias  Personal Interviews  USU Library
- Building Permit  Obituary Index  LDS Church Archives  SLC Library
- Sewer Permit  County & City Histories  LDS Genealogical Society  Other

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

Provo Herald (Provo, Utah), 1936

Architect/Builder: unknown/PWA

Building Materials: masonry

Building Type/Style: Colonial Revival

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

Built in 1934, the Superintendent's Residence at the Utah State Hospital is a one-and-a-half story, brick, Colonial Revival style house. It has a gable roof and consists of a large one-and-a-half story central section flanked by one-story wings on both sides. The main house has the general appearance of the Cape Cod form, but has a curious projecting portico offset to one side containing the front entrance. While the general style of the dwelling reflects Colonial Revival thinking, the entrance portico is decidedly PWA Moderne. The gable roof is low-pitched and in "intended" as an abstract rendering of the classical pedimented gable. The front door is set back within a series of telescoping side wall surfaces, and there are recessed, pilaster-like panels to either side that contain Art Deco ornamental lamps. Above the entrance is a stylized cornice and frieze topped by a low-relief balcony. The side wing to the west is one story gabled, and is distinguished by windows with elliptical fanlight arches. The wing to the east, also one story, is slightly larger and less regular. There the windows are the casement type. The house remains in good original condition, the main change being the addition to the rear of an iron stair ramp leading to the second level and the insertion of the recessed dormer into the front roof slope.

Total number of contributing buildings: 1

Total number of noncontributing buildings: 2 (garages in the NE corner of property)

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1934

Built in 1934, the Superintendent's Residence at the Utah State Hospital is part of the Public Works Buildings Thematic Resource nomination and is significant because it helps document the impact of New Deal programs in Utah, which was one of the states that the Great Depression of the 1930s most severely affected. In 1933 Utah had an unemployment rate of 36 percent, the fourth highest in the country, and for the period 1932-1940 Utah's unemployment rate averaged 25 percent. Because the depression hit Utah so hard, federal programs were extensive in the state. Overall, per capita federal spending in Utah during the 1930s was 9th among the 48 states, and the percentage of workers on federal work projects was far above the national average. Building programs were of great importance. During the 1930s virtually every public building constructed in Utah, including county courthouses, city halls, fire stations, national guard armories, public school buildings, and a variety of others, were built under federal programs by one of several agencies, including the Civil Works Administration (CWA), the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA), the National Youth Administration (NYA), the Works Progress Administration (WPA), or the Public Works Administration (PWA), and almost without exception none of the buildings would have been built when they were without the assistance of the federal government.

The Superintendent's Residence at the Utah State Hospital in Provo is one of 232 buildings constructed in Utah during the 1930s and early 1940s under the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and other New Deal programs. Of those 232 buildings, 133 are still standing and are eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. In Utah County 37 buildings were constructed. This is one of 27 that are left. Two buildings were constructed at the Utah State Hospital; both are still standing.

It was built in 1934 as a Public Works Administration (PWA) project and was part of a larger \$124,500 project at the Utah State Hospital that included

Superintendent's Residence at the Utah State Hospital  
History continued:

extensive remodeling of the Central Administration Building (now demolished) and improvements to the hospital's water supply. Many of the materials used in this building were salvaged from the Central Administration Building at the time it was remodeled.<sup>1</sup> Dr. Garland H. Pace was the first superintendent of the hospital to occupy the home. In recent years the home has been used as an auxiliary building by the hospital.

The Utah State Hospital was established at this location in 1885 to serve the needs of the mentally handicapped in Utah. The facility is still in operation today.

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<sup>1</sup>Provo Herald, August 19, 1936, p. 4, Section 5.

Legal Description continued:

to the right, having a radius of 70 feet, a distance of 99.04 feet, the chord of which bears N 89°19'47" E 90.99 feet, to a point in a wood fence, thence along said fence as follows: N 89°00'08" E 25.07 feet and S 00°34'46" W 9.96 feet, thence S 89°25'39" E 60.89 feet to a point in a wood fence, thence along said fence and extension thereof S 00°19'07" E 164.32 feet to the point of beginning. 1.03 acres  
This parcel is located on the west and north side of the 306.55 acre Utah State Hospital property.