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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC EDWIN ROBERT BOOTH HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 94 West 300 South St. NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN Nephi CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 02
STATE Utah VICINITY OF COUNTY Juab CODE 023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Kenneth W. and Vivian S. Ford, c/o Steven and Beth Anderson
STREET & NUMBER 94 West 300 South
CITY, TOWN Nephi STATE Utah

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Juab County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER Center Street
CITY, TOWN Nephi STATE Utah

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE none
DATE FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Booth House is a two-story brick structure, largely intact, with excellent Victorian detailing. Most of the decorative work is applied to the two-story gable end facade, especially at the attic story. A large octagonal bay projects from the first floor, with three one-over-one sash windows trimmed with rusticated stone sills and lintels and panel brick decoration below the sills. The second story above had a balcony (now missing). A door with sidelights opens into the roof above the first floor bay window. The door and sidelights are framed with a rusticated stone lintel above. In the attic story, a tripartite window is framed behind a projecting round arch below the cornice which is decorated with scroll saw and turned wood trim. The gable end is covered with imbricated and diamond-pattern shingles.

The front and rear doors--extravagances of wood detailing--are intact, the front door bell still rings. Interior wood work, though painted, is also intact. The home was built without fireplaces. The three chimneys were built for coal burning stoves, all of which have long since been removed.

The front wooden porch is intact, although in poor condition. A cement foundation was poured in the 1930s replacing the wood lattice work and closing off the venting system for the cellar.

In the one and a half story section of the house, the only changes are one old and two new shed dormers. The front dormer was added in the 1930s when the house was converted into two apartments. The other two dormers were recently added by the present occupants as part of the refinishing of the attic. Although gable roof dormers would have been more compatible, their visual impact is not severe.

The back wood porch is missing. The original wood fence still surrounds the property, although it is in need of repair. The small barn which was built for the Booth's race horse, Mack, is also intact.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	XPOLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
	__INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1893 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Booth House lies in the merit of the architecture. The refined Victorian elegance of this home speaks eloquently of the bourgeois values of the rural entrepreneurial class and the effort they put into making their homes reflect their distance from the less successful participants in the frontier settlement experience.

Edwin Robert Booth Jr. (1857-1914) was the Nephi City Recorder when he married Anna Elizabeth Brough (1860-1931) and built this home. He had been a councilman in Nephi's first city government (1889). In 1899 he was elected mayor of Nephi. During the years following this term of office, he served as the postmaster. Booth's business ventures included executive involvement with the Utah Wool Growers Company and the Nephi National Bank.

This impressive Victorian house was built by a man influential in local politics. His wife was a member of one of the first non-Indian families in the area--her father John had been one of those (as had Edwin's father, Edwin Sr.) who had built within the Salt Creek Fort which had been constructed, beginning in 1854, as a defense against local Indians. Her brothers built homes in the area--James built the home directly south.

Because of Edwin's civic and business involvements, the Booths entertained extensively. The double parlor in the home was the setting for many parties and dinners--with nieces and nephews pitching-in to help.

Edwin Booth died in 1914; the house became the property of his wife. She lived in the home until 1927, then moved to Salt Lake City to live with her only child, Athelia Pitchforth. Anna's brother Barton and his family moved into the house. Eventually they rented out the east half of the house, adding a dormer in the attic. The house passed to Athelia upon her mother's death in 1931. Inherited debts and the general nationwide economic depression contributed to ownership of the house being transferred to a local bank. The Barton Brough family moved out of the home in 1938. His brother William F. bought the house and used it as rental property.

Odell Taylor bought the house several years later. Upon his death, the house was torn apart by relatives looking for money which he had supposedly hidden in the house. It remained unoccupied for many years. In July of this year the Steven Andersons moved into the home and are in the process of restoring it to its former glory.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Alice P. McCune, History of Juab County (Salt Lake City: DUP, 1947).
 Sanborn maps, Nephi, 1908.
 "Standard References," Utah State Historical Society.
 Interview with Marie Brough Hall, November 1, 1978.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 (see letter 11/28/79)

QUADRANGLE NAME _____ QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>12</u>	<u>428</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>431957050</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
C					D			
E					F			
G					H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

West half of Lot 2, Block 12, Plat A, Nephi City.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kathryn L. MacKay, Project Historian

ORGANIZATION

Utah State Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

307 West 200 South, Suite 1000

CITY OR TOWN

Salt Lake City

DATE

October 1978

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STATE

Utah

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

J. Phillip Keene, III, State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

February 15, 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Sally G. Oldham
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/6/79

ATTEST: Kristin J. O'Connell
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

12/4/79