

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 Robert Johnson House

and/or common Johnson House

2. Location

street & number Block 98 Lot 2 (ne corner 300 North 100 East) not for publication

city, town Manti vicinity of _____ congressional district 01

state Utah code 049 county Sanpete code 039

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Rodney Cox

street & number 257 East Union

city, town Manti vicinity of _____ state UT 84642

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Sanpete County Courthouse

street & number 160 N Main

city, town Manti state UT

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Sanpete Vernacular Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Spring 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Utah State Historical Society

city, town Salt Lake City state ut

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Robert Johnson house is a two-story stone "hall and parlor" folk/vernacular house type. There is a one story rear "T" extension which was built as a part of the original house. The west two-story section is basically two-rooms over two-rooms with the south section the largest and containing the staircase. The stair's are the open, banistered type and lead up directly behind the front door. A rear staircase, perhaps a later addition, runs up from the room in the rear. There are large fireplaces in each of the rooms. The roof is gabled and stone internal wall chimneys are found at each end of the house.

The house is built of oolite limestone taken from the nearby "temple hill quarry". The walls are coursed ashlar with the mortar incised to emphasize the geometric patterning of the stonework. The house has a symmetrical three-over-three opening facade. Lintels and sills are cut stone and extra attention has been given to dressing the corner stones in order to highlight the quoins. Decorative details are sparse and relegated to simple cornice and greek revival gable returns.

The house remains in excellent condition and virtually unaltered externally. In the later 19th century a partition was added to the larger downstairs room to effect a central passageway.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

1860

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Robert Johnson house is significant architecturally as an example of early Sanpete Valley domestic vernacular design. This two-story hall and parlor house, often termed an "I" house by folklife specialists, was a symbol of local economic and political achievement.¹ Within the range of vernacular house types, there were serious economic divisions. The family of modest income might have a single room house, or a one-story two room hall and parlor house. Those more affluent would often choose this full two story type both for its extra room and its social status. The Robert Johnson house remains virtually unaltered and is one of the most striking monuments to early pioneer technology extant in Sanpete today. The house served to delimit one end of the economic spectrum in vernacular building and historically points to the basic discrepancy of wealth within the Mormon "village" community.

Robert Johnson, born in Chester, England in 1823, offers a nice illustration of the opportunities, both religious and economic, which the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offered its converts.² Johnson's family was poor and as a youngster he was forced into factory work. Baptized into the Mormon Church, Johnson emigrated to Utah in 1853 with practically nothing. Living in Manti by 1854 Johnson engaged in making adobies and other odd jobs until he could secure a farm. By 1860 he could list himself as a prosperous farmer with holdings of about \$750. Probably about 1860 he constructed the large stone house for his family. The house became a tribute to the American dream he shared with his fellow Mormon kingdom builders. The house belonged to the Johnsons until the 20th century when it was acquired by the Ernest Braithwaite family.

¹ Fred Kniffen, "Folk Housing: Key to Diffusion," Annals of the Association of American Geographers, 55:4 (December 1965), pp. 549-577.

² See W.H. Lever, History of Sanpete and Emery Counties (Ogden: W.H. Lever, 1898), pp. 137-138.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Manti, UT

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

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B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

G

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H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Begin SW cor Blk 98 Plat A: E 115.84; N 3.25 chains; W 115.84'; S 3.25 chains to beginning

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tom Carter/Architectural Historian

organization Utah State Historical Society

date April 1980

street & number 307 West 200 South

telephone 533-6017

city or town Salt Lake City

state UT 84101

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Melvin T. Smith

title Melvin T. Smith, State Historic Preservation Officer

date 7/22/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Bruce MacDonnell

date 10/19/80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Paula Stover Reed

date 10/10/80

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet

Item number 9

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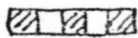
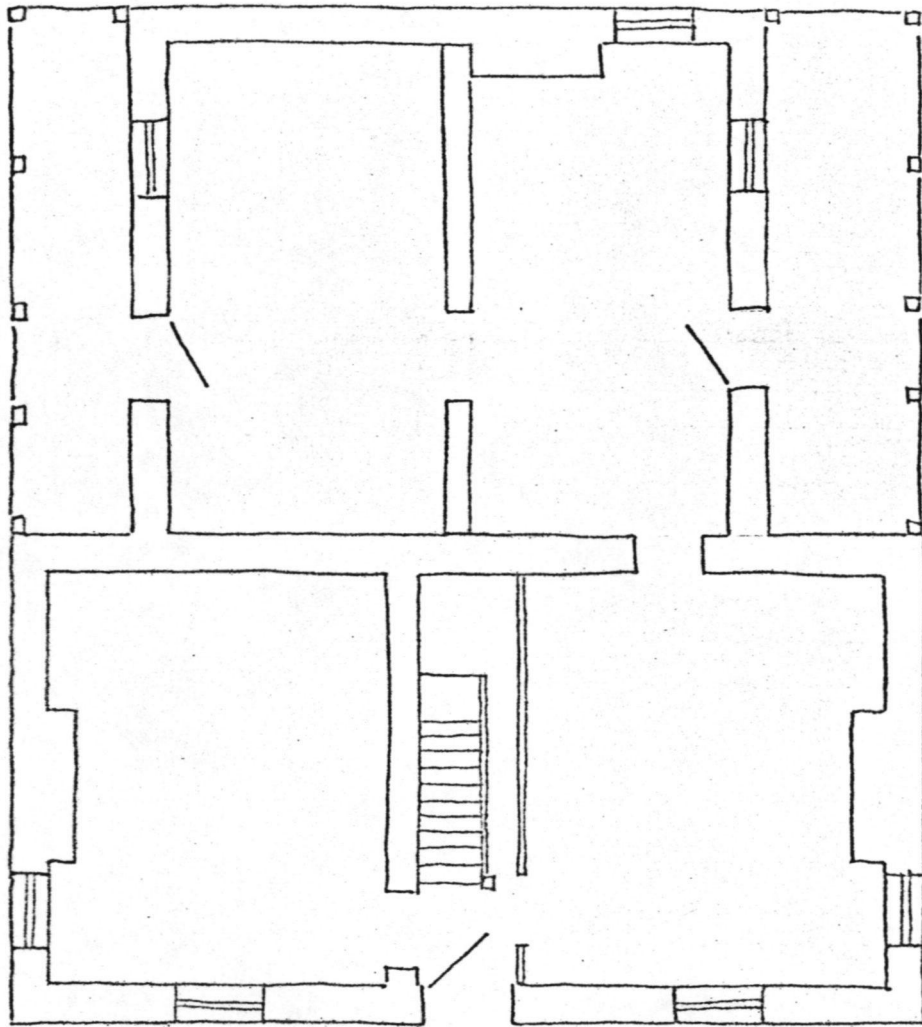
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ROBERT JOHNSON HOUSE c. 1860 MANTI



STONE HALL & PARLOR HOUSE

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Robert, Johnson, House
Manti, Sanpete County, UT

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Facade elevation

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Robert, Johnson House
Manti, Sanpete County, UT

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South elevation

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Robert Johnson House
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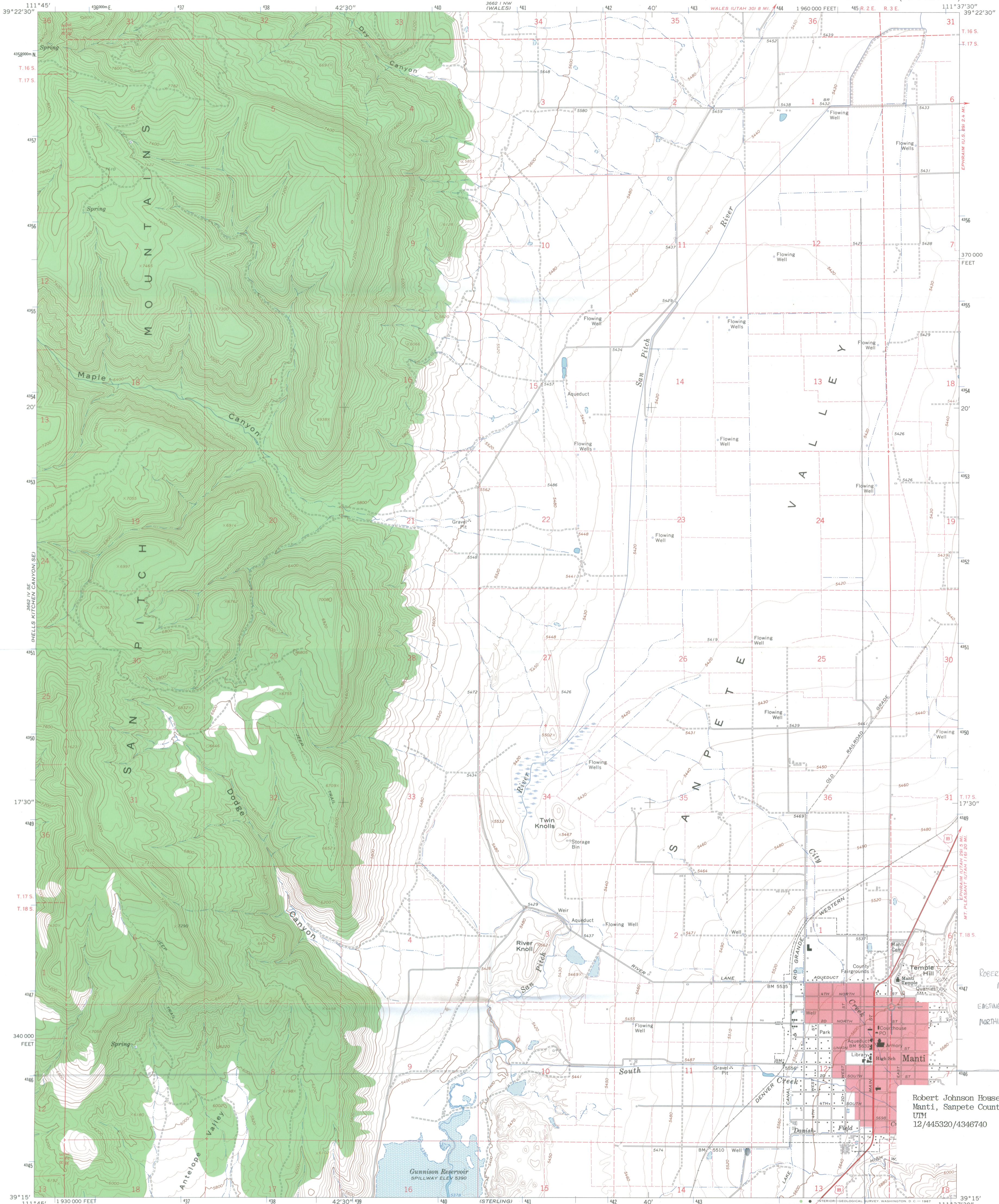
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Detail of stone masonry

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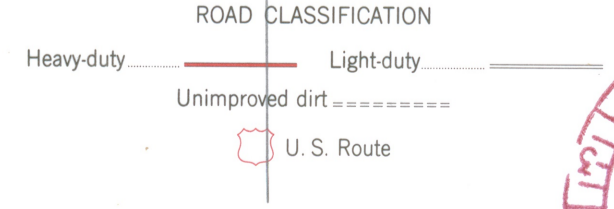
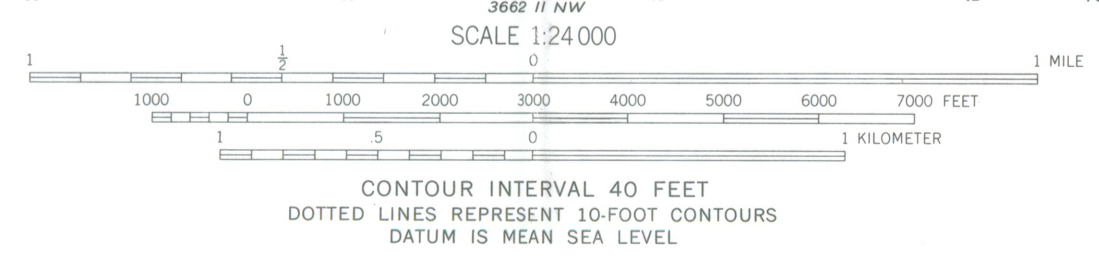
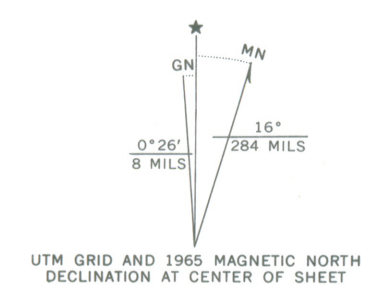
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ROBERT JOHNSON HOUSE
MANTI, UTAH
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NORTHING 4346740

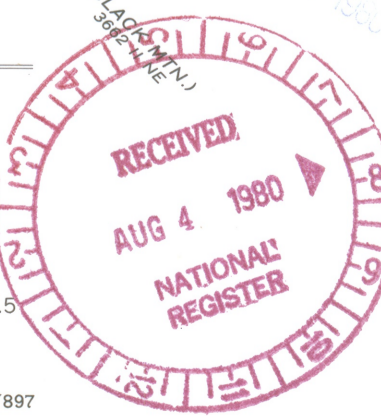
Robert Johnson House
Manti, Sanpete County, UT
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1965
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Utah coordinate system, central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 12, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines
Area covered by dashed light-blue pattern
is subject to controlled inundation



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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

MANTI, UTAH
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ROBERT JOHNSON ALBERT
MANTI

National Register of Historic Places

Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2013

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Johnson, Robert, House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: UTAH, Sanpete

DATE RECEIVED: 11/08/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/25/13
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80003949

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

 ACCEPT RETURN REJECT DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept
REVIEWER Edson Beall DISCIPLINE History
TELEPHONE _____ DATE 12.24.13

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

80003949

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Johnson, Robert, House-Additional Documentation

Other names/site number: Johnson House

Name of related multiple property listing:

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 103 E. 300 North

City or town: Manti State: UT County: Sanpete

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

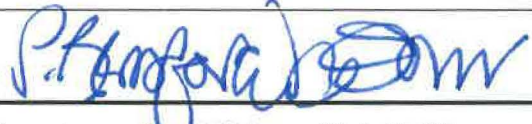
I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

 A B X C D

	<u>Nov 03, 2013</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
<u>Utah Division of State History/Office of Historic Preservation</u>	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title : _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

National Register of Historic Places
Memo to File

Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

Property

Johnson, Robert, House

State

Ut, Sanpete

Working Number

8.4.80.2038

80003049

TECHNICAL

Photos

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Maps

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CONTROL

HISTORIAN

c1860 stone vernacular house associated with mormonism. Built by an Englishman. An excellent example of an important regional vernacular type built of local materials

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Accept. P. Reed
10/10/80*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

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Re-submit _____



SCOTT M. MATHESON
GOVERNOR



STATE OF UTAH
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

July 23, 1980

Division of
State History
(UTAH STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

MELVIN T. SMITH, DIRECTOR
307 WEST 2ND SOUTH
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84101
TELEPHONE 801 / 533-5755

National Register
DOI
W434
Washington, DC 20243

Enclosed are the nomination forms for Francis Marion Jolley House Manti; Robert Johnson House, Manti; Fredrick Sorensen House, Ephraim; Billings-Hougaard House, Manti. These nominations are in Sanpete County, Utah.

These nominations have been approved by a majority of the Historic and Cultural Sites Review Committee and by Utah's State Historic Preservation Officer.

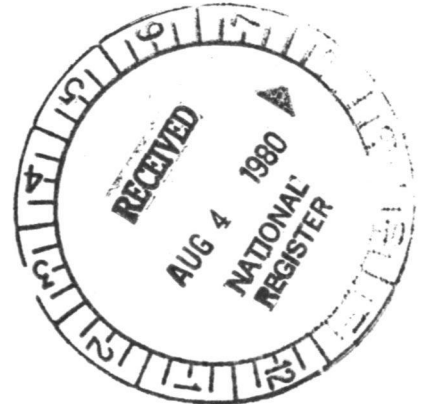
Sincerely,

Kent Powell/sm

A. Kent Powell
Preservation Research Coordinator

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Enclosure



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE UTAH

Date Entered OCT 14 1980

Name

Location

Johnson, Robert, House

Manti
Sanpete County

Jolley, Francis Marion, House

Manti
Sanpete County

Billings-Hougaard House

Manti
Sanpete County

Sorensen, Frederick Christian, House

Ephraim
Sanpete County

Also Notified

Honorable Orrin G. Hatch

Honorable Jake Garn
Honorable Gunn McKay

State Historic Preservation Officer
Dr. Melvin T. Smith
Utah State Historical Commission
307 W. 200 S. Suite 1000
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.



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Executive Director
Department of
Heritage & Arts



Brad Westwood
Director



November 4, 2013

CAROL SHULL
KEEPER
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
1201 "I" (EYE) STREET, NW, 8th FLOOR (MS 2280)
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find additional documentation forms for the following National Register of Historic Preservation nominations, that have been signed by the Utah State Historic Preservation Officer:

Billings-Hougaard House (80003948)
Johnson, Robert, House (80003949)

Sanpete County
Sanpete County

When initially nominated and listed on the Register, these buildings did not have official address numbers. Since that time, an address system has been emplaced in the community and the owners of the buildings have requested that the nominations be updated to reflect the proper address numbers.

Thank you for your assistance with these nominations. Please contact me at 801/245-7242, or at coryjensen@utah.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

J. Cory Jensen
Architectural/Historian
National Register Coordinator
Office of Historic Preservation

Enclosures

