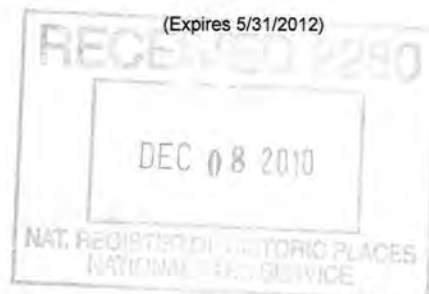


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National Park Service

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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. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property

historic name Kanab Post Office

other names/site number Old Kanab Post Office, US Forest Service Office, Spencer Building

2. Location

street & number 22 N. Main Street

☐ not for publication

city or town Kanab

☐ vicinity

state Utah code UT county Kane code 025 zip code 84741

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide X local

WHL SHPO UTAH SHPO 12/2/2010
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

WHL SHPO
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official

Date

Title State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register

☐ determined eligible for the National Register

☐ determined not eligible for the National Register

☐ removed from the National Register

☐ other (explain:)

For Edison H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

1.24.11
Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- ☒ private
☐ public - Local
☐ public - State
☐ public - Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box.)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	buildings
	district
	site
	structure
	object
1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Historic and Architectural Resources of Kanab, Utah

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

GOVERNMENT: Post Office

GOVERNMENT: Office

COMMERCE/TRADE: Office Building

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

HEALTHCARE: Clinic

COMMERCE/TRADE: Office Building

RELIGION: Religious Facility

DOMESTIC: Apartment

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH AMERICAN

MOVEMENTS: Commercial Style

LATE VICTORIAN

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: STONE

walls: BRICK

roof: BUILT-UP

other:

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

The Kanab Post Office, circa 1900, is a two-part commercial block located at 22 N. Main Street in Kanab, Utah.¹ The two-story building is constructed of brick on a stone foundation. The built-up roof slopes to the rear behind a cascading parapet. The façade features modest elements of the Late Victorian and Early Twentieth Century commercial styles. The building has a one-part stucco-covered concrete-block annex to the south (built circa 1940). The majority of modifications to the building occurred in the 1930s or 1940s, within the historic period (circa 1900 to 1950). The building takes up most of the space on its 0.04-acre parcel. It adjoins a 1948 two-part commercial block building on the north. There is an asphalt right-of-way on the south with parking in the rear. The building is part of Kanab's historic Main Street commercial and government corridor.

Narrative Description

The Kanab Post Office was built on a rock-face ashlar sandstone foundation.² The reddish sandstone blocks also accent the main level of the façade (west elevation) at the corners and flank the front entrance. The storefront was originally symmetrical with a slightly recessed front door and transom. The current wood sash storefront windows are not original, but are from the historic period when an exterior entrance to a second floor stair was added on the south side, which replaced the south window with a door and smaller window.³ The original storefront had a wood bulkhead and divided-light transoms above the windows. These areas are currently covered with stucco (circa 1980s). The front door is a four-panel historic door, but the original door appears to have been three-quarter glass in a historic photograph. The second floor door is a half-glass wood door (circa 1940s) with concrete stoop. The full-width wood cornice above the transom level is original. The stone has not been painted. The doors and wood trim are painted rust red and the stucco is tan (circa 1980s).

The upper level of the façade and secondary elevations are built of red-orange brick laid in a running bond with light-colored flush mortar joints. There are two courses of rowlock brick at the segmental-arched window heads. The brick extends to include the cascading parapet. The historic iron tie rods show where the roof line is located. There is one extant original one-over-one double-hung wood-sash window on the main level of the rear (east) elevation. The extant second floor windows were replaced with four-light metal-sash windows with one vertical casement. These replacements may have been within the historic period, but may date to the early 1960s. One of these windows, on the second floor south elevation, has been replaced with a full-light window, circa 1990s. The north elevation originally had one upper and one lower window, both blocked by the adjoining two-story building in 1948. The two windows on the upper level of the south elevation are visible. Two main floor windows and a side door were blocked by the circa 1948 annex. The

¹ The building historically used addresses between 20 and 24 N. Main Street. The current address of the legal parcel is 22 N. Main Street. The main floor uses 24 N. and the upper floor is 22 N. The annex uses 20 N. for an address. The current Main Street in Kanab was First East when the building was constructed.

² The actual construction date is uncertain, with various sources giving several dates between 1899 (family history) and 1922 (tax record). The physical evidence, such as the stone foundation, suggests a turn-of-the century date, but Kanab builders continued to use stone until the 1920s. The latest probable date is 1914 when the land was officially acquired by the first owner, but there is evidence she had either a frame building or this building constructed on the parcel before purchasing the land. See Section 8 for more information.

³ Historic photographs and newspaper reports suggest the original staircase was accessed from the interior until the 1930s when it was moved to the back. An interior closed stair with exterior access was rebuilt in the 1940s. Today there is also a non-historic replacement for the rear exterior stair.

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rear (east) elevation features windows on the south half and doors in the north half. The lower level door is a five-panel wood door and the upper level door is half-glass. Both are historic and possibly original. The wood exterior staircase has been recently rebuilt (circa 1990s).

The footprint of the original building is 20 feet by 40 feet. The one-story annex was built circa 1940 along the south elevation.⁴ The footprint of the annex is 10 feet by 40 feet. The annex is built of concrete block laid in a running bond. The block is currently painted salmon pink. The façade (west elevation) is covered in tan stucco. The ten-foot wide façade has a single-pane wood sash storefront window (original) and a circa 1980s panel door. The wood has been painted orange to match the older building to the north. The south elevation features a cascading parapet that mimics the older building. One course of brick is located under the tile coping. The roof is built-up and slopes to the rear. The south elevation has three sets of three wood sash windows (one blocked, one replaced). There is a painted stringcourse above the windows. On the rear elevation of the annex, there is one door (currently blocked by a plastic storage cabinet) and one two-over-two square wood window (original). Interior access between the two-story building and the one-story annex is in the southeast corner through a door that was cut from a window opening when the annex was built. The center door on the south elevation may have provided access during the historic period, but is no longer visible from inside the post office building.

The interior of the Kanab Post Office has a combination of historic and non-historic features. The back rooms of the main level of the older building include some wainscoting, which may be original. The back hall and offices appear to have woodwork from the 1940s or 1950s. The front half was remodeled in the 1990s. The main floor is currently a chiropractor's office. The front is a lobby and waiting area. The north rooms are used for a restroom and storage. The south rooms are patient rooms. The second floor was office/business space in the historic period, but is currently finished as an office in front and apartment in the rear. It has been vacant for several years. The annex is being used as a meeting place for the local Christian Science congregation. Historic photographs show the post office building with very little signage. Signage has changed frequently over the years, including a large metal awning in the 1970s (removed circa 1990s). The current backlit sign is removable.

The Kanab Post Office is located on a 0.04-acre parcel, which includes the main building and annex. In the front there is no landscaping, just a public sidewalk and 90 degree parking along Main Street. Along the south side of the annex is an asphalt driveway to the bank on the corner and some parking behind the building, which mostly belongs to the property adjoining on the north. Near the rear (east) elevation is a tree and some bushes. The old post office and the adjoining building are the only historic commercial buildings left on that block of Main Street. The buildings face the public square where the historic Kanab LDS Church meetinghouse is located. The county offices are further north on Main Street. Main Street is fairly quiet, compared to Center Street, which runs perpendicular, and is also Highway 89, the main transportation and commercial corridor through town. The old post office is one of the few historic commercial blocks left in Kanab. The building has excellent historic integrity and meets the registration requirements for the *Historic and Architectural Resources of Kanab, Utah*, multiple property submission. The Kanab Post Office is an important architectural and historic resource in Kanab, Utah.

⁴ The tax records give a construction date of 1948. The concrete block building may have been earlier as recorded in newspaper accounts to enlarge the main floor of the post office in the 1930s.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

Period of Significance

1900-1950

Significant Dates

1900, 1914, 1919, 1930, 1934, 1950

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance is circa 1900 to 1950, which covers the time period that the building was used as a post office.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

N/A

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

The Kanab Post Office, built circa 1900, is locally significant under Criterion A for its association with the development of Kanab, Utah, in the first half of the twentieth century. The Kanab Post Office is significant in the area of Politics/Government, and Communications. Prior to the construction of the building, post office duties were carried out in various residences or businesses in the town. The building at 22 N. Main Street is acknowledged as the first building in town dedicated for use as a post office. The period of significance begins circa 1900, when the building was constructed, to 1950, when the post office was moved to the adjoining building. The Kanab Post Office was constructed for Persis A. Spencer, who served as the town's postmaster from 1899 until her death in 1919. The building was the communication center of the town for many years, housing both the telegraph office and the telephone exchange. The second floor of the building was used by the United State Forest Service for many years, but also had a beauty shop and other businesses within the historic period. The building is eligible for the National Register under the *Historic and Architectural Resources of Kanab, Utah* Multiple Property Listing. The period of significance for the building spans three contextual periods: *Community Building, Farming, and Ranching Period, 1884-1909*, *Twentieth-Century Community Development and the Beginning of a Tourist Industry, 1910-1921* and the *"Little Hollywood," the Expansion of Tourism and Other Industries, 1922-1950*.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

Within a few months after entering the Salt Lake Valley, Brigham Young, leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon Church) sent companies of settlers to explore southern Utah. The Mormons had three reasons for settling southern Utah: 1) to set up a series of settlement outposts along routes to California and Arizona; 2) to find areas suitable for grazing and agriculture; and 3) to perform missionary work among Utah's Native American tribes. Due to confrontations with the native Paiutes, several attempts to settle the Kanab area, near the Utah-Arizona border, in the 1860s failed. In the spring of 1869, an abandoned fort was reoccupied. Brigham Young visited the fort in April 1870 and established an LDS ward. In September of 1870, the town site of Kanab was surveyed with each block divided into four lots of two acres. Each family received at least one lot on which to build a house, barn and outbuildings.

The two lots on the south half of Kanab's Block 22 were first deeded to Jacob Hamblin in 1885, who held title for only a year before selling to Mandana R. Johnson. Mandana R. Johnson, and her husband, Nephi Johnson, probably had a frame house on the property in the late nineteenth century, but may have also built a general store on the property by 1900. During this period the economy of Kanab was based on farming and ranching, primarily ranching because water was a scarce commodity. The population grew from 409 in 1890 to 710 in 1900. The inhabitants of the town could not raise enough food to meet their needs, and the arrival of freight wagons and stages with staples from communities to the north was an almost daily occurrence. In the early twentieth century, the streets south, west, and east of the town square were developed commercially, mostly with general stores. The Johnsons sold the southwest corner (Lot 2) to their daughter, Lovinia A. Johnson Farnsworth, in July 1909.⁵ Lovinia Farnsworth's daughter, Vinnie, married Lewis Jepson in 1897. With a few years of the marriage, Lewis Jepson built a substantial mercantile block at the southwest corner of Block 22 (now Center and Main Streets). Around 1914, the Jepson block was sold to John Glazier and became the Stockman's Store. On December 23, 1914, Lovinia A. Farnsworth sold a 20-foot by 50-foot section of Lot 2 with Main Street frontage to Persis A. Spencer. A month later, the Stockman's Store granted Persis A. Spencer a right-of-way along the north side of the store property. At the time she was deeded the property, Persis A. Spencer, Kanab's postmaster, had been operating the town's post office on the property for approximately fifteen years.

⁵ Lovinia's name in some records appears as spelled Lavinia or Lovinie.

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Persis Ann Brown Spencer was born on December 23, 1855, in Draper, Utah. Her parents, Joseph Gurnsey and Harriet Maria Young Brown were among the first settlers of Draper in the south part of the Salt Lake Valley. When Persis was six years old, the family moved to the remote settlement of Kanab near the Utah-Arizona border. As a young woman, Persis Brown taught school to help support her family. She was one of the first teachers to teach in the one-room school house built after the Kanab fort burned down. When she was nineteen years old, Persis Brown accepted a proposal to become a polygamous wife from Howard Orson Spencer who had been called to be the bishop and president of the United Order in Orderville, Utah.⁶ Persis and Howard were married on March 22, 1875. Howard O. Spencer married a third wife, Asenath Emmeline Carling, in 1877. Howard O. Spencer's first wife, Louisa Catherine Cross Spencer, initially did not want to leave Salt Lake City, but she later moved her family to Orderville. All three wives were living together in the same household in Orderville according to the 1880 census enumeration.⁷ For a time, Persis A. Spencer was one of several women in charge of the boarding house and the communal meals for the Order. She was also the telegraph operator in Orderville.

As a polygamous wife, Persis Spencer often had to move her family around southern Utah to avoid federal authorities. She had five children, Harriet, Joseph Gurnsey, Nabbie, Bessie and Homer (born in Orderville and Kanab). A biography of Howard O. Spencer states that Persis "left the order and moved to Kanab" before Howard Spencer and his other families left in 1883-1884.⁸ Although they left the Order, Howard, Louisa and Asenath Spencer chose to remain in Orderville for the rest of their lives. It is unclear when Persis moved to Kanab. Her youngest child was born in Orderville in 1888. So it is likely she moved to Kanab permanently after polygamy was disavowed by the LDS Church in 1890.⁹ Establishing her independence in Kanab, Persis purchased a house for herself and her children. The property had a garden plot, orchard, corral and chicken coop.¹⁰

Persis Spencer took in boarders and taught school to help support her family. A biographical sketch by her daughters describing her life in Kanab states that "For many years, [Persis] was the town's telegraph operator. In a two room building on the 'Square' she kept school in one room and the telegraph key in the other. Between times she did knitting, etc., and dried fruit in season."¹¹ The two-room building on the square is likely the frame storefront that appears in the *History of Kanab* with the caption "Early Post Office."¹² Although its exact location is unknown, the storefront appears to face Main Street with a large barn in the background.¹³ Persis A. Spencer was appointed as the official postmaster for Kanab on July 10, 1899. Her name appears three times in the 1899-1900 Utah gazetteer: once as the postmaster, once as the County Recorder, and once as the owner of 80 acres of farmland in Kane County

Prior to the appointment of Persis A. Spencer, post office duties in Kanab were usually performed in the county courthouse, or the residence/business of the acting postmaster. This arrangement was typical for rural Utah in the late-nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. As a business woman, Persis was known for keeping her "business life separate from her home and religious duties."¹⁴ She likely used the frame building as the town's post office until the brick

⁶ The town of Orderville, twenty-two miles north of Kanab, was established in 1875 by a number of settlers in the area who wished to live the United Order, a program of communal living espoused by Brigham Young. The community was considered a model example of the United Order until the Order was completely dissolved in 1885.

⁷ The 1880 household includes five of Louisa's seven children and Persis' oldest of five. Asenath Emmeline Spencer eventually gave birth to sixteen children.

⁸ Hattie Esplin, *Histories of Early Pioneers of Orderville and Kane County, Utah*, (TMs [circa 1950]).

⁹ Given the ages of her children, it is likely she moved to Kanab to provide them more educational opportunities.

¹⁰ Jennie Brown Hollist and Imogene Brown, *Ebenezer Brown and His Descendants*, ([Utah?]: Gem Printing Company, 1979): 24.

¹¹ Ibid: 25. Persis A. Spencer had previously operated the telegraph in Orderville.

¹² Elsa Chamberlain Carroll, ed., *History of Kane County*, Kane County Daughters of Utah Pioneers, (Salt Lake City, Utah: Utah Printing Company, 1960): 164.

¹³ The barn in the photograph may be the same barn that remains on the property of the Parry Lodge on the east side of Block 22. This would put the frame building further north and closer to the center of the block than the brick Post Office building.

¹⁴ *Ebenezer Brown*: 25.

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building was completed.¹⁵ The brick building is widely acknowledged as the first dedicated post office in Kanab. Julius S. Dalley, a subsequent postmaster, described the facility at 22 N. Main Street in a brief history of Kanab mail service:

Hers [Mrs. Spencer's building] was the first real post office in Kanab's history in which provisions were made to carry on the work efficiently. Letter boxes were installed and convenient window-delivery and receiving spaces provided. A service desk was placed in the lobby, and there was also floor space sufficient to meet the needs at that time. Other provisions included parcel post scales which helped considerably in handling the mail, since parcel post mail was increasing rapidly. The building provided office room for the next two succeeding post masters.¹⁶

The exact construction date of the Kanab Post Office is unknown, but there are references to the "Spencer building" that appear to predate 1914 when she acquired the property at 22 N. Main Street. Compared to other buildings constructed as post offices in rural Utah at the turn of the twentieth century, Mrs. Spencer's building was large and well-appointed. The building had a larger lobby and more room in the back than was typical for the period.¹⁷ The two-story building resembled a commercial block with office space provided on the second floor. The builder is unknown. Persis A. Spencer was among an increasing number of female postmasters in Utah in the early twentieth century.¹⁸ She was listed as the postmaster, rather than postmistress, in gazetteers and historic records.

Reliable mail service was particularly important to the residents of Kanab, which has been described as the "most inaccessible place in the United States."¹⁹ Telegraph lines reached Kanab in 1871 and the telephone in the 1890s. However, the nearest railroad stop was 132 miles to the north at Marysvale (reached by the Denver & Rio Grande in 1900). Persis A. Spencer continued providing telegraph service from her building. The 1900 census enumeration for Kanab listed Persis Spencer as the head of the household employed as the postmaster. At the time, her daughter, Harriett was employed as a telegraph operator. Her son Joseph was a day laborer and the three youngest children were in school. According to her biographical sketch, Persis Spencer's sons, Joseph and Homer, built the first telephone line from Kanab to Marysvale. Persis Spencer had a switchboard installed in her building and with hired help operated the town's telephone exchange. Julius S. Dalley records that Mrs. Spencer employed several young women to work as clerks in the post office, including Emily Riggs McDonald, Fannie Young Lundquist, and her daughter, Bessie Spencer Bateman. The Spencer building was the communications center of Kanab housing the post office, telegraph and telephone office. In addition, a circa 1919 photograph shows the building with several fliers in the window for community events.

The second floor of the Spencer building was used for office space. The most notable early tenant was the United States Forest Service (USFS). The USFS was established in 1905 for the protection of timber and watersheds. Between 1908 and 1913, the first two supervisors of the Kaibab National Forest had offices in former storefronts.²⁰ Lee A. Harris moved the office to the second floor of the Spencer building in 1914. His successors, John C. Roak and Walter G. Mann also had offices in the Spencer building.²¹ Millie Young, who was the typist for the Forest Service office, can be seen at

¹⁵ The 1924 Sanborn map of Kanab shows the Spencer building with a smaller "storage" building in the rear. The storage building may be the original frame building moved to the rear. It was likely demolished by the 1940s.

¹⁶ Carroll: 129-130.

¹⁷ Many of Utah's rural post offices remained in homes or businesses well into the early twentieth century. Most examples from the early twentieth century are one-story frame storefronts with a shallow lobby and one room in the rear.

¹⁸ Persis A. Spencer was the postmaster in 1912 when Kanab made history by electing a female mayor and all female city council. Women appear to have a strong economic presence in Kanab at the turn of the century. In the 1900 census, few women were simply listed as "keeping house," the most common designation for adult women in census records during this period. Most list some type of occupation. Many are dressmakers, seamstresses, and milliners. Nurses and midwives are represented, and a few are listed as artists and musicians.

¹⁹ Carroll: 36.

²⁰ Supervisor Houston Clark opened the first USFS office in the former McAllister's drug store. The second supervisor, James L. Pelton, moved the office to the old Elephant general store in 1911.

²¹ Carroll: 161.

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the second floor window of a circa 1919 photograph of the building. In the same photograph, Edna Johnson, who worked as a postal clerk for Persis Spencer, is standing in the doorway of the post office.²²

In her later years, Persis A. Spencer sold her home and moved her family into her parents' home to care of them. Her father died in 1907. On the 1910 census, Persis Spencer was listed as the head of household living with Joseph and Homer, both working as farm laborers; Bessie, who was a school teacher as the timer; and Persis Spencer's mother, Harriet M. Brown. Persis A. Spencer was actively serving as the postmaster when she died of pneumonia on June 12, 1919. Her son, Joseph Gurnsey Spencer, acted as postmaster until Julius S. Dalley was appointed in 1920.

Persis A. Spencer was the postmaster in Kanab during its transformation from an agricultural outpost to a thriving ranching community and tourist town. On June 29, 1909, two automobiles stopped in Kanab as part of a promotional tour from Salt Lake City to the Grand Canyon, a remarkable feat considering the condition of existing roads and the fact gasoline was not readily available south of Provo, 250 miles north. The trip was under the direction of Kanab resident, E.D. Woolley, who spent the next decade campaigning tirelessly to build automobile roads to Kanab and the scenic wonders in the vicinity.

In the 1910s and 1920s, a growing number of Kanab residents began promoting the community's amenities and its proximity to the recently established National Parks: Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and Zion's. In the second decade of the twentieth century, the population of Kanab saw its largest increase from 733 to 1,102, much of the increase directly tied to the increase in tourist related industries. Roads were improved dramatically and the road that would eventually become part of Highway 89 (the main north-south thoroughfare in the state of Utah at the time) was paved by 1921. Most of Kanab's Center Street was on Highway 89 and the street became the city's commercial district. In 1922, a new era for Kanab began when a Hollywood film crew stayed in town during the filming of *Deadwood Coach*, a western starring Tom Mix and his Wonder Horse. The Spencer building was located just south of the town's opera house, which later became the movie theater.²³ The heirs of Persis A. Spencer owned the building together until 1928 when it was deeded to her daughter, Nabbie Spencer Mace.

Julius S. Dalley was appointed postmaster on February 20, 1920. Julius Sylvester Dalley (1877-1953) was born in Summit, Iron County, Utah. He was trained as a teacher and attended the University of Utah. He taught school around southern Utah. He married Rachel Woolley (1880-1960) in 1912 and eventually settled in Kanab in 1914. He served as the postmaster from February 20, 1920, to July 12, 1934. Julius S. Dalley oversaw an increase in mail service, mainly due to improved roadway in and out of Kanab: "Good roads, parcel post increase because of zoning and charging according to distances shipped, together with size and weight increases in parcel, and insurance for parcels, made the mails a way of safe delivery, cheap and convenient."²⁴ As a result he employed numerous clerks, including Edna Johnson, Bernice Palmer Pugh, Laura Pratt, Wilmer Johnson Jones, Emily Brown Brinkerhoff, F. A. Lundquist, Hoyt Chamberlain, and a daughter, Leah Dalley.

The USFS office moved to a new location in June 1930.²⁵ According to newspaper accounts, a month later the interior staircase was moved to the exterior and rear of the building. The vacated second floor was remodeled into two separate rooms by Frank Rider and Casey Jones. Elva Mace, a granddaughter of Persis Spencer, subsequently rented one of the rooms for a beauty parlor.²⁶ In April 1934, the owner of the building raised the rent for the post office space. Julius S. Dalley tried to find another suitable space for the post office, but ultimately decided the Spencer building was still the

²² Edna Johnson Daniels, *Through the Years, the Autobiography and Personal Pictorial Record of Edna Johnson Daniels*, (Unpublished MS, April 2, 1958, Kanab, Kane County, Utah).

²³ The building was demolished after it was shown on the 1924 Sanborn map, but probably closer to 1948 when a new commercial building was built in its place.

²⁴ Dalley, 287.

²⁵ *Kane County Standard*: June 20, 1930. The article mistakenly says the office moved on Tuesday, July 17, instead of June 17.

²⁶ *Kane County Standard*: July 18, 1930.

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best facility. He paid the difference from his salary and was eventually reimbursed when the postal service decided to accept the rate increase.²⁷ Julius S. Dalley ended his tenure as Kanab postmaster on July 12, 1934. He returned to teaching.

Asa Clair Ford (1894-1965) succeeded Julius Dalley as postmaster. Within a few months of his appointment, Clair Ford had the post office building remodeled and repaired. In September 1934, the local newspaper reported that "The front part which has always been too small to accommodate the crowds which gather when the mail come in, is being enlarged."²⁸ In January 1937, Nabbie S. Mace sold the building to Clair Ford's wife, Alvira B. Ford. The deed was not recorded until 1940, after a 1939 land exchange and right-of-way transaction with Viola S. Glazier, who owned the property to the south. The one-story annex may have been built during the 1934 transaction, or may have been built after the 1940 transaction; but in either case appears to have functioned as an annex to the post office in the historic period. On June 29, 1946, Clair Ford retired as postmaster due to failing eyesight. He and Alvira Ford continued to hold the title to the post office property after his retirement. Clair Ford was replaced by Claud Glazier (1913-2003).²⁹

Under the leadership of Claud Glazier, the post office was moved from the Spencer building to the recently constructed two-story Bybee-Watson building adjoining to the north (built 1948). The local newspaper reported "The new location gives Kanab another fine boost for its progressive growth and with some new office equipment and furniture, along with the much needed side entrance, the office can be considered as fine as any in Southern Utah."³⁰ The Spencer building continued to have a variety of commercial uses, mostly office space for attorneys, insurance agents, etc. The annex was used for a time as a music studio. The upstairs was partially remodeled for residential use sometime after the 1970s. Clair and Alvira Ford sold the building to William O. and Catherine R. Knudsen in 1955. The Knudsens sold the property to Robin L. and Patty I. Wilcox in 1987. The current owner Eve Levrae Lissner purchased the building from Robin and Patty Wilcox in 2004. The second floor is currently vacant. The main floor of the annex is occupied by the local Christian Science congregation. The former post office space in the main building is currently the office of Aaron Cluff, a chiropractor.

The Kanab Post Office is significant as the communications center for the remote town of Kanab during the historic period between circa 1900 and 1950. Between 1914 and 1930, the second floor of the building served as the United States Forest Service office. The building is locally significant in the areas of Politics/Government and Communications. Prior to the construction of the building, post office duties were carried out in various residences or businesses in the town. The building was constructed for Persis A. Spencer, who served as the town's postmaster between 1899 and 1919. Mrs. Spencer's building at 22 N. Main Street is acknowledged as the first building in town dedicated for use as a post office. The building is eligible for the National Register under the *Historic and Architectural Resources of Kanab, Utah* Multiple Property Listing. The period of significance for the historic post office building spans three historic contexts: *Community Building, Farming, and Ranching Period, 1884-1909, Twentieth-Century Community Development and the Beginning of a Tourist Industry, 1910-1921* and the *"Little Hollywood," the Expansion of Tourism and Other Industries, 1922-1950* contextual periods. The Kanab Post Office played an important role in connecting Kanab to the outlying communities in Utah and Arizona as the town developed during the three historic periods.

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

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²⁸ *Kane County Standard*, September 7, 1934.

²⁹ Claud's name appears as Claude in some records.

³⁰ *Kane County Standard*, October 27, 1950. The post office was eventually moved to a new building, one block south on Main Street in November 1961.

Kanab Post Office

Name of Property

Kane County, Utah

County and State

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

____ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)

Primary location of additional data:

☒ State Historic Preservation Office
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Kanab Post Office

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☐ previously listed in the National Register
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☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
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☐ University
☐ Other

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.04 acres

(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

BEG AT A PT WHICH IS 97.0 FT N OF THE SW COR OF LOT 2 BLOCK 22 PLAT "A" OF THE OFFICIAL SURVEY OF KANAB TOWN SITE & RUN TH E 55.0 FT; TH N 10.0 FT; TH W 5.0 FT; TH N 20.0 FT; TH W 50.0 FT; TH S 30.0 FT TO THE PLACE OF BEG.

(Property tax serial number: K-22-5)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The current legal description of the property describes the parcel that is nearly filled by the historic building.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Korral Broschinsky, Preservation Documentation Resource
organization prepared for Kanab Heritage Council CLG date October 4, 2010
street & number 4874 Taylors Park Drive telephone 801-913-5645
city or town Taylorsville state Utah zip code 84123
e-mail _____

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property: Kanab Post Office

City or Vicinity: Kanab

County: Kane **State:** Utah

Photographer: Korral Broschinsky

Date Photographed: May 2010

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

Photo No. 1:

6. West and south elevations of building and annex with view of adjoining building and streetscape. Camera facing northeast.

Photo No. 2:

6. West elevation of building and annex. Camera facing east.

Photo No. 3:

6. West elevation of building and annex. Camera facing southeast.

Photo No. 4:

6. West and south elevations of building and annex. Camera facing northeast.

Photo No. 5:

6. South elevation of building and annex. Camera facing north.

Photo No. 6:

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6. South and east elevations of building and annex. Camera facing northwest.

Photo No. 7:

6. South and west elevations of building and annex with view of adjoining building and parking lot. Camera facing northwest.

Property Owner:

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Eve Levrae Lissner

street & number PO Box 2303

telephone 831-566-5706

city or town Santa Cruz

state CA zip code 95063

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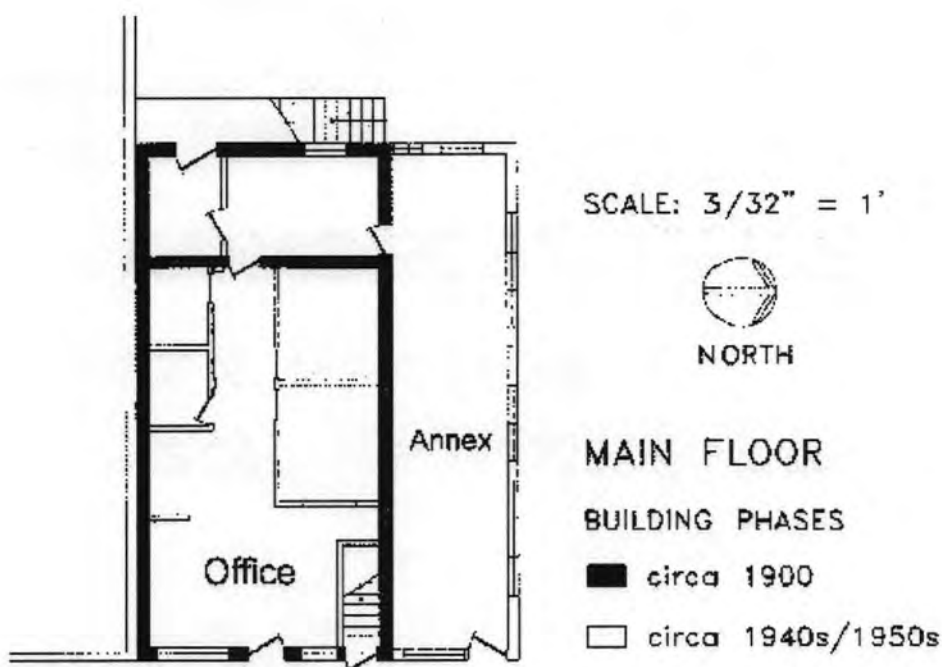
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Main Floor Plan



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Kanab, Kane County, Utah

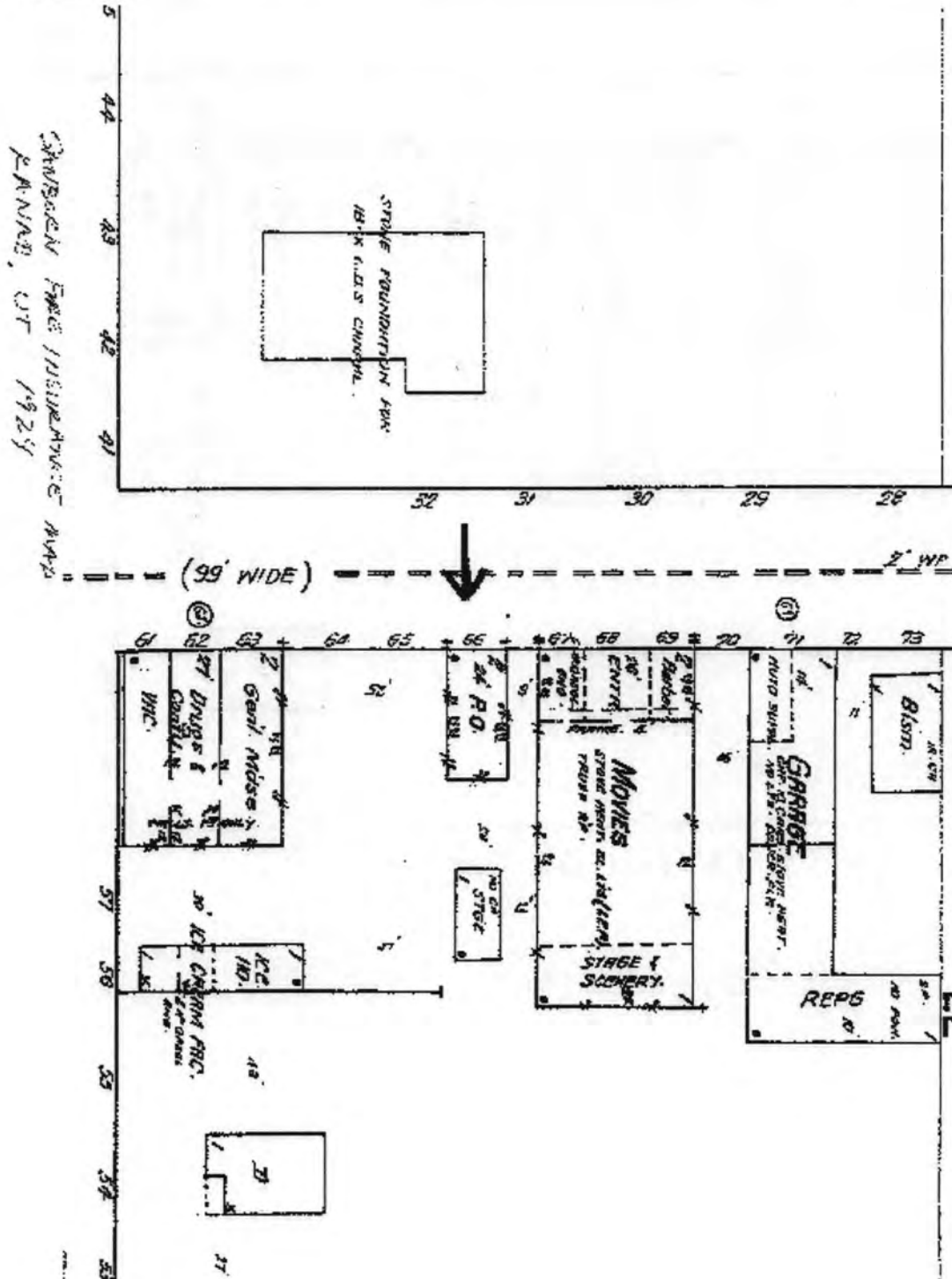
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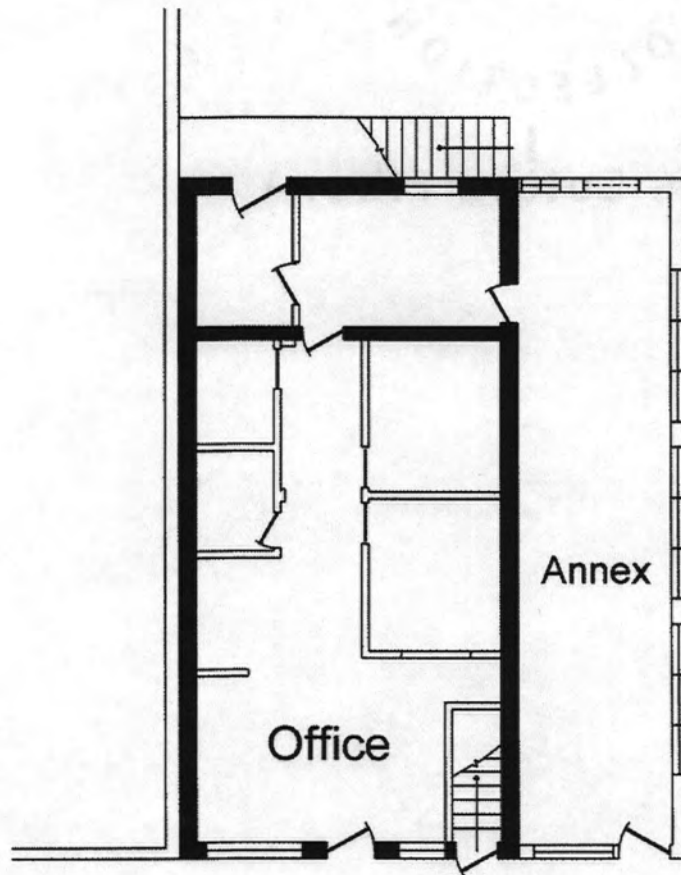
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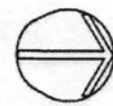
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1924 Sanborn Map





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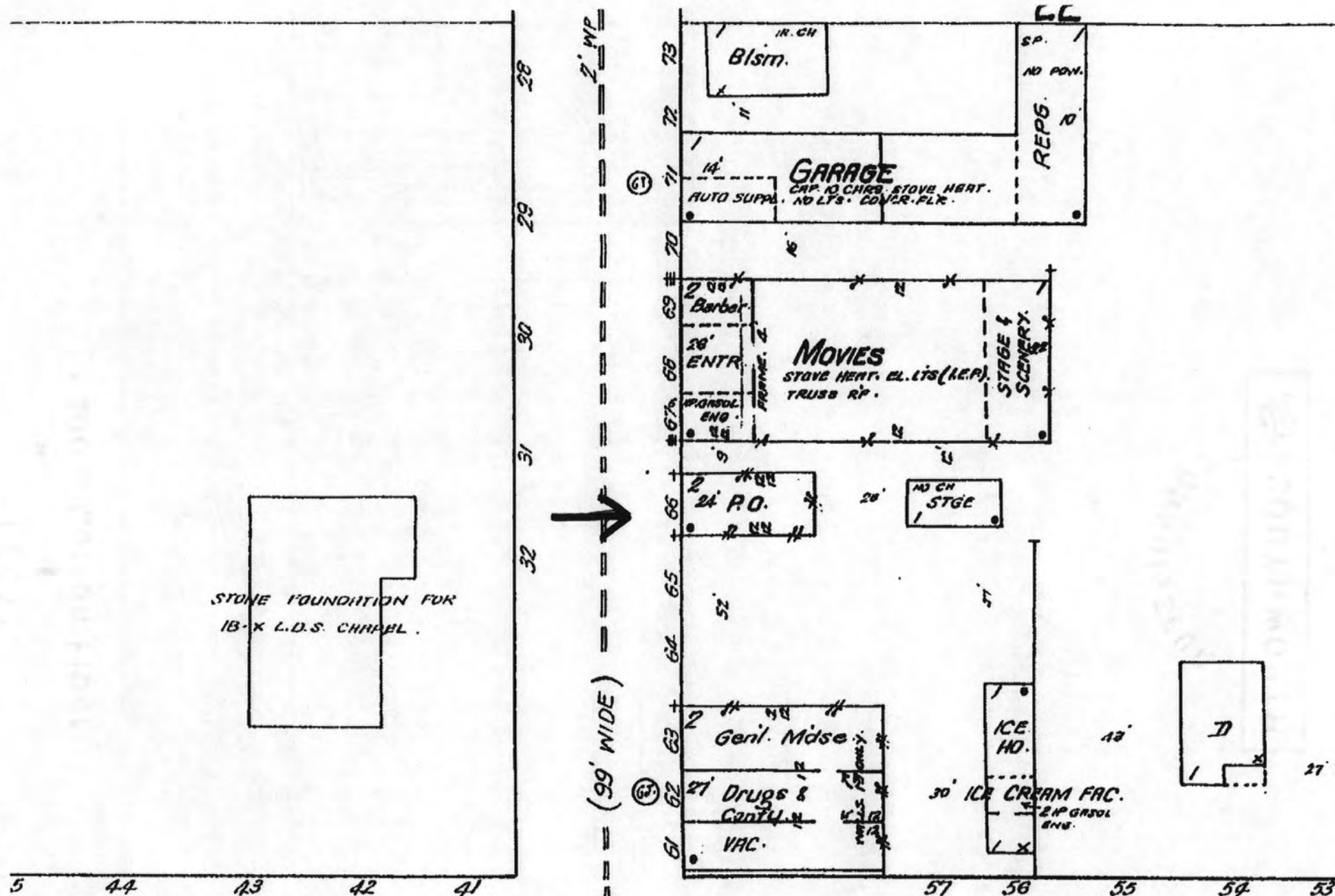
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KANAB POST OFFICE

22 N. Main Street

Kanab, Kane County, Utah



SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAP
KANAB, UT 1924

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Kanab Post Office
NAME:

MULTIPLE Kanab, Utah MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: UTAH, Kane

DATE RECEIVED: 12/08/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/06/11
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/21/11 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/23/11
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 10001175

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

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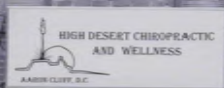


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The following materials are submitted on this _____ day of _____, 2010,
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_____ 1 _____ Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form

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