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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic PAGE, DANIEL R. AND SOPHIA G., HOUSE

and/or common Page Ranch House

**2. Location**

street & number Richie Flat at the western edge of the Harmony Mountains not for publication

~~city, town~~ Page Ranch  vicinity of Pinto (Washington County)

state Utah code 049 county Iron code 021

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name William E. and LaRue S. Keller

street & number 2605 Mound Avenue

city, town Panama City  vicinity of state Florida 32405

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Iron County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Parowan state Utah

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title None has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Page Ranch is located in a desert mountain valley, isolated by several miles of dirt road from surrounding houses or towns. The ranch house, a two-story red brick house built in 1900, is the primary structure on the property and the only one on this property included in the nomination.

The house is a good example of the double cross-wing house type. It has a central hip roof section which is flanked by two gable roof crosswings, forming an "H" configuration. The indented central sections at both the front and rear originally served as porches. The arrangement of openings on the facade is symmetrically arranged with pairs of double hung sash windows on each floor of the gable ends of the crosswings. Each pair of windows is topped by an arched lintel and a raised brick relieving arch. Two chimneys with decorative brickwork were placed at the intersection of each crosswing with the central section. Victorian decorative elements are limited to the arches over the windows and the brick patterning in the chimneys, though originally there was decorative, scroll-sawn woodwork in the gable ends of the crosswings and on the front porch. The fired, red brick exterior walls are laid in common bond and rest on a stone foundation.

Alterations to the house include the removal of the decorative wood elements on the facade and on the porch, the enclosure of the front porch, the construction of a frame, shed-roof addition on the porch area on the rear, and the addition of shutters to the front windows. The enclosure of the front porch is the most serious and noticeable of those changes, but it does not significantly detract from the original character of the building.

Also located on the property are four other buildings which are not included in this nomination. A detached, brick storage shed, dating from about 1900, is located directly behind the house, but extensive alterations and perhaps fire damage have significantly altered its original integrity. There is a c. 1950 barn which replaced the original and a stuccoed, c. 1950 house located directly west of the Page Ranch House. Another out-of-period building is a one-story garage-like building located between the barn and the house.

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of other houses in this part of Utah.<sup>4</sup> The plan of the house was worked up by Daniel and Sophia Page.<sup>5</sup> The Faubians manufactured the brick on the site, first hand packing the clay in molds to shape the bricks, then, after letting them dry, arranging them into a kiln and firing them for several days to harden them. The house was completed in December 1900 and the Page family moved in on Christmas day of that year. They had previously lived in a log house, long-since demolished, which was located just east of the new brick house.<sup>6</sup>

The ranch is located along a dirt road five miles east of the small town of Pinto and twenty-five miles west of Cedar City, the largest town in the county. In the 1930s a paved highway was constructed to the north of this dirt road, bypassing the ranch.<sup>7</sup> Although the location of the ranch is isolated, the road was used extensively by those travelling to the towns of Pinto, New Harmony, New Castle, Cedar City and points beyond. Travelers were welcome to stay overnight at Page Ranch, which provided food and rest for both man and beast. The ranch provided the only shelter for miles in any direction, and the house was used so much as a "hotel" that the upstairs bedrooms were even numbered.<sup>8</sup> Miners working at nearby Iron Mountain also boarded at the house on occasion. The large barn, located to the east of the house, was used to provide food and shelter for travelers' horses. The money earned from boarding and feeding travellers was probably an important source of income for Sophia and her children during the years after her divorce.<sup>9</sup>

The house remained in the Page family until 1931. A son, Daniel Geary Page, had previously taken over the ranch operations, but due to the Depression and the accumulated difficulties in making the ranch profitable the property was taken over by creditors. Sophia Page, an invalid during the last seven years of her life, was allowed to remain at the ranch until her death in 1934. Although the house has been purchased a number of times since the 1930s, none of its owners have remained there long. In the 1940s or '50s, perhaps when the property was owned by Ambrose J. and Dorothy S. Sherratt, a small, stuccoed house was built to the west of the brick house. That house was reportedly to have served as the home of the owners, who planned to operate the ranch as a dude ranch and use the old house as a guest house.<sup>10</sup> Those plans were apparently never fulfilled. Probably at the same time that the small house was built the barn was erected, replacing the original barn that had been blown down.<sup>11</sup>

The Page House is a well preserved example of the double cross-wing, a relatively uncommon house type in Utah. Because a comprehensive study of the double cross-wing has not yet been undertaken, the exact number of well preserved extant examples, their locations and variations are not precisely known. Judging from architectural surveys which have been conducted in various communities throughout the state and from general observations, it is known that the double cross-wing was not one of Utah's most popular house types during the time of its construction, the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Additional research is necessary in order to more fully understand the type and its place in Utah's architectural scene.

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Notes

- <sup>1</sup>Alva Matheson, telephone interview with Roger Roper, January 18, 1985, Cedar City, Utah.
- <sup>2</sup>Iron County Record, May 4, 1933, p.1, Daniel Ritchie Page obituary.
- <sup>3</sup>Verda Page Blake Jacobsen, telephone interview, January 31, 1985.
- <sup>4</sup>Luther M. Winsor, Life History....
- <sup>5</sup>Daily Spectrum, October 23, 1983, p. B-2.
- <sup>6</sup>Verda Page Blake Jacobsen, telephone interview, November 21, 1984.
- <sup>7</sup>Alva Matheson, telephone interview.
- <sup>8</sup>Daily Spectrum, October 23, 1983, p. B-2.
- <sup>9</sup>Verda Page Blake Jacobsen, telephone interview, January 31, 1985.
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"Daniel Ritchie Page." Iron County Record, (Cedar City, Utah) May 4, 1933, p. 1.  
Winsor, Luther M. Life History of Luther M. Winsor. Murray, Utah: R. Fenton Murray, 1962.

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the Pinto Road and the New Harmony Road in Section 21 T37S R14 W, thence N 300 feet, E 300 feet, S 300 feet, W 300 feet to beginning. Approximately 2 acres.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1900

Builder/Architect

Jack and Harvey

Faubian/Dan and Sophia Page

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Daniel R. and Sophia G. Page House, built in 1900 on the isolated Page Ranch, is historically significant as an important stopping point along what was once a major freighting and travel route in the Iron County region of southwestern Utah. The house served for over 30 years as the home of the Page family who owned and operated the ranch, and it also served regularly as an informal hotel for travelers and as a boarding house for men working in the nearby iron ore mines. The Page House is also architecturally significant as a good example of the double cross-wing, a relatively uncommon house type in Utah. No comprehensive survey of the double cross-wing has yet been conducted in the state.

The Page Ranch House was built in 1900 for Daniel R. and Sophia Geary Page. The ranch had originally been homesteaded by Dan's grandfather, Robert Ritchie, in the 1850s, and Dan and his brother Robert lived at the ranch with their grandparents after their mother's death in the 1860s. In 1890 Dan and Robert received the ranch from their grandparents, and one year later Robert sold out his share to Dan. Dan and his wife Sophia Ann Geary, whom he had married in 1876, operated the ranch until their divorce around 1905. After that she and her seven children continued with the ranching operations through the 1920s.

The ranch was established at this location because of the relatively flat, open terrain and because of the reliable water supply from the Little Pinto Creek and Lockeridge Spring. It was the only agricultural and livestock ranch for miles in any direction, although there were two strictly livestock operations, the Grant and Goddard ranches, a few miles away.<sup>1</sup> Most of the several hundred acres of land that made up Page Ranch were used primarily for grazing cattle. Hay and grain were raised on fifteen to twenty acres of meadowland near the house. A large garden was usually planted, and an apple orchard was located between the house and the barn to the east.

Although ranching was for many years Dan Page's main occupation, he was also involved in iron ore mining in the area. He and his brother Robert were among the "pioneer mining men" in the district and were owners of the Homestake Mine at Iron Mountain.<sup>2</sup> The iron industry had first been established there in the 1850s by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), and, though it was unsuccessful at first, it proved to be a major industry in the county during much of the twentieth century. Page Ranch was the headquarters of Dan's mining partnerships and the informal headquarters of other mining groups, since it was the only substantial building in the area. Dan's involvement in the mining industry led indirectly to his divorce because of the drinking habit that he picked up while with his miner friends--a habit that was strongly opposed by his wife.<sup>3</sup>

The Page Ranch House was constructed by Jack and Harvey Faubian, brickmakers and masons from the nearby town of Enterprise, who built a number

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Daily Spectrum (St. George, Utah), October 23, 1983, p. B-2.  
Jacobsen, Verda Page Blake. Telephone interviews with Roger Roper Nov. 21, 1984, and  
January 31, 1985, St. George, Utah.  
Matheson, Alva. Telephone interview with Roger Roper, January 18, 1985, Cedar City, Utah.

## 10. Geographical Data

cont.

Acreage of nominated property approximately 2 acres

Quadrangle name Page Ranch

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The house is located on a 410-acre parcel of land in Sec. 21 T37S R14W Salt Lake Meridian. The property intended for inclusion in this nomination is only that which immediately surrounds the house. An approximate description of that property is as follows: Commencing 200 feet N and 75 feet E of the intersection of

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

state N/A code  county N/A code

state N/A code  county N/A code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Roger Roper/Historian

organization Utah State Historical Society date February 1985

street & number 300 Rio Grande telephone 801-533-6017

city or town Salt Lake City 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 *J. Kent Powell*

title A. Kent Powell, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date February 28, 1985

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

*J. Clarence Byrum* Kept in the National Register date 5-9-85  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration