

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Washington School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Main and Telegraph Street S. not for publication

city, town Washington vicinity of congressional district 02

state Utah code 049 county Washington code 053

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input 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 Washington County School Board

street & number 193 West Tabernacle

city, town St. George vicinity of state UT 84770

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office Washington County Bldg

street & number 197 East Tabernacle

city, town St George state UT 84770

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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Washington's elementary school is a two-story stone structure in the tradition of turn-of-the-century school buildings seen also in the Woodward School and the Old Dixie College building in St. George which is several miles southwest of Washington.

The plan of the Washington School is rectangular. The roof shape is a truncated hip and includes a central gable dormer with returns on the main facade. In 1922 a one-story hipped roof extension was made in the rear to accommodate a gymnasium. In scale and materials it was well integrated with the original structure. The entire configuration is symmetrical.

The primary facade displays a symmetrical seven over seven piercing. This arrangement includes the round arched entrance-way located under the gabled dormer, and the round arched light above this which houses a fanlight and coupled, two over two sash windows identical to those on the rest of the original structure.

Ornament on the school is limited, the rough-faced ashlar and harmonious proportions providing the visual activity. Quoins, sills, lintels and voussoirs of arches are of a lightly darker red sandstone, also rough-faced. The boxed, molded cornice is quite plain. A border of rectangular stained glass panes marks the second story fanlight of the main facade, echoing the shape of the tablet in the dormer above.

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
<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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 1905–1906 **Builder/Architect** probably Richard Watkins 1858–1941

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Washington elementary School may be viewed as a variation of a type of educational architecture popular during the turn-of-the-century decades. As a characteristic extant example of this form and as a local landmark expressing the commitment of the early citizens of Washington to the value of education, the Washington Elementary School is significant. The facility continues to function as the local elementary school and retains its original integrity.

Washington was settled in 1857 as the first outpost in the "Cotton Mission". In 1863 the first permanent school house, funded by donations, was built of adobe in the southwest corner of the public square, site of the present school. In 1877 a handsome two story sandstone building was built on the square. This hall, built with both taxes and donations, housed the school, church, and other public meetings. This shared use was common, the product of limited means and the identity of congregation and citizenry.

In 1890 an act of the territorial legislature provided for free education at public expense, supported by taxes at territorial, county, and district levels. Teacher's salaries benefitted first and in 1905–1906 the present school building was constructed. Classes continued to meet in the old hall until the 1920's. In 1922 a gymnasium was added to the rear of the building and in the 1930's central heating was installed. The building continues in use as the Washington Elementary School, part of the county school system.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Andrew Karl Larson, The Red Hills of November, Salt Lake City, Deseret News Press, 1957.
Verna L. Dewsnup and Katharine M. Larson, eds., Relief Society Memories of St. George Stake 1867-1958.

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10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name St. George, UT

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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12	277200	4112200
Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The south half of block 27, Plat A, Washington City Survey.

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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date 28 Feb 80

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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 9/26/80

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

Sally G Oldb
Keeper of the National Register

date 11/23/80

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Washington County School Buildings

Although a complete survey of Washington County has not yet been made, preliminary information indicates that this is one of three historic education buildings of this type remaining there. The plan and elevation, use of materials, scale and massing of this building place it in a genre of school architecture typical of the turn-of-the-century period, roughly ca 1880-1920. It is a representative of this type and was probably designed by Richard Watkins (1858-1941), who designed between two hundred and three hundred school buildings in Utah, most of which reflect characteristics seen in these examples.