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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 *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x' in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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 entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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		walls	BRICK			
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See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

Martin, Manfred and Ethel, House	Vernal, Uintah County, Utah
Name of Property	City, County and State
8. Description Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)	Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
☑ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of	SOCIAL HISTORY
our history.	ARCHITECTURE
☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	HEALT/MEDICINE
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.	
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☐ B removed from its original location.	Significant Persons (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A
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D a cemetery.	N/A
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	
☐ F a commemorative property.	Architect/Builder unknown
☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.	
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)	⊠See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8
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city or town Vernal, Utah	state UT zip code 84073

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Narrative Description

The Manfred and Ethel Martin House, built in 1912, is a one-and-a-half-story brick and wood-shingled crosswing-type house on a sandstone foundation with a gabled roof. The style is vernacular Shingle Style. The form of the house is a broad front-gabled roof with side gables on both the north and the south. A single-story gabled wing to the rear houses the doctor's office/clinic. The brick first floor rests on a sandstone foundation and the upper story is clad in wooden shingle siding. The brick is set in a stretcher bond with flush mortar joints. There is a strong stringcourse molding at the top of the first floor windows between the brick and the shingle cladding.

The full-width front porch under the broad front-facing gable end dominates the front (east) façade of the house. The porch is held by three square supports on each corner, two in the middle and two engaged ones at the walls resting on low brick plinths with cast concrete coping. The front steps are poured concrete with metal railings, replacing the original wooden steps. The windowsills and coping on the porch railings are cast concrete in a color resembling sandstone.

The south elevation has an entrance door in a larger opening with concrete steps leading to it that has been partially filled in with shingle siding. The opening was formerly a small vestibule with doors leading into the office wing as well as into the kitchen of the house.

Smaller cross gables extend to the north and south, each with a flat-roofed three-sided bay. The bay on the north is a single story and that on the south, two stories. The bays are accentuated by the use of rock-faced brick in headers on the corners. The gable ends on the north, south and east have distinctive round oculus windows with four triangular tabs at the compass points. There are cornice returns on each of the gable ends.

Windows are predominantly double-hung and many are twelve-over-one with wooden sash. Each gable end on the north, west and east (façade) has a pair of double-hung windows on the second story. Most of the second floor windows have been replaced by aluminum sash in the original openings. There are metal awnings over the coupled front gable end windows, the angled windows in the second story of the south bay, and the coupled windows on the west-facing gable.

The office/clinic wing at the rear has had the most alterations. The original entrance door on the south elevation has been completely covered with brick and the wooden stairs to it removed. Sliding glass doors and a patio have been added on the north side and a three-quarter bath added to the northeast corner. The window opening on the west has been bricked in.

The exterior of the house has had few changes other than the removal of the porch rail that was done c. 1920s, the addition of metal awnings on some of the windows, and the replacement of some second story windows with double-hung aluminum sash windows. The opening of the west-facing (rear) kitchen window has been

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shortened to accommodate interior usage changes. In spite of these alterations the house retains its historic integrity.

The house is located at the edge of the commercial area, 1½ blocks north of Main Street, with a commercial building directly to the south. The yard is landscaped with shrubs and lawn. The noncontributing barn/garage has been greatly altered at an unknown date (before 1988). Historic photographs show the building having a second story and a steeper pitch to the roof. The stairs leading to the second story are still visible in the building.

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The Manfred and Ethel Martin House, constructed in 1912, is significant under Criteria A and C. Under Criterion A it is significant as an early health care facility in Vernal. Manfred Martin was an early doctor in Vernal and built this house in 1912 as a family residence with an attached doctor's office. He moved to Vernal during a period of growth and prosperity in Vernal's history when the demand for more medical facilities increased. The Martin House is significant for its association with the *Early Settlement and Community Development*, 1879-29 category of the *Historic Resources of Vernal/Maeser*, *Utah*, Multiple Property Submission. Architecturally, the house is significant under Criterion C as the only example in Vernal of a Shingle style house. The Shingle style is uncommon in Utah, and even more so in such isolated communities as Vernal. Although the house has had some minor alterations, it retains its historic and architectural integrity and contributes to the history of Vernal and Uintah County.

History Of Vernal

The city of Vernal is located near the Colorado line in eastern Utah, one hundred seventy five miles to the east of Salt Lake City in the Ashley Valley, bordered by the Uintah Mountains that uniquely run in an east-west direction. The area surrounding Vernal is rich in minerals and hydrocarbons. Nearby land is part of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation set-aside in the nineteenth century. Livestock and agriculture production have smoothed out the mineral-related boom and bust economy. The city was settled in the late 1870s, later than most other Utah towns. Its location is far from navigable rivers or a railhead but twentieth century highways have brought tourists as well as goods ands services to the residents of Vernal.

The first Europeans known to have visited the area near Vernal were the Spanish exploring party of Fray Francisco Atanasio Dominguez and Fray Silvestre Velez de Escalante of Santa Fe, New Mexico, traveling down the Green River in 1776 in search of a route to Monterrey. Later trappers and mountain men crossed the area looking for game and established trading houses or "forts." The Ashley Valley, the location of Vernal, was named after William H. Ashley, an early fur trader in 1825. Captain Pardon Dodds was appointed the first Indian agent for the newly created Uintah Indian Reservation in 1868. When he retired in 1873 he moved to Ashley Creek to settle and was the first European settler in the area of Ashley town ¹.

After the Native Americans of the Uintah Basin were defeated in the Blackhawk War (1866-70) and forced to move into the new Uintah Indian Reservation, LDS President John Taylor, the leader of the Mormons,² with headquarters in Salt lake City, "called" church members for colonization of the Ashley Valley. The David Johnston family was the first to settle in the area called the Bench, now known as Vernal, in 1878 and more

¹ Four miles northwest of present-day Vernal.

² Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS.

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settlers followed the next year. After the White River Utes rebelled against their agent, Nathan Meeker, in 1879 in the so-called Meeker Massacre, and the subsequent deaths of soldiers and Utes, the residents of the Bench, following the advice of sympathetic Indian leaders, moved their cabins into a central location inside a fort in a square facing inward. The fort was U-shaped and located on what is now Main Street. People began to move their cabins from the fort in 1880 and by 1882 the fort was torn down. In 1884 the area where the fort was located was named Ashley Center. The town was surveyed and laid out in the typical Utah grid pattern in 1885 and businesses were established there.

Gilsonite, a hydrocarbon, was discovered on nearby Indian lands in 1886 and was one of the first commercial mining activities in the Vernal area. Two years later, after intense lobbying, the "Gilsonite strip" was removed from the reservation and available for mining. Efforts were made to break up the Uncompahgre Reservation just south of Vernal in the 1890s. These efforts were successful and the reservation was opened to homesteading in 1897 and to mineral claims in 1903. The Uintah Reservation was opened to homesteading in 1905. The availability of mineral leases and the opening of reservation land to homesteading, led to Vernal's greatest boom time in the early twentieth century. The necessity to transport Gilsonite to markets was responsible for the only railway in the county, the narrow-gauge Uintah Railway. A freight station was built in Vernal in 1905 in anticipation of the railroad coming to town. It was hoped that the railway would handle the export of minerals and the import of building supplies and goods for settlers. The railroad never approached closer than fifty-five miles to Vernal and the station still stands on Main Street.

Vernal was prosperous in the first decades of the twentieth century. The needs of the miners and the new settlers to the area provided local markets and made local agriculture profitable. The increased wealth in Vernal was seen in more elaborate house styles and larger houses as well as the volume of houses built during the first decades of the twentieth century. As the boom began to end, the beginning of the war in Europe served to keep agricultural and mineral prices high. The Ashley Field was the first major producer of natural gas in the country in 1925. Natural gas was provided to the city of Vernal in 1929. Dinosaur National Monument was established in 1915 and tourism was seen as a potential business area. Vernal's location on the Victory Highway supported four hotels, many restaurants, including the Victory Highway Café and the Bon Ton Café, and auto-related businesses as well as several blacksmiths in 1928.

Dr. Manfred And Ethel Martin

Dr. Manfred Martin was a doctor who used a horse and buggy to visit his patients in the Vernal area in the early part of the twentieth century. The doctor and his family moved to Vernal from Barron, Wisconsin, to set up a medical practice in 1908 at the urging of the Socialist Episcopal bishop of Utah, Frank Spencer Spalding. Dr. Martin was known for the little buckskin horse and buggy that he drove to make visits at patients' homes

³ Doris Karren Burton. *A History of Uintah County: Scratching the Surface*. Utah Centennial County History Series. Uintah County Commission. (Salt Lake City, UT: Utah State Historical Society, 1996), 88.

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throughout Uintah and Duchesne Counties. Manfred (Robert) Martin graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago in 1904 and moved to Wisconsin after his internship. Both Martins were born in Illinois- Manfred in 1880 in Weldon, and Ethel Kuhn in Monticello in 1883. They married in Monticello, Illinois, in 1903 and subsequently had four sons. The Martins were members of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Vernal. Manfred Martin was an active member of the Masonic Order and Ethel Martin was a member of Eastern Star, a Masonic organization for women.

Physicians were scarce and there were no hospitals in the early years of settlement in the Ashley Valley. The first trained physicians arrived in the valley in the 1880s. Early doctors coped with bad roads and great distances. Initially Dr. Martin shared a medical practice in downtown Vernal with Dr. G. Bowers in 1909. In 1911 he and his wife, Ethel, purchased land from Jane Rich for \$ 500 and soon after took out a construction loan to build the house and clinic. After the house was built in 1912, Dr. Martin's medical practice was moved to the wing at the back of the house built specifically to house his offices. Manfred Martin died in Chicago of a heart ailment while visiting his brother in 1916 and was buried in the family plot in Weldon, Illinois. Ethel Martin returned to Vernal, continued to live in the house with the children, and proceeded to earn a living on her own in Vernal. In 1923 she was listed in the City Directory as a milliner and later operated an art store downtown. She was a prominent member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Vernal until her death in 1959. The house remained in the Martin family until 1971.

Architecture

The Shingle style is an unusually free form and variable style. It has a number of subtypes with various forms linked by the use of continuous wood shingles for wall cladding and steeply pitched roofs. It was primarily a high fashioned, architect's style and the most notable examples of it are found in summer resorts in the northeastern United States. The style was seen in contemporary architectural magazines and spread widely. Scattered examples are found throughout the country but it was never popular for mass vernacular housing as was its contemporary Queen Anne style. The choice of such an unusual style for a house in Vernal may have come from the Martins' exposure to the style in the upper Midwest or in other travels.

The Martin House is a late vernacular example of the Shingle style that was found in small numbers in Utah from 1885 to 1900. It is similar to other examples of the style found in Utah that usually have a stone or masonry base on the first floor and wood or shingle siding on the second floor. Other elements of the style

⁴ Daughters of the Utah Pioneers of Uintah County, Utah. *Builders of Uintah; a Centennial History of Uintah County, 1872 to 1947.* (Springville, Utah: Art City Publishing, 1947), 299.

⁵ The room has since been renovated for use as living space.

⁶ Virginia and Lee McAlester. A Field Guide to American Houses. (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1998), 290.

⁷ Thomas Carter and Peter Goss. *Utah's Historic Architecture, 1847-1940.* (Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah Graduate School of Architecture and Utah State Historical Society, 1991), 118.

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found in the Martin House are the steeply pitched roof with intersecting gables at the principal roofline and the full-width front porch under the main roofline. The windows show Shingle style influence in the simple window surrounds with multiple windows as in the grouping of three on the south elevation, pairs in the second floor gable ends. There are many double-hung windows. The ones in the parlors on the first floor have small rectangular lights in the upper sections. The Manfred and Ethel Martin House is architecturally significant as the only known example of a Shingle style house in Vernal. Although the house has had some minor alterations, it retains its historic and architectural integrity and contributes to the history of Vernal and Uintah County.

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- 2. Vernal, Uintah County, Utah
- 3. Photographer: Beatrice Lufkin
- 4. Date: December 2003
- 5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

Archival Photographs

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6. South and east elevations of house. Camera facing northwest.

Photo No. 2:

6. East and north elevations of house. Camera facing southwest.

Photo No. 3:

6. North elevation of house. Camera facing southwest.

Supplemental Photocopies

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- 6. Manfred and Ethel Martin.

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- 6. Ethel Martin.

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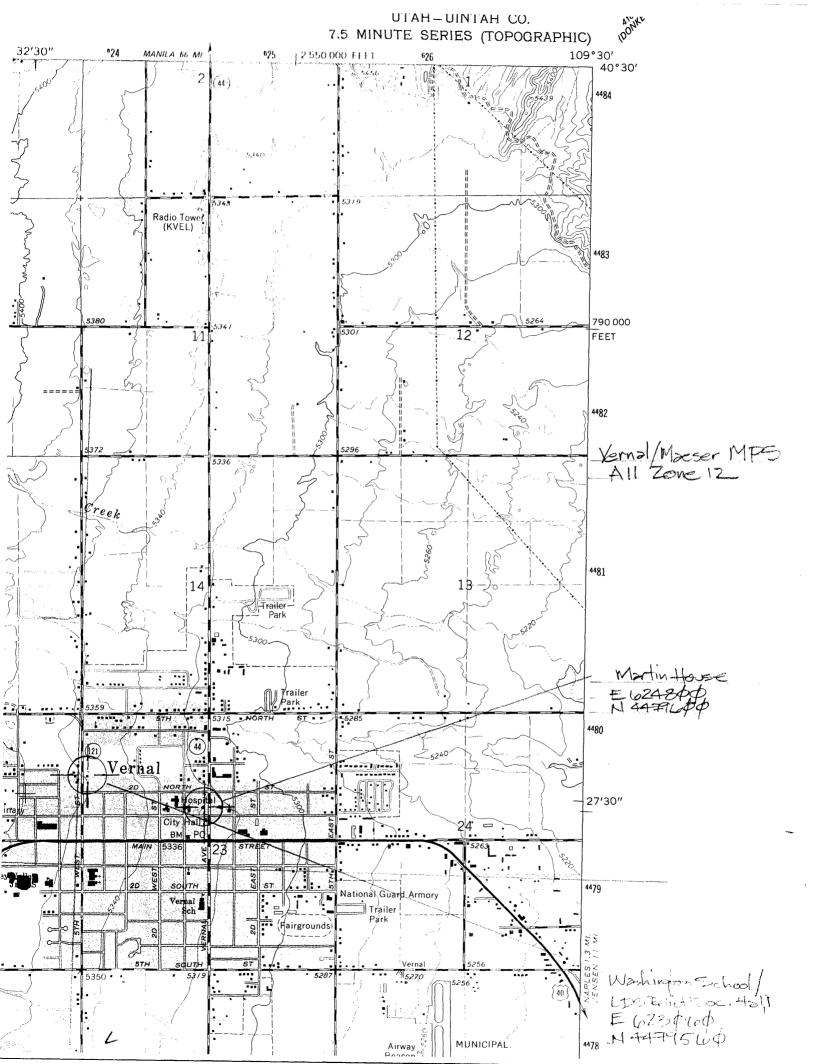
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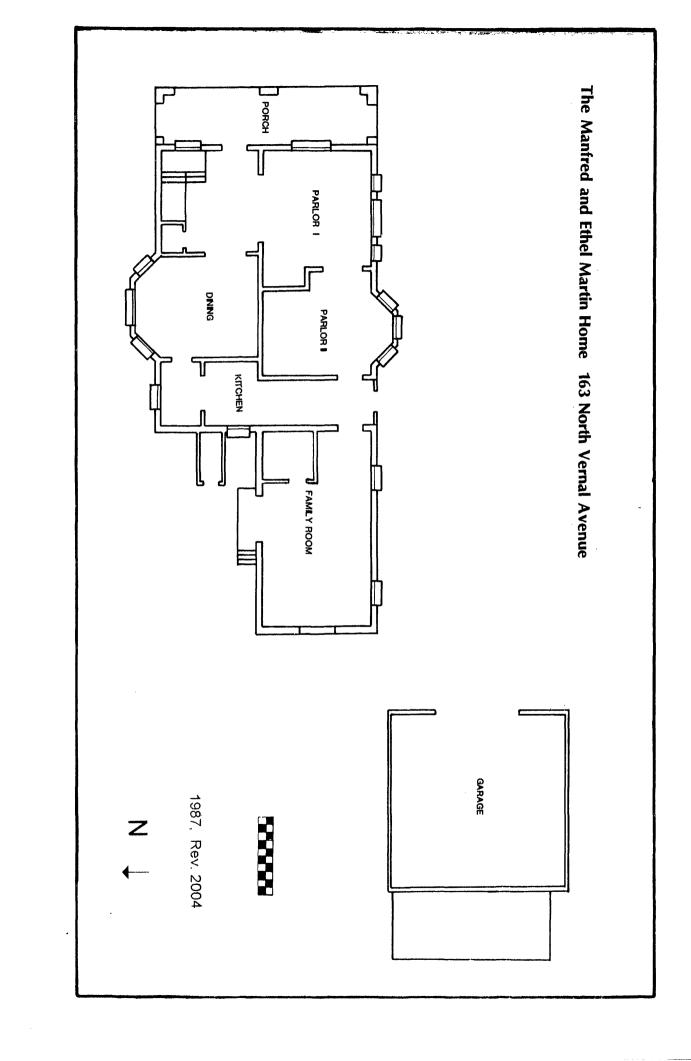
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- 6. South elevation of house and NE corner of barn. Camera facing northwest.

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Manfred & Ethel Martin



(5) Ethel Martin

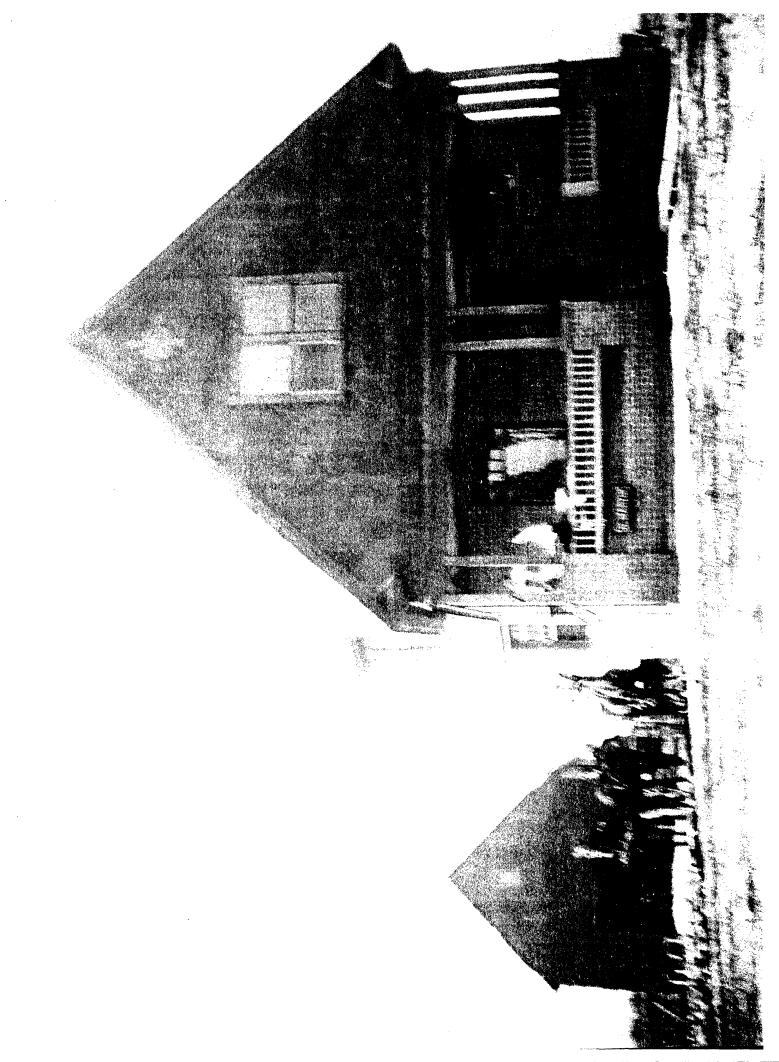


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(T) Martin House c 1912 Vernal, Vintah 6, WT



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