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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property		
historic name NELSON, NELS A., HOUSE		
other names/site		
2. Location		
street & number 8840 South 90 East		N/A not for publication
city, town Sandy		N/A vicinity
	<u>Lake</u> <u>code</u>	035 zip code 84070
3. Classification Ownership of Property Category of Property	No. of Resource	es within Property
X private X building(s)	contributing	noncontributing
public-localdistrict	1	1 buildings
public-State site		sites
public-Federal structure	Name of the latest the	structures
object	Name of Control of Con	objects
Name of related multiple property listing:	1	
name of refaced materple property fracting.		uting resources previously
Historic Resources of Sandy City	listed in the N	National Register 0
Utah Division of State History, Office of Historic Preser State or Federal agency and bureau In my opinion, the propertymeetsdoes not meet the N		See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official	Date	
State or Federal agency and bureau		
5. National Park Service Certification I, hereby, certify that this property is:	Ante Neti	lenol socialis
entered in the National Register.	a. B.	Shak
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determined eligible for the National		
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6. Functions or Use Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC / Single Dwelling	DOMESTIC / Single Dwelling
7. Description Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
Architectural Classification	
Architectural Classification	(enter categories from instructions)
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	(enter categories from instructions) foundation <u>STONE</u>
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions) MID-19TH CENTURY	(enter categories from instructions) foundation <u>STONE</u>
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions) MID-19TH CENTURY	(enter categories from instructions) foundation <u>STONE</u> walls <u>BRICK</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Built in 1895 on a corner lot, the Nels Nelson house is a brick hall-parlor structure which was built in the Victorian era yet retained the traditional plan type and styling of its pre-Victorian predecessors.

An example of a single story, Hall-Parlor house, each of the four sides is bilaterally symmetric, reflecting the influence of the classical traditions which were rejected to a large degree in the Victorian era. Supported on a stone foundation, the soft fired brick walls are laid in a Common or American bond with courses of headers each seventh course. The door and window openings are capped by segmental arches laid in a double row of header courses. The wood window, which appear to be original, are tall, well proportioned, two-over-two double hung windows. The steeply pitched gable roof is detailed with a simple cornice and frieze board which wraps the upper perimeter of the structure.

Likely during the first decade of the twentieth century, a wood frame addition was built at the rear of the structure to house a kitchen. This wood frame kitchen, which appears in a 1911 Sanborn map, has since been removed. This has caused minimal damage to the original structure.

The structure is in need of urgent preservation measures. While a majority of the structure is in good condition, the roof is extensively deteriorated and the brick at ground level is heavily deteriorated from dripping storm water and/or rising damp. The southeast corner of the house has settled due to excavation below the structure. The settlement appears to have stabilized.

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8. Statement of Significance Certifying official has considered the significance nationally		is property in relation to other prop statewidelocally	
Applicable National Register Criteria X A B	<u>X</u>	C D	
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B	C	D E F G	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)		Period of Significance	Significant Dates
ARCHITECTURE		1895	1895
COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT			
		Cultural Affiliation N/A	
Significant Person N/A		Architect/Builder Unknown	

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Built in 1895, the Nels A. Nelson house is significant under Criterion C as a distinct and important example of the hall-parlor house type which was common in Sandy, the surrounding area, and throughout Utah during the latter half of the nineteenth century. This structure is unique in that it is a classically influenced design which was built during the Victorian era. The dwelling is also the finest example of the hall-parlor type house built with brick in the Sandy area. Under Criterion A, this house type is significant for its association with an important period of development in Sandy's history. The house provides an example of one type of dwelling which was commonly employed by area residents during the Mining, Smelting, and Small Farm Era, 1871-c.1910. Other examples of this same house type within the historic Sandy City limits includes frame and adobe structures, most of which have been altered to a degree which renders them ineligible for National Register recognition.

Located 12 miles south of Salt Lake City, Sandy is at the crossroads of what was once a busy series of mining districts. Paralleling to a large extent the history of mining in surrounding canyons, Sandy's early history and development either boomed or declined based on these mining operations.

Sandy's first major period of development, known as the "Mining, Smelting, and Small Farm Era, 1871-c.1910", closely coincided with the discovery and mining of precious metals in nearby canyons beginning in 1863, and with the arrival of the transcontinental railroad to Utah in 1869. Extending south from Salt Lake City, the Utah Southern Railroad reached the Sandy area in 1871, placing Sandy at a crossroads between Salt Lake City, Bingham Canyon, and Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. Railroad spurs were subsequently extended to the mouths of these canyons, allowing materials to be shipped to and from the mining operations.

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¹Carter, Thomas and Goss, Peter, <u>Utah's Historic Architecture</u>, <u>1847-1940</u>. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1988, pp. 14-17, 95-96.

²Tales of a Triumphant People: A History of Salt Lake County, Utah 1847-1900. Compiled and published by Daughters of Utah Pioneers of the Salt Lake County Company. p.276.

³Porath, Joseph H. "Materials gathered for a history of Big Cottonwood Canyon & Little Cottonwood Canyon" USHS Call # MSS, A, 435-16, p.17.

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Salt Lake County Assessor's & Recorder's offices, Salt Lake City,	
1910 Census, Sandy, Utah.	
1910 Census, Sandy, Stan.	
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Previous documentation on file (NPS): preliminary determination of individual listing	Primary location of additional data: _X_ State Historic preservation office
(36 CFR 67) has been requested	Other State agency
previously listed in the National Register	Federal agency
previously determined eligible by the National Register	Local Government
designated a National Historic Landmark	University
recorded by Historic American Buildings	_X_ Other
Survey #	Specify repository:
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	LDS Family History Library
Acreage of property	// ///// Northing
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Verbal Boundary Description	
Lots 6 & 9, inclusive, Block 51, Sandy Station Plat	
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Boundary Justification	
The boundary includes the entire city lot that has historically be	en associated with the property.
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Since Sandy was a strategic shipping point, it is only logical that needed sampling mills and smelters were built in the area.⁴ Also in 1871, a 160 acre townsite was platted,⁵ and the construction of a "boom town" shortly followed. The boom period of the 1870s was short lived with the failure of several mining concerns which fed Sandy's economy,⁶ leading to the closure of several smelting and sampling concerns beginning in 1876. Mining, however, continued to have a large impact on the town in the years following this initial slow down.

While the dominant force in the economy of Sandy during the 1870s, '80s, and '90s was undoubtedly that of mining, the local agricultural community continued to develop. A series of wells and ditches were dug beginning as early as 1869 to supply the city, smelters, and farms with water. Early agricultural pioneers, who generally established small, family type farms, were but forerunners of a later agriculturally oriented lifestyle which was to dominate Sandy's economy. During the 1890s, despite a downturn in the mining industry, Sandy continued to establish itself as a permanent community in the Salt Lake Valley. New business enterprises came into being to support the local agricultural economy, new schools were built, and the city was incorporated in 1893. With the relocation of sampling and smelting concerns to other locations, Sandy's impact as a mining town diminished. Many of the mines that once supported Sandy's mining industry either played out, or their refining operations were relocated. By soon after the turn of the century, Sandy had lost much of the mining component of its economy, marking an end to its initial phase of development. The agricultural component also shifted at this time away from small family farms toward larger, more specialized farming operations, inaugurating a new phase of development in the city.

Purchased by Nels A. & Marianne Nelson in 1891, one year after the family had immigrated to the United States from Denmark 10 , the property appears to have remained vacant until 1894-5 when mortgages were obtained, likely marking construction of the house. Nels Nelson, occupation unknown, lived for only a short time in the home until his death in 1901, leaving a widow and seven children. According to the 1910 census, his wife and four children remained at home, the

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⁴Ibid. p.16.

⁵Rich, Roxie N., <u>The History and People of Early Sandy</u> (no publisher listed). ca. 1975. Copy in possession of Sandy City Planning Dept. p.87.

⁶Robertson, Frank Co., Boom Towns of the Great Basin. Sage Books, Denver Co., 1962. pp.72-73.

⁷Tales of a Triumphant People: A History of Salt Lake County, Utah 1847-1900. Compiled and published by Daughters of Utah Pioneers of the Salt Lake County Company. p.280.

^{8&}quot;The Cottonwood Canyons." USHS Call # MSS, A, 4324.

⁹Bailey, Lynn R., <u>Old Reliable, A History of Bingham Canyon, Utah</u>. Westernlore Press, Tucson, Arizona, 1988, p.278.

¹⁰1910 Census, Sandy City, page 8, line 93.

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eldest son working in a local smelter. Land records indicate that the Nelson family owned the site until January 1924 when Marianne sold the property to her daughter, Julianne Nelson Tolboe, only five months prior to the death of Marianne. The Tolboe family subsequently occupied the house until 1930 when it was purchased by Mildred Holm. Evelyn J. Holm, daughter of Mildred, acquired the property in 1964 and currently resides in an out-of-period wood frame structure adjacent to the Nels A. Nelson House.

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