

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Utah	
COUNTY: Box Elder	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 715.49.0016	DATE 5/14/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Box Elder Stake Tabernacle

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street between 2nd and 3rd South Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Brigham City

STATE: Utah CODE: 49 COUNTY: Box Elder CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

STREET AND NUMBER:
47 East South Temple

CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City STATE: Utah CODE: 49

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Box Elder County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Brigham City STATE: Utah CODE: 49

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Utah Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1966 Federal State County Local

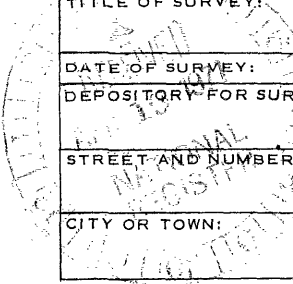
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Utah Heritage Foundation

STREET AND NUMBER:
603 East South Temple

CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City STATE: Utah CODE: 49

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original Box Elder Stake Tabernacle was built of field stone collected nearby. The architect was probably Truman O. Angell, Jr. or his father, one of the more famous L.D.S. Church architects. The Tabernacle was 50 feet by 95 feet with a tower rising above each of the four corners. The interior when finally completed in 1890, had a gallery on the north and south walls, with the elevated speaker's stand on the east end. Most of the lumber was hauled from nearby mountains, sawed and delivered to the site. The seating capacity was 1200.

After the building burned in 1896, it was rebuilt even more elaborately. The restoration architect is not identified. Sixteen brick buttresses were added to the exterior with steeples topping each one. A major tower was built on the front. The style has been described as neo-Gothic. Inside the building a vestibule was added, and the seating capacity increased by 400. A very simple hand-carved design goes all around the new balcony to focus the eyes on the pulpit which, with the choir seats, is now on the west end of the building

The building has an excellent organ and modern lighting and heat. It is maintained by the Box Elder Stake L.D.S. Church.

*Brick + stone
Gothic tower
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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1890 and 1897-1876-1897

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

During the summer of 1865, Brigham Young visited the community. When he observed men beginning an excavation, he asked its purpose. When told it was to be the site of their new tabernacle, he objected. Taking Jesse W. Fox, church surveyor with him, he located a spot on Sagebrush Hill, the backbone of the community. Actually, the site was on the crest of the alluvial fan so characteristic of many of the Mormon communities along the Wasatch front. From that spot the water ran north, south and west.

During the next 11 years rocks were hauled to the site. Construction was begun with some serious intent in 1876. By 1881, the building was sufficiently completed to hold conference in it. However, the building was not finished until 1890. It was dedicated by President Wilford Woodruff October 27th of that year. The building had taken twenty-five years to build, in part because the small community was also building numerous other structures--tannery, gristmills, broom factory, etc.--under the cooperative arrangement of the United Order or communal economic system.

The lovely structure served well, except for the furnace. One Sunday afternoon, February 9, 1896, it burned down, leaving only the four sturdy walls standing. Stake President Charles Kelley asked architects to investigate the walls. They were declared sound. On March 27, 1896, the people voted to rebuild it. Monies were solicited from as far away as Salt Lake City. Reconstruction began immediately and by March 21, 1897, a lovely new structure was ready for dedication by Apostle George Q. Cannon.

Brigham City holds its tabernacle in high regard. It sits proudly on the crest of the hill, probably one of Utah's most photographed buildings. Its architectural style and history mark it as one of the State's most significant structures.

Brigham City's first Stake President was Lorenzo Snow 1853-1877. He was succeeded by Oliver B. Snow, who served until 1888 when Rudger Clawson became president. His successor, who rebuilt the Tabernacle, was Charles Kelley. The building is still used for L.D.S. Church functions and is open to the public on a restricted basis.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brigham Bugler, July 19 and Aug. 2, 1890; Nov. 21, 1891; Jan. 9, March 6, March 13, and March 21, 1897.
Deseret News, May 11, 1865.
Lydia Walker Forsgren, ed., History of Box Elder County, (Brigham City: Box Elder County D.U.P., N.D.), pp. 331-334.
Tabernacle Guide, published by North and South Box Elder Stakes (Brigham City, Utah, N.D.).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2.9**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Melvin T. Smith**

ORGANIZATION: **Utah Historical Society** DATE: **March 25, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **603 East South Temple**

CITY OR TOWN: **Salt Lake City** STATE: **Utah** CODE: **49**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

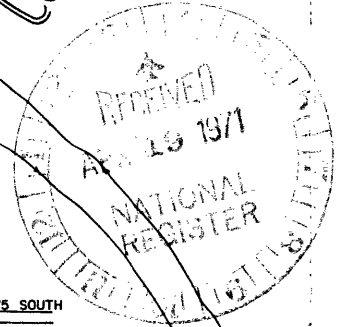
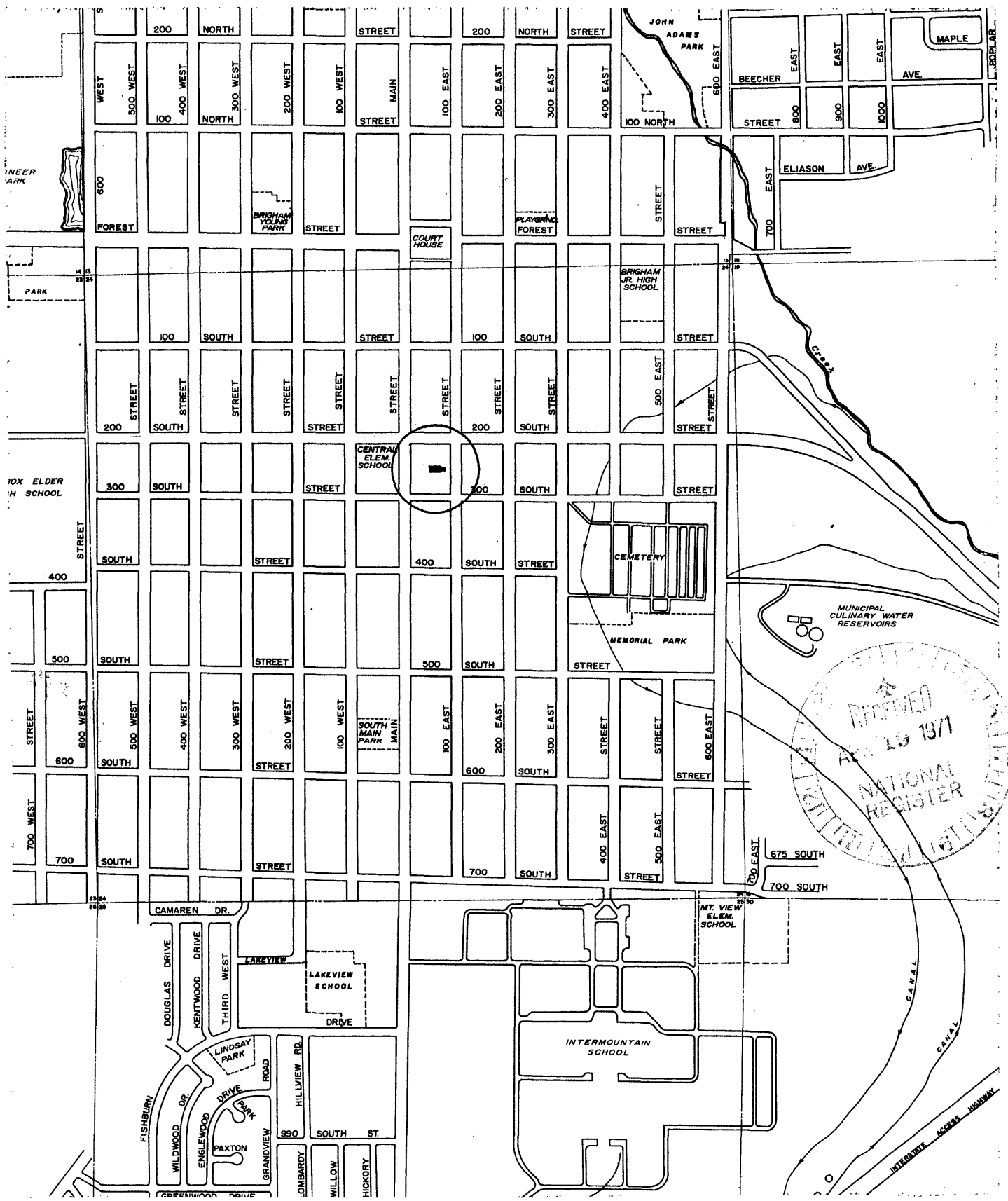
Name Milton L. Weilenmann
 Title Utah State Liaison Officer
 Date March 25, 1971

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

Ernest A. Danneberg
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
MAY 14 1971

Date _____
 ATTEST: Walter M. ...
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date _____

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 MAIN ST. BETWEEN 2ND & 3RD SOUTH STREETS
 BRIGHAM CITY, UTAH

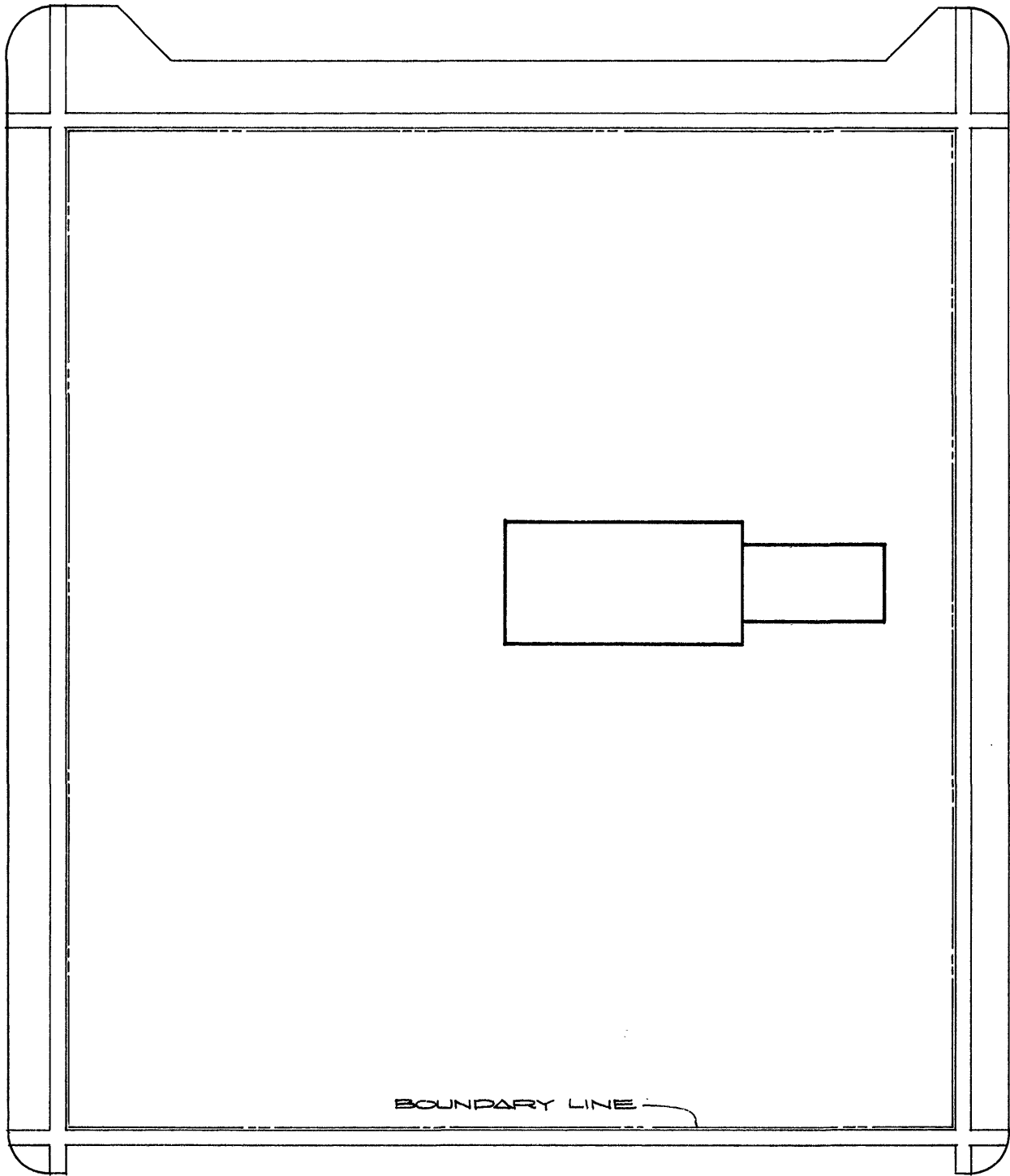
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200 SOUTH STREET

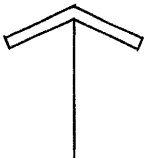
MAIN STREET

100 EAST STREET



BOUNDARY LINE

300 SOUTH STREET



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