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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. Use letter quality printer in 12 pitch, using an 85 space line and a 10 space left margin. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name WELLSVILLE RELIEF SOCIETY MEETING HOUSE
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 67 South Center N/A not for publication
city, town Wellsville N/A vicinity
state Utah code UT county Cache code 005 zip code 84339

3. Classification

| Ownership of Property | Category of Property | No. of Resources within Property | |
|---|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | contributing | noncontributing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local | <input type="checkbox"/> district | <u>1</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State | <input type="checkbox"/> site | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> structures |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> objects |
| | | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> Total |

Name of related multiple property listing:
Mormon Church Buildings in Utah, 1847 - 1936

No. of contributing resources
previously listed in the
National Register - 0 -

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

W. M. A. Signature of certifying official Date Dec 20, 1988
UTAH STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ 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:

- entered in the National Register. Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 2/13/89
___ See continuation sheet
- ___ determined eligible for the National Register. ___ See continuation sheet
- ___ determined not eligible for the National Register.
- ___ removed from the National Register.
- ___ other, (explain:)

for Signature of the Keeper Date

6. Functions or Use

| | |
|--|---|
| Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions) | Current Functions (enter categories from instructions) |
| <u>Religion: religious structure</u> | <u>Domestic: single dwelling</u> |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

other: cross-wing

Materials
(enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete over stone

walls stucco

roof asphalt

other concrete porch

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Constructed in 1875-77, the Wellsville Relief Society Meetinghouse is a one-story cross-wing house with gable roofs and stuccoed exterior walls. The walls were covered originally with horizontal wood siding, but probably were stuccoed some time in the early 1900s. Other exterior alterations are relatively minor and do not substantially affect its historic integrity.

The house has a cruciform plan, which is a variation of the basic cross-wing concept.¹ The central gable-roof section faces gable-end to the street and is flanked by cross-wings on either side. The height of the cross-wing roofs are 2-3 feet lower than the roof height of the central section. Exterior alterations include the stuccoing of the original wood siding (early 1900s[?]), the replacement of an original wood porch with concrete, the addition of a small enclosed porch in the southwest rear corner, and the removal and covering over of a doorway on the east facade (all c. 1950). Aluminum frame storm windows have been added in recent years.

The original three-room interior was altered c. 1950 to provide a more livable residential floor plan. A dividing wall was installed separating the living room in front, from the kitchen, pantry and bathroom in the rear. The ceilings have been lowered in recent years. The original wainscotting still remains in what is now the kitchen (the rear half of the original central room). The bedrooms in each side wing have not been altered. Though altered, the interior still retains much of its original appearance.

¹Thomas Carter and Peter Goss, Utah's Historic Architecture 1847-1940 (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1988), p. 37.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: nationally statewide X locally

Applicable National Register Criteria X A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) X A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

 Religion
 Social History

Period of Significance

 1875-1903

Significant Dates

 1875-77

Cultural Affiliation

 N/A

Significant Person

 N/A

Architect/Builder

 unknown/unknown

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

Constructed in 1875-77, the Wellsville Relief Society Meeting House is locally significant as the center of activities for the women's organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon or LDS Church). During the late nineteenth century, Relief Society women in virtually every Mormon community constructed buildings to accommodate their activities. There were meeting houses, granaries, stores, and homes of assistance for the needy. These buildings represent the significant role played by the Relief Society in Mormon communities during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Later, beginning in the early twentieth century, Relief Society rooms were included within the main church building, rendering obsolete these independent structures. The Wellsville Relief Society Meeting House ceased functioning in its original role upon the completion of the nearby Wellsville Tabernacle in 1903, which contained accommodations for the Relief Society. Although the building served as a religious structure, its significance is derived from its representation of the historical theme of Relief Society activity in early Mormon communities.

Construction of a Relief Society building in Wellsville began in the late fall/early winter of 1875. An article from a Wellsville correspondent in the LDS church owned Deseret News on November 10, 1875, described the project as follows:

The Relief Society has commenced operations on a house which they will call their own, a very handsome building, according to the design, and one of which they might well be proud. It is to

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Wellsville, Cache County, Utah

be in the form of a cross, having three rooms, the center one being 30' x 15' for meetings, quiltings, and such like, with a room on either side 12' x 14' for shop and store room."²

The building was completed and ready for occupancy on October 24, 1877. It was apparently the first and only building constructed for the Relief Society in the community. It served as the home of the women's Relief Society in Wellsville for over 25 years. In 1903, the Relief Society moved into the newly completed tabernacle across the street. The meeting house was apparently converted into residential rental use at that time. The Wellsville Second Ward of the LDS church has continued to own the building to the present, since the property had been given to the Relief Society in the 1870s with the stipulation that it never be sold. The ward has rented the home to various occupants over the years, including Arthur Wilson in the 1930s and Gladys Maughan and family, 1948 to the present.

²Deseret Weekly News, November 10, 1875, p. 641.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Arrington, Leonard J. The Economic Role of Pioneer Mormon Women.

A Centenary of Relief Society, 1842-1942. Salt Lake City: General Board of Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1942.

Deseret Weekly News, November 1, 1875

Previous documentation on file (NPS): _____ See continuation sheet

___ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

___ previously listed in the National Register

___ previously determined eligible by the National Register

___ designated a National Historic Landmark

___ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

___ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State Historic preservation office

___ Other State agency

___ Federal agency

___ Local government

___ University

___ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one

UTM References

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| A | <u>1/2</u> | <u>4/2/2/2/1/0</u> | <u>4/6/0/9/8/0/0</u> | B | <u>/</u> | <u>/ / / / /</u> | <u>/ / / / / /</u> |
| | Zone | Easting | Northing | | Zone | Easting | Northing |
| C | <u>/</u> | <u>/ / / / /</u> | <u>/ / / / / /</u> | D | <u>/</u> | <u>/ / / / /</u> | <u>/ / / / / /</u> |

___ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Four by four rods rods in the SE corner of Lot 7 Block 16 Plat A Wellsville City Survey.

___ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary covers the historic and current extent of the property.

___ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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