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Site No. BV-04-215

Sign. Site #36

Utah State Historical Society  
Historic Preservation Research Office  
**Structure/Site Information Form**

LESS THAN ONE ACRE

1 IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: ~~N.W. Corner of~~ 1st N. & 3rd E. Plat A Bl. 34 Lot 1<sup>E $\frac{1}{2}$  of</sup>  
Name of Structure: Milne Truck Lines Inc. T. R. S.  
Present Owner: / Milne Truck Lines, Inc. UTM: 12/356875/  
4237500  
Owner Address: 2200 South Third West, S.L.C., 84115 Tax #: B-138-A

2 AGE/CONDITION/USE

Original Owner: Beaver Relief Society Construction Date: 1909 Demolition Date:

\* Original Use: meeting hall (Beaver Relief)

Present Use: Occupants:  
 Single-Family  Park  Vacant  
 Multi-Family  Industrial  Religious  
 Public  Agricultural  Other  
 Commercial

Building Condition: Integrity:  
 Excellent  Site  Unaltered  
 Good  Ruins  Minor Alterations  
 Deteriorated  Major Alterations

3 STATUS

Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:  
 Significant  National Landmark  District  
 Contributory  National Register  Multi-Resource  
 Not Contributory  State Register  Thematic  
 Intrusion

4 DOCUMENTATION

Photography: Date of Slides: Date of Photographs:  
Views: Front  Side  Rear  Other  Views: Front  Side  Rear  Other

Research Sources:  
 Abstract of Title  City Directories  LDS Church Archives  
 Plat Records  Biographical Encyclopedias  LDS Genealogical Society  
 Plat Map  Obituary Index  U of U Library  
 Tax Card & Photo  County & City Histories  BYU Library  
 Building Permit  Personal Interviews  USU Library  
 Sewer Permit  Newspapers  SLC Library  
 Sanborn Maps  Utah State Historical Society Library  Other fieldwork

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

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ARCHITECTURE

Architect/Builder: Beeson Family

Building Materials: brick

Building Type/Style:

Description of physical appearance &amp; significant architectural features:

(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

The building was at one time a lovely example of a meeting hall used for religious purposes, being the property of the Beaver Relief Society. Despite its current appearance - in great need of maintenance - the building is still very interesting. It rests on a black rock foundation that is topped by a cut brick water-table. The structure is built of brick, using a Flemish bond, which is very unusual in Beaver. Local brick was used in its construction and the mortar joints are beaded slightly and stained white (also very unusual in Beaver). The main facade is the gable end that faces the street and this too is uncommon in Beaver. This facade displays pointed-arched windows and a door, comprising the 4th unusual characteristic this building contains. Also in the gable end are shingles that are rather elaborate in their design. The walls are structurally very sound yet, but there are broken windows and a leaky roof. The Beeson family did the construction of this building and they were excellent masons employing very fine workmanship. The raised bead is characteristic of the British Isles and indeed, these masons were originally from England. They used the same tyle of masonry here that they used in the Briggs Building (see Structural Site Form #BV-04-173).

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HISTORY

Statement of Historical Significance:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture          | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining          | <input type="checkbox"/> Science            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Minority Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Socio-Humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Arts             | <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration/Settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> Political       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce             | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation      |   |

This structure served for a number of years as the home of the East Ward Relief Society, an organization for women within the L.D.S. Church. The lot was purchased in c.1909 for \$100 and construction was begun by the Beeson family soon after. The building cost \$2,500 to build (Monuments to Courage, ed. and G. Merkley, Daughters of Utah Pioneers: Beaver County, Utah, 1948, p.124).

The building is significant because of its historic construction date, its nearly unaltered appearance, its builders, its architectural style and its original function.

This structure is one of the oldest religious building, in Beaver, the old Church that dated from 1880 having been recently razed. Its style of architecture included many unusual features such as Flemish Bond brick work, beaded white mortar joints, pointed windows, etc. (see above description). The building was erected by the Beeson family, who worked extensively with brick during this period and were known for their excellent craftsmanship.