

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Soren Hanson House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 166 West Main Street not for publication

city, town Hyrum vicinity of congressional district 01

state Utah code 049 county Cache code 005

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
		<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kindred

street & number 166 West Main

city, town Hyrum vicinity of state Utah

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cache County Courthouse

street & number 179 North Main

city, town Logan state Utah

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Utah Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date March 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records Utah State Historical Society

city, town Salt Lake City state Utah

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The largest private residence in the city of Hyrum, the Soren Hanson "castle" was begun in 1905 and completed two years later, reportedly at a cost of \$30,000. It is a 2 1/2 story structure, a late example of the Victorian Queen Anne style architecture in Utah. Asymmetrically planned around a hipped roof core, the brick home has a stone foundation and wood trim. Gabled bays project from the central mass and a circular tower is located on the southeast corner of the main elevation. The tower culminates vertically in a twenty-foot high peak. Each story on the tower has three wrap-around windows. Just above the third-story windows are five dormers which are decorated with wood laticing.

The bay of the main facade has four windows, two of which are curved while one is leaded. At the second story level of the bay is a balcony that can be reached through a door. The balcony is enclosed by a delicate wrought-iron balustrade. The opening onto the balcony is segmentally arched with sandstone voussoirs. Inscribed in the keystone are the initials SH representing the name Soren Hanson. Above the sandstone arch is a hipped pent, with a dentilled cornice identical to that of the rest of the house.

The front door is oak, displaying carving in the upper part. Above the door is a leaded glass transom. Twelve composite columns support the wrap-around front porch.

On the east side of the home is a chimney, the most ornate of the three chimneys on the house. On the lower part of this east facing chimney is a carving of a half-nude female figure. The north side of the home, the rear, is quite plain except for the elaborate red brick chimney.

On the interior of the home are six bedrooms, a large bathroom, and a seven foot wide hallway running the length of the second floor, a large vestibule with a wide stairwell paneled in beveled mirrors, a parlor, living room, library, dining, kitchen, pantry, washroom, and secondary bath on the first floor.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1905-1907 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The most imposing residence in the city of Hyrum, the Soren Hanson house, built between 1905 and 1907, is significant as an important example of Queen Anne architecture in Utah. Asymetry, ornate detailing, circular tower and projecting gable bays from the central mass are among the features that characterize this residence. In addition, the house is also important because of its association with Soren Hanson, a prominent Cache Valley businessman and mayor of Hyrum in the early Twentieth century. By the turn of the century Hanson became the largest dealer in eggs in the Intermountain West.

The house was built between 1905 and 1907 at a cost of \$30,000 for Soren Hanson. He was born in Hyrum, Utah, May 2, 1863. Beginning about 1880, the economy of Cache Valley began to change from a local, subsistence economy to a commercial economy. Agriculture and industry became more highly specialized and intensive. Private enterprises increased. The cooperative solution became more and more typical, individualized solutions more common. Industry evolved from village industries to regional industries, their markets throughout Utah and the surrounding states. As these changes took place, Soren Hanson became increasingly prosperous. A pioneer in the poultry industry in Utah, he became the largest dealer in eggs in the Intermountain West by the turn of the century. In 1897, for example, he sold 4000 cases or 120,000 dozen eggs. One quarter of these were sold in Cache Valley and in southern Idaho. The other three quarters were transported by wagon to either Corinne or Ogden and shipped throughout Utah and the surrounding states. Hanson also had extensive farming and ranching interests. He shipped large amounts of grain out of state and in 1897 shipped more than 100 traincars of cattle outside of Utah.

Active in political affairs, Hanson served as postmaster of Hyrum in the 1890s, was a member of the city council from 1898 to 1902, and was mayor of Hyrum from 1906 to 1908.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Allen, Earle; Brown, Bessel and Eliason, Sila, Home on the Hills of Bridgerland, SLC: Deseret News Press, 1969.
"Soren Hanson," Deseret News, July 15, 1922.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than one
Quadrangle name Logan, Utah

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	<u>112</u>	<u>4218</u>	<u>41310</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>019</u>	<u>31310</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing			
C						
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	Zone	Easting	Northing			
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F						
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Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at a point 1/2 rod W of the SE cor of lot 2, Block 18, Plat A, Hyrum City Survey, W 99 3/4 ft. N 20 rds to N line of lot 3, said Block, E 99 3/4 ft. S 20 rds to beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title John McCormick/Historian and Diana Johnson/Architectural Historian

organization Utah State Historical Society date Summer 1980

street & number 307 West 200 South telephone (801) 533-6017

city or town Salt Lake City state Utah

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Melvin T. Smith

title Melvin T. Smith, State Historic Preservation Officer date December 10, 1980

For HCERS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>[Signature]</u>	date <u>2/11/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	