

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Davies, Charles E., House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 388 West 300 North Street not for publication

city, town Provo vicinity of congressional district 01

state Utah code 049 county Utah code 049

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Wesley Grover

street & number P.O. Box 854

city, town Palmer vicinity of state Alaska 99645

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Utah County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Provo state Utah

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date Summer 1980  federal  state  county  local

## 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 Charles E. Davies house in Provo is a one-story brick house which has a distinctive double-gable facade. The house consists of two parallel rectangular units separated by a smaller square unit on the inside. The gabled ridge of the internal unit runs perpendicular to the roof lines on the outside rectangles. Viewed from above, the house plan resembles the letter "H," and it is not surprising that such houses here have come to be called "H-plan" houses. The house type is actually a rather uncommon variant of a popular vernacular type, the gable-facade "temple-form" house. The double-gabled H-plan house is, then, one of a number of nineteenth-century vernacular types which were present in most Utah towns. As such, the Davies house is typical of the architecture of the period.

Each of the gable ends of the "H" contains a rectangular bay capped with a truncated hip roof which is pierced by a gable. On the three sides of the bay are double-hung sash windows, narrow ones on the sides and a pair of standard size windows separated by decorative mullions on the facade. All the windows of the house with the exception of two later additions in the rear have a decorative arch over them with jigsaw cut ornament and are capped with a segmented relieving arch which has raised extrados and a pair of centered bricks that resemble a keystone. Most of the windows are the two-over-two double-hung sash type. The main door was originally centered under the porch which spans the bar of the "H", but it has been bricked in. The two windows that flanked that door are still intact. The two doors that open onto the porch from the gable ends are long and narrow, and have oval transoms. The west wall, the broad side of one of the legs of the "H", is pierced by a gable. Under the gable is centered a door flanked by two windows. The door has a square glass panel with carved wood trim around it, and may be original. Other major alterations are evident only at the rear of the house. The two additions in the rear between the legs of the "H", one of which may be original, and the changes in the fenestration of that section do not, however, detract significantly from the original integrity of the building.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

City Directories, 1884-1922  
Plat records, Utah County  
Salt Lake Tribune, April 23, 1940; October 1, 1943  
Sanborn Map, 1890

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Provo

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

A 

1	2	4	4	3	4	7	0	4	4	5	4	1	7	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Beg. at SW cor Lot 2, Blk 1907, Plat A, thence E 78 ft 8 in, N 6 rods, W 78 ft 8 in, 6 rods to point of beginning.

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

state N/A code county N/A code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Deborah R. Temme, Architectural Historian/Ken Cannon, Historian

organization Utah State Historical Society date Summer 1980

street & number 300 Rio Grande telephone (801) 533-6017

city or town Salt Lake City state Utah 84101

## 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Melvin T. Smith

title Melvin T. Smith, State Historic Preservation Officer date April 6, 1982

### For NPS use only

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

Bruce M. Anderson date 8/9/82  
Keeper of the National Register

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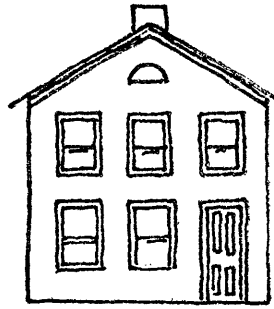
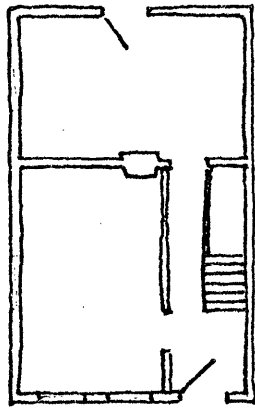
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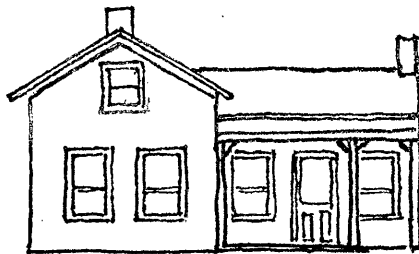
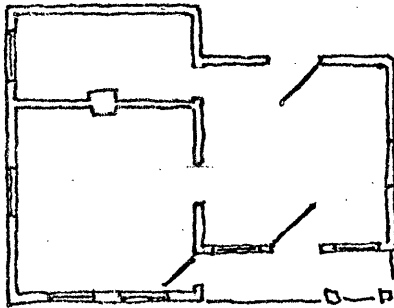
One logical variation of the modified temple form house can be found in the placing of a second forward-facing gable to the end of the side wing (see 1C). Repeating the gable makes the house symmetrical and effectively closes up a visually incomplete and open design. Such houses are found in many Utah communities, attesting to the popularity of the type. They are greatly outnumbered by their "T-plan" cousins, and must be considered a rare architectural type. Such houses are often called "H-plan" house by local architectural historians.<sup>4</sup> Such an alphabet designation, however, should not obscure the houses' historical and design relationship to the old temple-form plan.

Charles E. Davies, the original owner of this house, was born in South Wales in 1859 and later immigrated to the United States after joining the LDS Church. He eventually settled in Provo and married Rachel E. Davis in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. By trade Davies was a farmer.

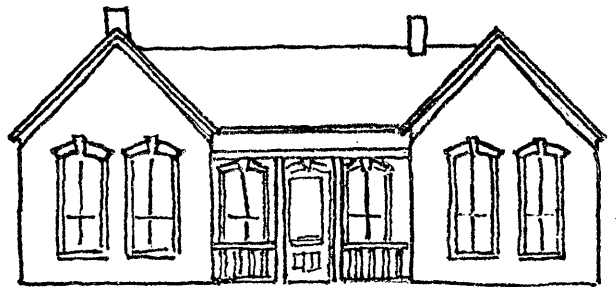
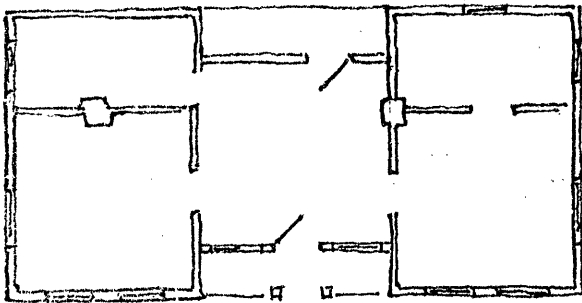
The vernacular H-plan house was constructed in about 1885, and David L. Van Wagenen, a prominent local merchant, bought the house in 1907. He owned and operated the D. L. Van Wagenen Mercantile Company in Provo for many years. Van Wagenen apparently sold the house in 1912 but continued to live there until 1922. The house has since been used as rental property, as the owners of the house have not been listed as living in the house. In 1912 Van Wagenen sold the house to Eliza Smith Stewart who in turn sold it to Thomas Callister in 1918. Callister sold it to Georgianna Parry in 1920 and she sold the house to Clyde Bunnell in 1923. The house was owned by the Bunnells until 1929 when the property was conveyed to Ray Barrett. In 1945 the house was sold to Madeline Hales who sold it the same year to Arthur S. Roberts. Roberts deeded the house to Clark S. Nelson in 1950. It remained in the Nelson family until 1956 when it was sold to Dr. Orlo Allen. Allen sold the house to Howard L. Jensen in 1960 and Jensen sold it to Louis B. Jones the same year.



IA: TEMPLE-FORM HOUSE



IB: MODIFIED TEMPLE FORM OR T-PLAN HOUSE



IC: DOUBLE FRONT GABLE H-PLAN HOUSE

FIGURE I: TRANSFORMATIONS OF THE GABLE-FACADE TEMPLE FORM HOUSE IN UTAH