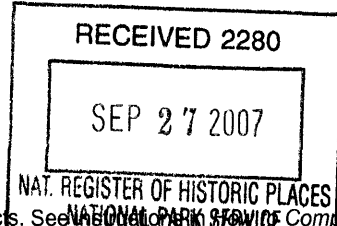


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National Park Service



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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Davis, David E., House (amendment)

other name/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street name 400 East Highway 199 (also 465 East Highway 199)  not for publication

city or town Rush Valley (formerly Clover)  vicinity

state Utah code UT county Tooele code 045 zip code 84069

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally,  statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

William H. Mark, SHPO 9/29/2007  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Utah Division of State History, Office of Historic Preservation  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  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:) \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall 11.8.07  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Davis, David E., House  
Name of Property

Rush Valley, Tooele County, Utah  
City, County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	2	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	2	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

\_\_\_\_\_

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Function**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Function**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY  
\_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER: cross wing  
\_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER: central passage  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
walls BRICK  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof ASPHALT shingle  
\_\_\_\_\_  
other WOOD: porch supports  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

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**8. Description**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

SOCIAL HISTORY

**Period of Significance**

1883-1923

**Significant Dates**

1883-1885

**Significant Persons**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Robert Scott & Mr. Durfee, builders

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.75 acre(s)

### UTM References

(Place additional boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

A 1/2 3/7/8/0/9/0 4/4/6/5/9/6/0  
Zone Easting Northing

B / / / / / / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

C / / / / / / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

D / / / / / / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

COM AT SW COR OF NE ¼ OF SW ¼ OF SEC 32, T5S, R5W, E 23 RDS, N 12 RDS, W 23 RDS, S 12 RDS TO BEG. EX PORTION TO TOOELE CO FOR RD, CONT 1.75 ACRES

Property Tax No. 01 289-0-0010/146489 PIN

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those that were historically associated with the house and the same as those on the original registration form.

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Cory Jensen--Utah SHPO Staff  
organization Utah State Historic Preservation Office date September 19, 2007  
street & number 300 Rio Grande telephone 801-533-3559  
city or town Salt Lake City state UT zip code 84101

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

**Maps** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs:** Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

### Property Owner

name/title Laurie Ford & J. Jeannine Farrington  
street & number 400 East Highway 199 telephone 435-837-2525  
city or town Rush Valley state UT zip code 84069

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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### Narrative Description

The David E. Davis House, located at 400 East Highway 199, in Rush Valley<sup>1</sup>, Tooele County, Utah, was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places on July 13, 1984, after the owner at the time objected to listing in the register. The house has passed through other owners since that time and the current owner wishes to remove the objection and have the house listed in the Register. Some changes have been made to the house and property since the determination and this addendum will update the property description and provide updated photographs.

The owner prior to the current owner began extensive rehabilitation of the house which had been abandoned and neglected for a number of years. This work included replacing missing or damaged exterior brick with similar brick from the era, restoring an interior fireplace that had been covered over, updating electrical wiring and replacing outdated plumbing. Interior doors, woodwork, and floors were stripped of several layers of paint and the refinished. Some plasterwork on the walls was repaired or refinished as well.

When the current owners purchased the house in May 2007 they continued the rehabilitation of the house balancing building code, health and safety concerns, energy efficiency and cost with the desire to retain as much as possible the historic integrity of the house. The following is a description of the work that the current owners have done on the building and the property:

### Exterior

The former owner replaced the roof using asphalt shingles. This replaced two previous layers of asphalt shingles and the original cedar shingle roof. Two brick chimneys on either end of the gable roof were removed at this time as they were partially collapsed. The chimney on the rear wing was retained, being in much better condition.

The original wood soffit and fascia around the entire house were replaced with aluminum using the same width dimensions as the original trim. There were two reasons for replacement, the old trim had badly deteriorated and split to a point that the attic had become infested with bats. An expedient repair was necessary, but because of the remoteness of the area it was difficult to find a local wood craftsman who could replicate the cornice and frieze details. So for sake of time and cost aluminum siding was used in place of the original wood. The difference in appearance between the original and the replacement is not enough to detract from the overall architectural integrity of the house.

For similar reasons all of the original six-over-six wood-sash windows were replaced with vinyl windows of similar design. The original wood casings, lintels, and sills were retained or repaired where needed, and the

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<sup>1</sup> The original registration form listed the address as "Off Utah Highway 199." The official address is 400 East Highway 199, and has also been recorded as 465 E. Highway 199. Also, the original registration form listed the city as Clover (Rush Valley); Clover has since been incorporated into Rush Valley.

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sash replacements are double hung with false muntins in a six-over-six format. Again, although these are vinyl replacements, the difference in appearance is not enough to affect the historic integrity of the house.

Also on the exterior, a new front porch and porch roof was added. This replaced a small porch at the front entrance which had become dilapidated and collapsed. The new porch is fairly deep (approximately 10 feet) and the sloped, asphalt shingle-covered roof is supported on six wood posts. The previous porch covering was not original to the construction of the house and it is not known if there was a covered porch prior to that one. However, it is obvious from the original full-width nailer board across the main façade to which the new porch is attached that the original intention was to construct a full-width porch at some point. The new porch was based on other homes in the region from the same era and is in keeping with historical examples on central passage houses throughout the state.

### Interior

A new HVAC system was installed in the attic. Venting was strategically placed to hide ductwork as much as possible. Plumbing and electrical have also been upgraded or repaired. The kitchen was remodeled. It only had roughed-in plumbing when purchased. New cabinets, countertops, and appliances were installed. The upper floor bathroom, which was added in the historic era, was restored. Plaster had become detached from the walls, the ceiling was collapsing, and there were holes in the floor; all were repaired. Plumbing and appliances were upgraded.

One interesting note is the recent discovery of a hidden chamber below the floor in the rear room of the rear cross wing section. A wooden ladder provides access to the chamber which is approximately six feet from floor to ceiling and the size of a small bedroom, measuring approximately ten feet by ten feet. The room was originally lined with timbers that have since collapsed. There are two possible uses for this room, one is as a root cellar, and the other is as a possible hiding place for David Davis. In the late nineteenth century federal marshals apprehended and imprisoned male practitioners of polygamy. It was not uncommon for polygamists to travel to other areas to escape imprisonment. Others made hiding places in their own homes, known in local folklore as “polygamy pits.” The room in the Davis House seems to have been better finished than a typical root cellar, and Davis had three wives and was imprisoned for a time for polygamy, so it is probable that it was used for concealment purposes. The current owners plan to restore the room to its original appearance because of the historical significance and local interest.

### Outbuildings and Landscaping

Two former log buildings that were noted as contributing in the original nomination have since been removed—according to neighbors they were both destroyed by fire, probably when the house was abandoned. There are now two other outbuildings on the property, neither of which is contributing. One is a garage/storage building. This is currently located just to the west of the house and was probably built in-

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period and moved to the site later.<sup>2</sup> It is a long, rectangular, gable-roof frame building with wood drop/novelty siding only recently added. The second building is located to the southwest of the house near the road, and was also just recently moved to the site. It is a well house made from hexagonal cupola of a barn that was originally located in Kansas. It is also constructed of wood siding and has a hexagonal conical roof.

The front and east side yard was recently planted with lawn, while the area west of the house is barren earth. The entire property is surrounded by several hundred acres of alfalfa pasture land and the yard immediately around the house is separated from the pastures by a pole and wire fence. The surrounding area is all farmland and houses and farms are situated far apart.

Although many upgrades and alterations have been made to the David E. Davis House, they were all done with the intent of maintaining the historical integrity of the house while also being cost effective and environmentally efficient for the owners. The overall integrity of the house and setting has been maintained and the house is a contributing resource in the Clover/Rush Valley area.

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<sup>2</sup> This is according to the current owner. It is unknown when or if it was moved from another site. It can be seen in the background of the photographs for the original 1984 nomination.

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**Common Label Information:**

1. David E. Davis House
2. Rush Valley, Tooele County, Utah
3. Photographer: Cory Jensen
4. Date: August 2007
5. Digital photos printed at the Utah SHPO using archival paper and ink

**Photo No. 1:**

6. South elevation of building. Camera facing north.

**Photo No. 2:**

6. South & east elevations of building. Camera facing northwest.

**Photo No. 3:**

6. North & east elevations of building. Camera facing southwest.

**Photo No. 4:**

6. North elevation of building. Camera facing south.

**Photo No. 5:**

6. South & west elevations of building. Camera facing northeast.

**Photo No. 6:**

6. East elevation of building—detail of soffit and fascia. Camera facing southwest.

**Photo No. 7:**

6. North & west elevations of garage. Camera facing southeast.

**Photo No. 8:**

6. South elevation of building and well house. Camera facing north.

**Photo No. 9:**

6. South & east elevations of building showing landscape/setting. Camera facing northwest.