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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

SIMON P. EGGERTSEN, SR. HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

The Eggertsen House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

390 South 500 West

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Provo

\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

01

STATE

Utah

CODE

.041 499

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Craig M. Call

STREET & NUMBER

390 South 500 West

CITY, TOWN

Provo

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Utah

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Utah County Courthouse, Records Office

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street East South University Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Provo

STATE

Utah

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Utah State Register of Historic Sites

DATE

February 6, 1974

\_\_FEDERAL  STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Utah State Historical Society, Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

STATE

Utah

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Simon P. Eggertsen, Sr., Home, built of brick in 1876, is a 2 1/2 story, T-plan residence built over a partial cellar. The main floor contains the original parlor, living room, dining room, a central hall and stairway, as well as a kitchen and bathroom which were added later. The second floor consists of three bedrooms and a bathroom, and the attic floor has two finished bedrooms. The cellar is unfinished and used for storage.

Several early photographs show that originally the Eggertsen Home had a porch over the front (east) entry and a second story door leading on to the porch. These no longer exist. The early bargeboards are partially gone and have not yet been restored. Originally a T-plan, the plan is now square on the first floor level with the addition of brick rooms to provide needed kitchen and bathroom. Aside from these changes, the plan and appearance of the home are intact.

The additions feature similar building materials and window types in an effort to harmonize with the original structure.

As it now exists, the front facade of the Eggertsen Home is assymmetrical, with a Federal door bay flanked by one window at its right and two windows to its left. The second level has four windows situated directly above the bays below. All windows are 6 over 6 with double-hung sashes and have Federal lintel caps. The front door features a transom window and sidelights, as well as a Federal lintel cap.

Each of the four faces of the home has a steeply pitched gable. The cornice is boxed and simply moulded and has no freeze. The bargeboards are mostly broken off although stumpy finials still exist at the apexes of the gables. The three massive brick chimneys feature corbeling and recessed panels and are in excellent condition. Two of the chimneys are located above the interior walls about the stairwell while the third serves the kitchen.

The interior of the Eggertsen Home is quite impressive. Its walnut bannisters and spindles, oak-grained woodwork and marble-grained plaster in the halls are extant, as are the fireplaces, casings, base and doors. The original room configurations and tall ceilings are also intact.

Now repainted, repaired, appointed with period furnishings and carefully maintained, the Eggertsen Home provides much insight into pioneer design and craftsmanship.

# 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 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
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<input 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 1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Simon P. Eggertsen, Sr.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed of brick in 1876 by Simon Peter Eggertsen, Sr., a Danish immigrant and handcart pioneer to Utah in 1857, the Eggertsen Home is a representative example of the synthetic eclecticism which characterized much of Utah's pioneer architecture. The home was built by native Danes who, being unfamiliar with American styles in their purity, skillfully borrowed stylistic motifs from the Federal and Early Gothic Revival periods to enhance a vernacular design. The Eggertsen Home has been partially restored by the owners and is the headquarters of Historic Utah, Inc., a private preservation organization

## HISTORY

Simon Peter Eggertsen, Sr. was born February 7, 1826 in Vestr, Skevhuset, Odense County, Fyen, a Danish island. At age 22, Simon served in the Danish army and fought the Germans in 1848-1850, rising to the rank of Sergeant. In 1853, Eggertsen was converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as a Mormon missionary in Denmark before leaving to settle permanently in America in 1857. As part of a party of 24, Eggertsen pulled a handcart 1300 miles across the Great Basin, arriving in Salt Lake City, September 13, 1857, after many privations. In 1858 Simon Eggertsen married Johanne Thomson and later that year participated in what has been called the "Utah War," a non-violent conflict between Utah Mormons and the Utah Expedition, a Federal army led by Colonel Albert Sidney Johnston. During the conflict, Eggertsen's wife, along with thousands of Salt Lake City Mormons, were evacuated to Provo. After the war, Simon followed his wife to Provo and traded a coat and vest for the property upon which his home was later built. This lot was the Eggertsen's town homestead and was the base of farming operations located in southwest Provo.

The Eggertsen family lived in a one-room log house for 17 years prior to constructing their 2 1/2 story brick home in 1876. Simon became a successful farmer and freighter and used his wealth to send his children to Brigham Young Academy and to build the "big house." Eggertsen's journal records in 1876: "It took 50,000 bricks to build it. The (bricks) costed me 310 dollars. The carpenter work 1,000 dollars. In the spring we moved in and felt very grateful for our blessings."

The home was built by Eggertsen and several of his Danish friends. At the time the home was built it was one of Provo's largest, most prominent residences, and contrasted significantly from the smaller vernacular and Greek Revival buildings surrounding it. The home's design is hybrid and features an uncommon asymmetrical front facade, probably an invention of the Danes who felt no need for symmetry in their native residential architecture. Decorative elements include the Federal door and window bays, steep gables with Early Gothic Revival bargeboards and pinnacles, and English Tudor chimneys. Small brick additions to the original T-plan have not significantly detracted from the striking effect of the home. The interior spaces

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Eggertsen, S. P. Sr. and Etta N., "History of Simon Peter Eggertsen and Family," 1930.  
 Eggertsen, Simon P., "A Short Story of the Life of Simon Peder Eggertsen," 1892.  
 Asha Eggertsen Paxman, Johanne Eggertsen, letters and biographies of S. P. Eggertsen, Jr., and Henrietta Patria Nielsen Eggertsen.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Craig M. Call, Surveyor/Allen D. Roberts, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic Utah, Inc. and Utah State Historical Society

DATE

February 18, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

390 S. 500 W., Provo and 603 E. S. Temple, Salt Lake City

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CITY OR TOWN

Provo and Salt Lake City

STATE

Utah

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE X

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

*Michael T. Miller*

TITLE

Michael T. Miller,  
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

February 22, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9/13/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8-2-77

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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and wood trim have also been preserved and recently restored. Although the original farm setting has changed since 1876, the old "Main Ditch" that irrigated the Eggertsen gardens still flows uncovered past the front yard, and the granary northwest of the house is extant having been remodeled for residential use. The rock foundation walls, two feet thick at their thinnest, the brick walls and chimneys and wood joist and timbers are in sound condition and reflect the skills of the Danish pioneer artisans. The Eggertsen Home realizes the counsel of Brigham Young, "If you wish to build a house, build as good a one as you can imagine."

Simon Peter Eggertsen, after constructing the "big house", spent two years as a missionary in Denmark (1887-1889) and raised a large family. Simon, Jr., was a noted church leader, owned the West Co-op and was an educator in Utah County for over fifty years. Lars was Provo's superintendent of schools.

The Eggertsen Home remained in family hands until 1945. The current owners, Mr. and Mrs. Craig M. Call, have partially restored the home for use as residence, attorney's office and headquarters of Historic Utah, Inc., a preservation organization founded by Mr. Call.