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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places 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 Ewing, Samuel and Lana, House  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 107 South 100 East N/A not for publication  
city or town Smithfield N/A vicinity  
state Utah code UT county Cache code 005 zip code 84335

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

[Signature] 12-21-93  
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 this 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:)

[Signature] 1/28/94  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Ewing, Samuel and Lana, House  
Name of Property

Smithfield, Cache County, Utah  
City, County, and State

## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" on one or more lines 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" on all 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.

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Period of Significance

c.1904-42  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Significant Dates

c.1904  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Architect/Builder

Samuel P. Ewing(?)/builder  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Narrative Statement of Significance

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

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

## 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:  
\_\_\_\_\_

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of property less than 1 acre

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A 1/2 4/3/1/1/2/0 4/6/3/1/4/6/0  
Zone Easting Northing

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

C / / / / / / / / / /

D / / / / / / / / / /

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

All of Lot 7 and a portion of Lot 8, Block 84, Plat A, Smithfield City Survey.

Property Tax No. 8-74-16 (Card C-114).

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries describes the ground that has been associated with the house since its construction (part of Lot 8 was sold in 1946) and completely include the historic house and adjacent yard.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

## 11. Form Prepared By

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date July 1993

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## 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/or 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 Preston and MarJean Watts

street & number 505 Parkview Circle

telephone (801)563-5298

city or town Smithfield

state UT zip code 84335

**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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### 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	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	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**

0

### 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC / single dwelling

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

### 7. Description

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone  
walls Weatherboard  
roof Single  
other \_\_\_\_\_

### Narrative Description

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

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**Narrative Description**

The Samuel and Lana Ewing House is located one block east of Main Street in Smithfield, Utah. The community of Smithfield is situated seven miles north of Logan near the east center of Cache Valley. Relatively long and narrow, Cache Valley extends from northern Utah into Idaho and is bordered on the east and west by mountains that rise steeply above the high valley floor which has an altitude of approximately 4600 feet. The valley is used extensively for agriculture and contains numerous small communities, most dating from the early pioneer period. The site of the Ewing House has minimal landscaping (grass and a few trees and shrubs) to the north and east. The remainder of the lot has been scraped and no other buildings are present on the site.

Built c.1904, the Queen Anne style Ewing House is a one-story, frame house situated on a tall stone foundation. (A partial basement exists under the west portion of the house and crawlspace beneath the east two-thirds.) On the north and east elevations (facing the two streets that form this corner lot) the stone foundation has been plastered and scored to imitate large ashlar stone blocks. This "Queen Anne cottage" clearly represents the 'central block with projecting bays' house type.<sup>1</sup> The main entry, located within a square tower, faces east onto a large porch that wraps around the house to the north. The porch roof is supported by lathe-turned columns with bargeboard detailing. The rear entry is on the north and has a smaller, similarly detailed porch. The complex roof form consists of a large, slightly 'stretched' pyramidal roof with gable roofs over the projecting bays. The entry tower has a separate hip roof, more steeply pitched than the main roof, and with flared eaves supported on brackets. Both porches have low-slope hip roofs. One brick chimney penetrates the east gable roof; a second rear chimney was removed during the recent restoration. The walls of the house are covered with drop or novelty siding. The windows are the original, primarily one-over-one double hung sash. The only exceptions are the rear basement windows and the main, east bay window, a single fixed light with a decorative leaded glass transom comprised of tall lights with triangular ends, and decorative lunettes in attic on the east and north gable ends. The doors are paneled wood with fixed lights. The entire exterior has been recently restored including a new roof of sawn cedar shingles, repair of porch balustrades and steps, and sanding and repainting of all wood siding and details.

The restored interior of the house remains substantially unaltered from the original. The main entry is in the base of the seven foot square, one-and-one-half story entry tower. (See schematic floor plan and photo no. 1.) To the south is the parlor, the east-facing projecting bay of the house. The original fireplace mantle and surround remain. Both the entry and the parlor enter into the large, central

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<sup>1</sup>Thomas Carter and Peter Goss, Utah's Historic Architecture, 1847-1940, pp. 44-48.

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dining room. The door from the parlor is an original, single leaf pocket door (see photo no. 3). The large dining room is within the north-facing bay and also provides access to the bedrooms, the kitchen, and the rear porch. The kitchen, which has been updated somewhat over the years provides access to the pantry and bathroom. A dumbwaiter was located near the pantry and allowed movement of foodstuffs to and from the partial basement beneath this portion of the house. All of the interior has been carefully restored including repair and refinishing of woodwork and installation of appropriate wallpapers and light fixtures (not original to the house). Original features and materials have been retained throughout this museum-quality restoration.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Samuel and Lana Ewing House is locally significant in Smithfield, Utah as an outstanding example of the Queen Anne architectural style and the Victorian-era house type known as a 'central block with projecting bays.' The house has essentially remained unaltered since its construction. The recent museum-quality restoration has repaired historic features and finishes to their near-original condition.

First known as Summit Creek, Smithfield was first settled in early May 1859 by Mormon pioneers who had traveled north from the Salt Lake City area.<sup>2</sup> While the land was surveyed and plowed, and some crops planted, the settlers initially gathered for protection with others in the area to form the community of Logan, about seven miles south of present-day Smithfield. By the end of 1859, eleven (thirteen by some accounts) families were living in wagons, dugouts and houses in Summit Creek. 1860 saw the population swell to sixty-eight families as new Mormon emigrants soon moved north to the Cache Valley in search of good farmland. Summit Creek was quickly renamed Smithfield in honor of its first LDS bishop, John Glover Smith.<sup>3</sup> At first the settlers failed to follow the advice of LDS church leaders to build and live within a protective fort, but with the deaths of two settlers in July 1860, the community built a small fort. The community of Smithfield was incorporated in 1866.<sup>4</sup> By 1879, directories indicate (perhaps a bit optimistically) that Smithfield had grown to nearly 1,200 persons, noting that it lies on a rail line (the Utah & Northern Railroad) with agriculture, lumbering and various manufacturing the main occupations. The 1892 directory lists the population now as 1,500, two churches, one LDS and one Presbyterian, two libraries, and "inhabitants [that] are noted for enterprise."<sup>5</sup>

Lots 7 and 8 of this block in Smithfield were originally deeded in 1872 by Mayor Roskelley to Ezekiel Hopkins, one of the original settlers of Smithfield. (Roskelley was also the local LDS bishop, Smith having left in 1862.) The were sold to Annie Copeland in 1888 who sold them to Samuel P. Ewing on 27 November 1897 for \$450. Tax records list the date of construction of the house as 1904. Ewing owned the property until shortly before his death, selling it to Kedrick McCracken in 1950. Part of Lot 8 had previously been sold to Wallace and Gwen Nelson in 1946.

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<sup>2</sup>Joel Ricks, ed. The History of a Valley -- Cache Valley, Utah-Idaho. Logan, UT: Cache Valley Centennial Commission and Deseret News Publishing, 1956, p.40.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., p.52.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., p.102.

<sup>5</sup>Utah Gazetteer, Stenhouse & Co., Publishers, 1892-3.

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Samuel Preston Ewing was born to John Jackson and Rebecca Florence Smith Ewing in Smithfield on 4 November 1866. His wife, Lana Hansen, was born 7 March 1864 in Denmark and emigrated to Utah as a small girl, most likely after her family converted to the Mormon religion. Samuel and Lana raised three sons in this house. Samuel, a lifelong resident of Smithfield, graduated from the former Brigham Young college in Logan, taught school in nearby Logan and Benson and served on the Smithfield city council, but a primary interest appears to have been wildlife. A noted wildlife enthusiast, he worked as a game warden and was president of the wildlife federation in Smithfield. Samuel died in 1950; Lana in 1931.

In 1990 Preston and MarJean Watts purchased the Ewing House which had been a rental unit for several years. Over the next two years, they had the house reshingled, the exterior woodwork sanded and repainted, missing elements (e.g., balusters) replicated, removed debris from the partial basement, cleaned, stripped wallpaper and woodwork, restored and furnished the Ewing House with period pieces. Retention of historic materials and features and careful sensitive restoration were the overriding goals. Future use of the building is yet to be determined.

While Smithfield has not been formally surveyed for historic resources, a systematic observation of the historic core of this town (approximately four square miles) provides comparative data to justify local significance. The c.1904 Ewing House is a later example of the Queen Anne style which was popular in Utah from about 1885 to 1905.<sup>6</sup> The tower, asymmetry, irregular plan, lathe-turned and other decorative woodwork, and leaded glass are all characteristic of this style. While the house has a slight cross-wing appearance from the front, side and rear views reveal the Victorian-era house type known as a 'central block with projecting bays.'<sup>7</sup> The tall entry tower in the re-entrant corner formed by the front and a side projecting bays is not an uncommon feature of Queen Anne versions of this house type. An informal survey of Smithfield's architecture indicates that there are only 17 examples of this house type, both one and one-and-one-half story. Most are constructed of masonry on the main level and frame above, often shingle-covered. Most have been substantially modified (e.g., covered with aluminum siding, windows altered, exterior entry vestibules added) and only about seven remain potentially eligible. In this context, the Ewing House with its exceptional integrity, due in part to the recent high-quality restoration, and prominence of location, is a notable, locally significant building.

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<sup>6</sup>Thomas Carter and Peter Goss. Utah's Historic Architecture, 1847-1940. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah Graduate School of Architecture and Utah State Historical Society, 1991, pp.112-114.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid., pp.44-48.



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Photo No. 1

1. Ewing, Samuel and Lana, House
2. Smithfield, Cache County, Utah
3. Photographer: Charles M. Shepherd
4. Date: May 6, 1993
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.
6. East (primary) and north elevations. Camera facing west-southwest.

Photo No. 2

1. Ewing, Samuel and Lana, House
2. Smithfield, Cache County, Utah
3. Photographer: Charles M. Shepherd
4. Date: May 6, 1993
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.
6. Rear (west) and north elevations. Access to partial basement through angled cellar-type door adjacent to rear porch. Note scored plaster on north facing foundation and exposed fieldstone at the rear. Camera facing southeast.

Photo No. 3

1. Ewing, Samuel and Lana, House
2. Smithfield, Cache County, Utah
3. Photographer: Charles M. Shepherd
4. Date: May 6, 1993
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.
6. View from parlor to the central dining room (left door) and entry (right door). Note original, restored fireplace, door and window casings, and pocket door. Camera facing northwest.

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# Samuel & Lana Ewing House

107 South 100 East, Smithfield, Cache County, Utah

## Schematic Main Floor Plan

