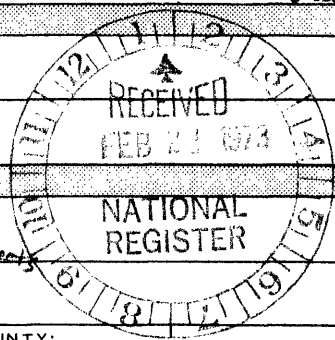


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Utah	
COUNTY: Salt Lake	
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ENTRY NUMBER 307 15 1974	DATE



1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Pioneer Fort Site

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 4th South and
Between 3rd & 4th Streets at 2nd West street

CITY OR TOWN:
Salt Lake City

STATE: Utah CODE: 49 COUNTY: Salt Lake CODE: 035

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Salt Lake City

STREET AND NUMBER:
450 Washington Square

CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City STATE: Utah CODE: 49

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
City & County Building

STREET AND NUMBER:
450 Washington Square

CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City STATE: Utah CODE: 49

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Utah Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: January 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Utah State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
603 East South Temple

CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City STATE: Utah CODE: 49

STATE: Utah

COUNTY: Salt Lake

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pioneer Fort site, presently known as Pioneer Park, is located between 3rd South and 4th South and Second West and Third West.

Construction began on the Fort on August 9, 1847 and by the first of September the walls were completed. The walls were seven feet high and three feet thick and built of adobes 18" long x 6" wide x 12" thick.

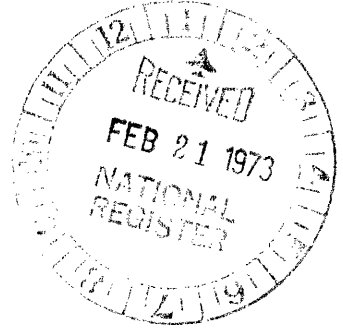
On August 10, foundations for the first homes were laid. These homes were located along the east side of the fort. They were owned by the church leaders: Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Wilford Woodruff, Willard Richards, George A. Smith, Amasa M. Lyman, Erastus Snow, and Lorenzo Dow Young. There was room for about 160 families in the fort.

The homes inside the fort were constructed of both logs and adobes. The roofs slanted inward and were made rather flat. In August 1847 everything indicated that the Mormons had located in a dry climate. But in the early spring the rains were heavy, resulting in a great inconvenience for the inhabitants. It was often necessary to protect the women with umbrellas while cooking and both women and children while sleeping in bed.

The homes were also plagued by mice. One account says frequently fifty or sixty had to be caught before the family could sleep.

All the doors and windows faced to the inside with a loophole in each room facing the outside. Mrs. Clara Riches Young, wife of Lorenzo D. Young, said that her house had a wooden window "which thro' the day was taken out for light and nailed in at night."

Tents and wagon boxes were used for habitation until something more comfortable could be provided.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>colonization</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A week after the arrival of the first Mormon emigrant group to the Salt Lake Valley, a general assembly was called in which it was voted to unite the various camps into one location and construct a corral, houses, and a fort for protection against the Indians. On August 9, 1847 seventy-six volunteers commenced work by gathering logs and making adobes for the walls.

The fort was an important part of early Mormon activity in the Great Basin. It was the home of the Mormon pioneers until they began to move to their town lots in 1848 and 1849.

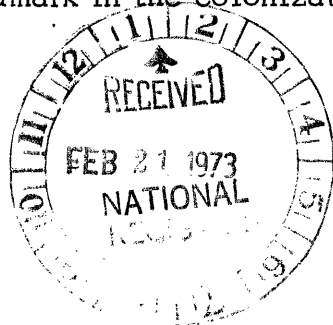
It was in this fort that a meeting was held December 9, 1848 in the home of Heber C. Kimball, to organize the provincial State of Deseret. The first elections were held in an adobe school constructed inside the fort.

With the arrival of the larger emigrant groups of 1847, it was necessary to build another fort on two blocks south of the first fort. This second fort became known as the South Fort. On the block north of the original fort some houses were constructed and this became known as the North Fort.

Following its initial use, the Pioneer Fort site was utilized as one of the camping sites for newly arrived emigrants to Utah. After 1890 it was used as a playground and on July 24, 1898 the location was officially dedicated as Pioneer Park.

Although there is nothing left of the fort, the site remains as an important landmark in the colonization of the Great Basin.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Young, Clara Decker. "A Woman's Experiences with the Pioneer Band," Manuscript, Utah State Historical Society.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10

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 AND TITLE:
Kent Powell, Preservation Historian

ORGANIZATION: Utah State Historical Society DATE: December 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
603 East South Temple

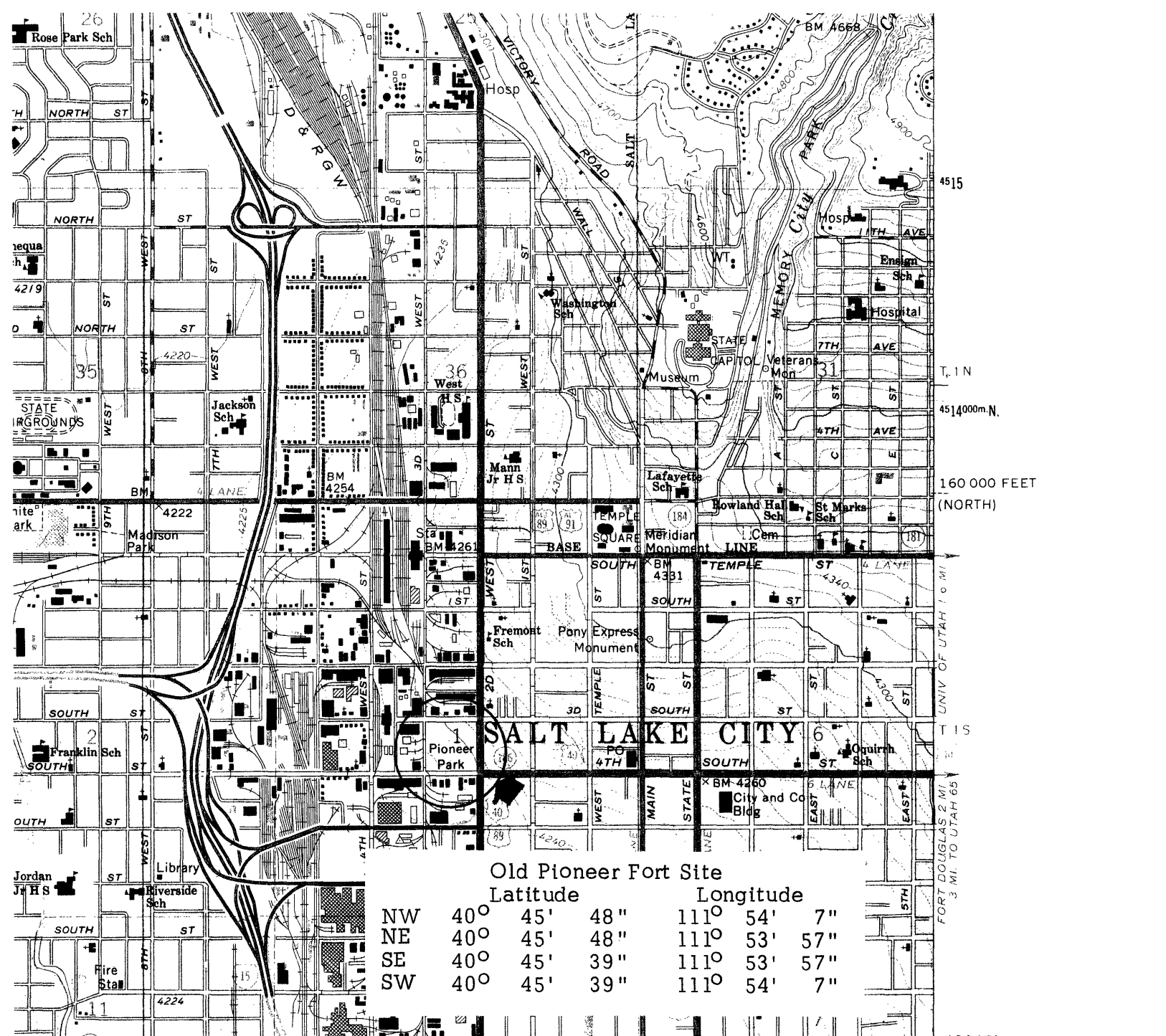
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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Milton L. Wellenmann</u> Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u> Date <u>December 1972</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>10/15/74</u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>4/13/73</u></p>
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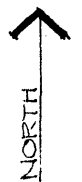
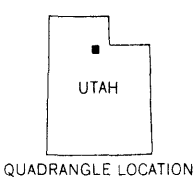


Old Pioneer Fort Site

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
- Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- Interstate Route (thick line with 'I') U. S. Route (thin line with 'U.S.') State Route (dashed line with 'S.R.')

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