

Structure/Site Information Form

Off Utah 117

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: Grover, Wayne County, Utah

UTM: 12 469310 4231170
Grover Quadrangle(15')

Name of Structure: Grover School

T. 30 S R. 5 E S. 3

Present Owner: Lynn L. and Diane I. Bateman
2750 W. 5400 South

Owner Address: Salt Lake City, Utah 84118

Year Built (Tax Record):
Legal Description

Effective Age:
Kind of Building:

Tax #:

Commencing at the NE corner of the SW⁴ Sec 3 T30S R5E Salt Lake Meridian, thence
W 490 feet, S 240 feet, E 490 feet, N 240 feet to beginning.
2.70 acres

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Wayne County School District Construction Date: 1935

Demolition Date:

Original Use: Educational

Present Use: Residence

Building Condition:

Integrity:

Preliminary Evaluation:

Final Register Status:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant | <input type="checkbox"/> Not of the | <input type="checkbox"/> National Landmark | <input type="checkbox"/> District |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributory | Historic Period | <input type="checkbox"/> National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Contributory | | <input type="checkbox"/> State Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic |

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography: Date of Slides: 1984 Slide No.: Date of Photographs: 1984 Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other

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Research Sources:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U of U Library |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plat Records/Map | <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utah State Historical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> BYU Library |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Card & Photo | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews | <input type="checkbox"/> USU Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Church Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> SLC Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Permit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County & City Histories | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Genealogical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

Snow, Anne, compiler. Rainbow Views: A History of Wayne County. Daughters of the
Utah Pioneers of Wayne County, 1953.

Architect/Builder: unknown/WPA

Building Materials: log

Building Type/Style: undefined

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

The Grover School is a one-story building constructed of tightly fitted sawed logs, plastered on the inside and stuccoed on the outside. It is virtually unaltered and therefore retains its historical integrity. The building has a low-pitched hip roof and a rectangular plan consisting of a single classroom. There is a hip roof entrance portico placed symmetrically on the principal facade between bands of windows opening into the classrooms. A simple architrave type of molding is found around the front entrance and the windows, and the paneled front doors appear to be original. The log construction is visible on the portico where the stucco has peeled away slightly.

Total number of contributing buildings: 1

Total number of noncontributing buildings: 0

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1935

Built in 1935, the Grover School is part of the Public Works Buildings Thematic Resource nomination and is significant because it helps document the impact of New Deal programs in Utah, which was one of the states that the Great Depression of the 1930s most severely affected. In 1933 Utah had an unemployment rate of 36 percent, the fourth highest in the country, and for the period 1932-1940 Utah's unemployment rate averaged 25 percent. Because the depression hit Utah so hard, federal programs were extensive in the state. Overall, per capita federal spending in Utah during the 1930s was 9th among the 48 states, and the percentage of workers on federal work projects was far above the national average. Building programs were of great importance. During the 1930s virtually every public building constructed in Utah, including county courthouses, city halls, fire stations, national guard armories, public school buildings, and a variety of others, were built under federal programs by one of several agencies, including the Civil Works Administration (CWA), the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA), the National Youth Administration (NYA), the Works Progress Administration (WPA), or the Public Works Administration (PWA), and almost without exception none of the buildings would have been built when they were without the assistance of the federal government.

The Grover School is one of 232 buildings constructed in Utah during the 1930s and early 1940s under the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and other New Deal programs. Of those 232 buildings, 133 are still standing and are eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. One hundred four school buildings were constructed in Utah, 51 of which remain. In Wayne County, three buildings were constructed, all of which remain standing and are eligible for nomination to the National Register.

The Grover School was built in 1935-36 at a cost of approximately \$1500. Some of the labor and materials were furnished by members of the Grover Ward of the LDS Church so that they might use the building for church

Grover School
History continued:

activities.¹ Most of the funding and labor, however, were provided by the Works Progress Administration. At the time the building was constructed, the property was fenced and a lawn was planted.²

The Grover School served as a school building for only a short time, since the extremely small size of the community did not, in the school board's opinion, justify the expense of the school's operation. About three years after the building's completion, the children in the upper grades and those of high school age were transported to the schools in Bicknell, some fifteen miles away. The school was closed down completely in 1941.³

¹Anne Snow, compiler, Rainbow Views, p. 270.

²Ibid.

³Ibid.