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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form





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■ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	OTHER: Tourism		
□ 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.			
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☐ C a birthplace or grave.	N/A		
☐ D a cemetery.	Cultural Affiliation N/A		
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☐ F a commemorative property.	Architect/Builder Unknown, probably Guy Chamberlain		
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street & number 10 East Center Street	telephone (435) 644-2104
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Kanab Hotel and Cafe, Kanab, Kane County, UT

Narrative Description

The Kanab Hotel and Cafe, built in 1929, is a two-part commercial block located at 19 West Center Street in Kanab, Utah. The two-story building is built of brick on a concrete foundation. The built-up roof is flat and slopes to the rear behind a cascading parapet. Modest elements of the commercial style are featured on the façade. The storefront was modified in the 1960s and 1970s. There are one-story additions to the east and to the rear (south). The east addition is a concrete block structure built in 1958. The rear addition is a combination of concrete block, plywood and metal and was built in stages between the 1950s and 1970s. The building sits on a 0.142-acre parcel on Kanab's main commercial corridor.

The façade (north elevation) is built of dark red tap brick. Simple colossal brick pilasters capped with concrete flank the façade. The main entrance was originally centered and featured a full-glass multi-light door and multi-light sidelights. A half circle transom was above the main door. A secondary entrance with a multi-light door was to the east. The remainder of the storefront was comprised of large plate-glass windows set between wood mullions over plain bulkheads. A band of narrow windows made a transom above the storefront. A wood cornice is above the transom. In 1962, the façade was altered to include a door at the west end for stair access. The façade was modified again when the original main door was moved to the west and a new door installed at the cafe entrance. The bulkheads were replaced with glass block and the transoms covered with signage. Wood shingles were installed over the original entrance. A western-style wood awning on wood posts was attached to the existing cornice. A blade-type sign from the 1940s was removed, probably in the 1960s.

The one-over-one double-hung windows at the second story level are original. Above the windows was a sign plate surrounded by corbelled brick. The sign originally read "Kanab Hotel & Cafe." It currently reads "Photo Supplies." The parapet coping was originally tile. It was replaced with metal, probably in the 1970s. Large portions of the roof were repaired in 1999 and 2000. The east and west elevations are similar. On the west side one of the three windows on the main floor has been blocked-in, and the elevation is partially obscured by a wood, shed structure (built circa 1980s) in the alley between the Kanab Hotel and its neighbor. There is a chimneystack at the southwest corner. On the east side, the main floor windows were removed when the addition was built in 1958. The upper windows of both elevations are the original wood windows and include pairs of double-hung and smaller windows. Painted lettering reading "Kanab Hotel" is visible on the east elevation above the addition. The addition is constructed of concrete block. It has an angled façade and large windows along the east side. It was covered in stucco and rock face by the 1960s. The addition remains unaltered except for new paint (burnt orange), the addition of decorative vigas (circa 1990s), and changes in signage.

On the rear elevation, the second floor is the only portion of the original building still visible. There is a center door and one window to the east. The door opening was probably original, but the door and window are newer, probably from the 1970s. Water damaged the back wall of the upper floor and the wall was repaired with matching brick in 1999. The one-story rear addition is wider than the original building. It includes the rear portion of the east addition and extends to the west property line. The west side is concrete block with wood

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window frames, but currently no glazing. It is not known whether the openings were originally glazed or screened. The addition was probably built in stages between 1958 and the 1970s.

On the interior, the main floor of the building is divided down the center by a load-bearing wall. The east side was the cafe area. The front portion of the west side was the original hotel lobby. An open stair is located on the west wall. A second stair with street access was added in 1962. In 1958, the east wall was partially removed and the cafe expanded into the concrete block addition. Openings in the east wall were later blocked and the two spaces have had separate functions since the 1970s. The east addition is mostly open with some office and storage space in the rear. After serving as a cafe and bakery, the eastern addition was a retail space in the 1970s and 1980s. It is currently a tee-shirt shop. After the hotel closed, the original building had a number of different uses. It is currently being used as a photography supply store and studio, although only open part time. The studio area is located in the center of the building. Storage rooms and the bathrooms are located in the rear. More storage is in the rear addition.

The original configuration of the hotel included six rooms on the main floor, ten rooms on the second floor and four rooms in the basement. The second floor has seen little alteration beyond the addition of more bathroom fixtures in the 1950s. The two largest rooms are located in the front. The other rooms are on either side of a long hall. At the end of the hall were two original bathrooms. A door at the end of the hall probably led to an exterior stair, removed probably in the 1950s. Additional bathrooms were built between two rooms (1940s or 1950s). The front rooms have been renovated for use as a museum of photographic equipment. The current owner plans to expand the museum throughout the building as resources for renovation become available. The basement rooms were used as living quarters by the hotel managers, but are currently used for storage.

The Kanab Hotel and Cafe is located on a 0.142-acre parcel on Kanab's Center Street. There is some landscaping in the parking between the sidewalk and the street. A few shrubs and weeds are near the rear addition. A second parcel to the rear is the location of a gravel alley accessible from Main Street. The Kanab Hotel and Cafe is one of only a few historic commercial buildings left in the Center Street commercial district, and is a contributing resource in Kanab.

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The Kanab Hotel and Cafe, built in 1929, is significant under Criterion A for its association with the development of tourism in Kanab, Utah, in the early twentieth century. The hotel's first owner, Guy Chamberlain was a sheep rancher who wanted to take advantage of increased travel through Kanab after the establishment of national parks in the area. The building is also historically significant as the first structure in Kanab to be originally designed as a hotel. A small-scale urban hotel, the Kanab Hotel is one of the few remaining examples of the historic two-part commercial blocks that lined Kanab's main transportation corridor. The building is eligible for the National Register under the *Historic and Architectural Resources of Kanab, Utah* Multiple Property Listing. The Associated Historic Context is "Little Hollywood," the Expansion of Tourism and Other Industries, 1922-1950. The Kanab Hotel and Cafe is a contributing historic resource in the city of Kanab, Utah.

HISTORY OF THE KANAB HOTEL AND CAFE:

Within a few months of entering the Salt Lake Valley, Brigham Young, leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon Church) had sent groups of settlers to explore southern Utah. The Mormons had three reasons for settling southern Utah: 1) to set up a series of settlement outposts on route to California and Arizona, 2) to find areas suitable for grazing and agriculture, and 3) to perform missionary work among Utah's Native American tribes. Due to confrontations with the native Paiutes, several attempts to settle the Kanab area in the 1860s failed. In the spring of 1869, an abandoned fort was reoccupied. Brigham Young visited the fort in April 1870 and established an LDS ward. In September of 1870, the townsite of Kanab was surveyed. Each family received at least one lot on which to build a house, barn and outbuildings. In 1873, early settler John Rider was given a land certificate for a number of lots including Block 16, Lot 4 at the corner of Main and Center Streets, the location of the Kanab Hotel and Cafe.

Rider sold the property to Thomas G. Smith in 1880. Smith sold it five years later to Brigham L. Young, a son of Brigham Young. Brigham L. and Ida Young sold the property to Joel H. and Sytha S. Johnson in 1888. By 1884 Kanab was incorporated and had been designated the county seat of Kane County. The population grew from 409 in 1890 to 710 in 1900. During this period the economy of Kanab was based on farming and ranching, primarily ranching because water was a scarce commodity. The inhabitants of the town could not raise enough food to meet their needs, and the arrival of freight wagons and stages with staples from communities to the north was an almost daily occurrence. Two hotels were operating during this period, the Highway Hotel (demolished) and the Cole Hotel run by Eleanor McAllister (originally the William D. Johnson House, listed on the National Register in 2000). Though a handful of commercial buildings were built on Main and Center Streets by the turn of the century, only a frame house had been built at the corner of Lot 4.

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Kanab has been described as the "most inaccessible place in the United States." Telegraph lines reached Kanab in 1871, and the telephone in the 1890s; however the nearest railroad stop was 132 miles to the north at Marysvale (reached by the Denver & Rio Grande in 1900). On June 29, 1909, two automobiles stopped in Kanab as part of a promotional tour from Salt Lake City to the Grand Canyon, a remarkable feat considering the condition of existing roads and the fact gasoline was not readily available south of Provo, 250 miles north. The trip was under the direction of Kanab resident, E.D. Woolley, who spent the next decade campaigning tirelessly to build automobile roads to Kanab and the scenic wonders in the vicinity. In the 1910s and 1920s, a growing number of Kanab residents began promoting the community's amenities and its proximity to the recently established national parks: Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and Zion's.

In the second decade of the twentieth century, the population of Kanab saw its largest increase from 733 to 1,102, much of the increase directly tied to the increase in tourist related industries. Roads were improved dramatically and the road that would eventually become part of Highway 89 (the main north-south thoroughfare in the state of Utah at the time) was paved by 1921. Most of Kanab's Center Street was on Highway 89 and the street became the city's commercial district. In 1922, a new era for Kanab began when a Hollywood film crew stayed in town during the filming of *Deadwood Coach*, a western starring Tom Mix and his wonder horse. At the time, the Parry brothers of Kanab were in the business of taking tourists by bus to the national parks, and had the necessary resources to transport the film people and their equipment. Kanab's association with the movie industry resulted in the town's nickname, "Little Hollywood."

Guy Chamberlain was one of many Kanab residents who took advantage of Kanab's burgeoning tourist industry. He was born on July 10, 1892 in Kane County. His wife, Vera Heaton, was born in Moccasin, Arizona on September 11, 1900. The couple married in Manti in 1917 and had seven children. Guy Chamberlain was a sheep rancher. In 1928, he purchased Lot 4 from the heirs of Sytha S. Johnson. He took out a \$12,000 mortgage from the State Building & Loan Association for the construction of the Kanab Hotel and Cafe. The building was completed and opened for business in 1929. According to Garth Chamberlain, one of Guy and Vera's sons, the Kanab Hotel "was the first hotel of any size in Kanab." The hotel boasted over twenty rooms, a restaurant and a lobby.

The Kanab Hotel and Cafe is also significant as the first building in town to be originally conceived and constructed as a hotel. Earlier hotels were mainly converted from private homes. The Highway Hotel was originally a general mercantile store. The Hotel Alice, run by Alice B. Robinson in the 1920s and 1930s, started in the center of town and was later moved to her home at the south end of town, on the highway. Architecturally the Kanab Hotel and Cafe resembled the other two-part commercial blocks on Center Street, and indeed, commercial buildings in small communities throughout Utah. The Kanab Hotel and Cafe building is noted for its hotel floor plan, which included amenities such as bathroom facilities, individual steam heat radiators in every room, and the cafe. Built in 1929, the Kanab Hotel is a late example of the urban hotel on a

¹ Elsa Chamberlain Carroll, ed., *History of Kane County,* Kane County Daughters of Utah Pioneers, (Salt Lake City, Utah: Utah Printing Company, 1960), 36.

² "Kanab Hotel Sees Changes Through the Years." Southern Utah News, May 28, 1981: 3.

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small scale. Two years later in 1931, the Parry Brothers opened the Parry Lodge, an auto-court-type motel, and all the motels that followed were based on the automobile-centered model.

In the 1930s, the cost per room at the Kanab Hotel varied from \$1.00 a night for a cot to about \$8.00 for a room with two beds. The Chamberlain family ran the hotel from 1929 to 1943. Between 1931 and 1941, the family lived in the basement rooms of the hotel. The seven children took turns helping with dishwashing, cooking, cleaning, hauling ashes, and as bellhops, while Guy and Vera ran the check-in desk in the lobby. The Chamberlains employed many of Kanab's young people, but had trouble keeping waitresses in the small town cafe because the young women kept leaving to get married.

The hotel had a number of dignitaries as guests in the 1930s. LDS Church President Heber J. Grant and other church authorities stayed at the hotel during visits to Kanab. Garth Chamberlain remembered one memorable visit from movie star Clark Gable in 1932. Gable and a friend, Jack Butler, went lion hunting on Kaibab Mountain near Kanab. After a week's hunt the actor returned "with a grizzled face and a huge lion, to boot." The meat was stored in the restaurant's walk-in icebox, while the 10 ft. hide was hung over a rafter. Clark Gable stayed in one of the front rooms of the hotel, now part of the museum. The cast and crew of several movie productions made the Kanab Hotel a temporary home in the 1930s. Much of the restaurant's business came from Continental Trailway and other buses, which made stopovers in Kanab traveling between the national parks. In 1936, the hotel was packed when four feet of snow in the city left busloads of tourists and a number of truckers stranded. Frequent guests also included Civilian Conservation Corp workers and other park employees who came to Kanab on weekends.

The Kanab Hotel was a relatively successful business until the start of World War II when gas rationing drastically curtailed the tourist industry in Kanab. The hotel property was deeded to the State Building and Loan Association in October 1942. By 1947 Guy Chamberlain had expanded his successful dairy farm in Kane County, an enterprise he started while operating the hotel. The early dairy supplied milk and ice cream to the Kanab hotel, and concessionaires at Zion, Bryce and the Grand Canyon National Parks. He died in 1970 and Vera Chamberlain died in 1977. Between 1942 and 1949, the hotel operations remained closed and the building was semi-vacant. According to the 1981 newspaper article Dude Larson used it as a studio and office.

In 1949, Virgil Riggs, a former cook at the hotel, leased the vacant building and moved his bakery and restaurant equipment. On November 16, 1949, the business was opened as Virges Kanab Hotel, Cafe & Bakery. Virgil and his wife Gladys moved their four children into the basement of the hotel in January 1950 and lived there until December 1952. The Riggs purchased the property on July 1, 1952. During the winter season when the hotel was not profitable, Virgil Riggs would cut timber posts and Christmas trees to supplement the family income. The bakery was always available for wedding and other special order cakes,

³ Ibid.

⁴ Merrill Baird leased the cafe space and named the restaurant "Peaches Cafe," but it is uncertain what time period that included.

⁵ Title abstract indicates there was a limited partnership with Thomas E. Robinson between 1952 and 1954, but the details of the arrangement are unknown.

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which Virgil would bake and Gladys would decorate. Between December 1952 and July 1953, a couple named Matthews ran the hotel, but left when they could not make it profitable. Business was on and off during the 1950s, for example it would often be open when a movie crew came to town. In 1954, Virgil Riggs took out a loan to remodel the hotel. The remodeling and expansion was not completed until 1958. The new east addition included a larger dining room, a soda fountain and room for a bakery showcase.

Two fires, in 1961 and 1964, did some minor damage to the building, but it was competition from more modern motels that finally closed the Kanab Hotel. Though the population of Kanab remained steady (around 1,300 between 1930 and 1970), facilities for tourists increased dramatically, including more than a dozen hotels, motels, lodges and "auto courts" in the city. As a small urban hotel, the Kanab Hotel simply could not compete. Virgil Riggs turned the property over to Art and Olive Brown in 1959. He later went to work cooking for the Parry Lodge, a competitor.

According to various reports, between the 1950s and the 1970s, the building had a number of uses. Errol Brown operated a printing press. Denny Judd ran a sporting goods store in one part of the building, while the Sears Company leased the eastern portion. Ted Riggs had a curio shop. Russell and Connie Keller operated a Teen Club in the building for a short time. The Browns sold the building to Kanab Enterprises in 1973. The company sold the building to Terry and Linda Alderman in 1978. Terry operated a photography shop and studio, and health food store in the building throughout the 1980s. He currently uses the building for a studio, for storage, and for display of his museum quality collection of cameras and related equipment.

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- 2. Kanab, Kane County, Utah
- 3. Photographer: Korral Broschinsky
- 4. Date: July 2002
- 5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

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

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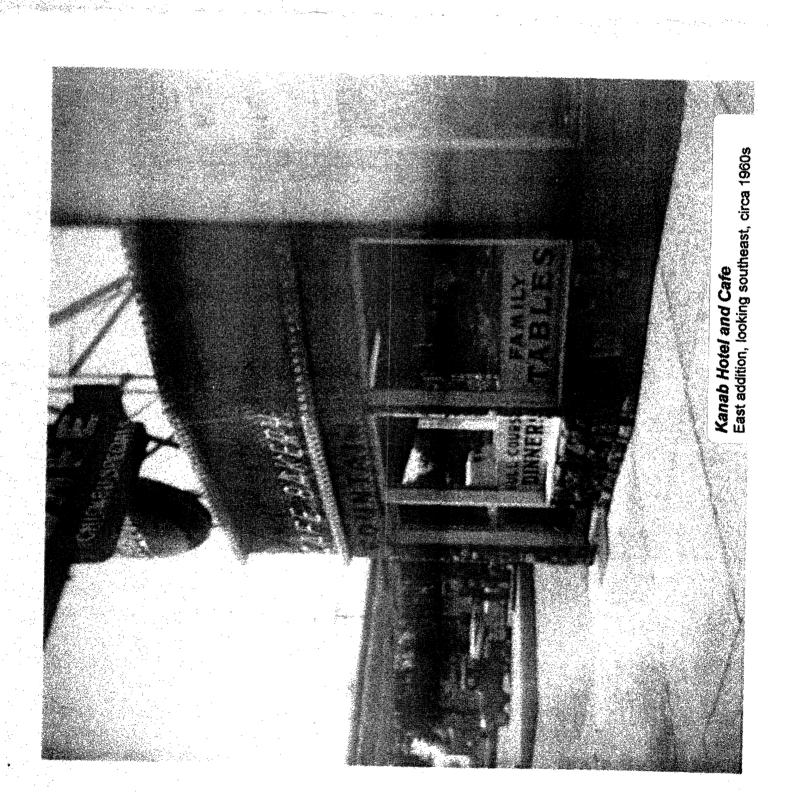
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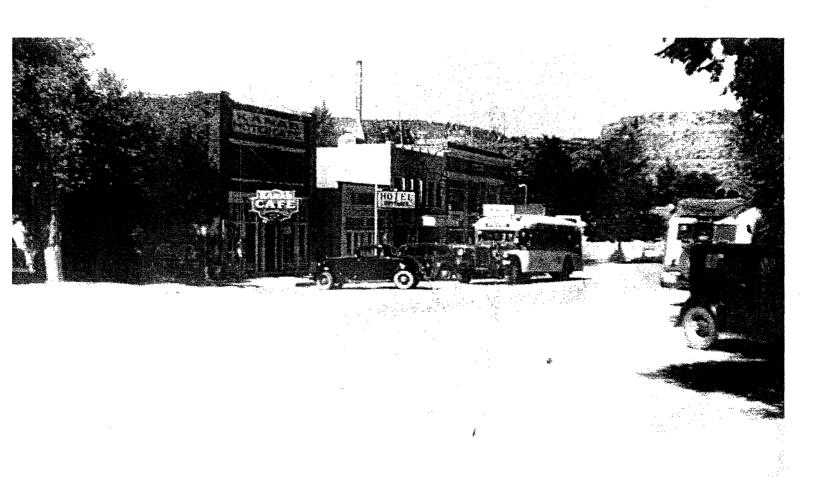
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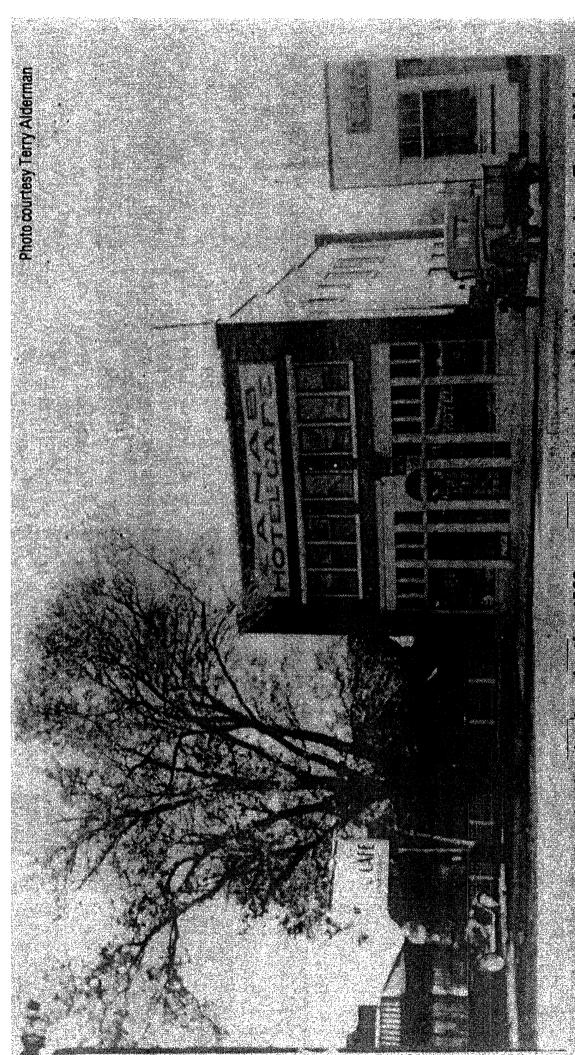


Kanab Hotel and Cafe East addition under construction, circa 1958



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Center Street, Kanab, Utah Kanab Hotel & Cafe on left, photo 1938



This picture of the Kanab Hotel taken in the 1930s, shows the cafe on the right side and the hotel on the left. The hotel building Itself hasn't changed much,

even today, except for the inside where Terry Alderman has his photography and health food store.

Kanab Hotel and Cafe
Photo circa 1935, reprinted in 1981 article