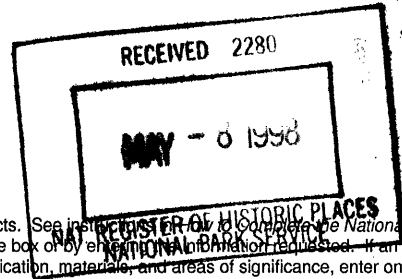


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**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions 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 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 Davis, Joshua, House
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 1888 South Main Street N/A not for publication
city or town Orem N/A vicinity
state Utah code UT county Utah code 049 zip code 84058

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.)

Wilson & M.A. 4/21/98
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:) _____

Edson M. Beall 6-11-98
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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Name of Property

Orem, Utah County, Utah
City, County, and State

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>1</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic and Architectural Resources of Orem, Utah

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE

walls BRICK

roof ASPHALT SHINGLES

other _____

Narrative Description

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

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

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Davis, Joshua, House, Orem, Utah County, UT

Narrative Description

The Davis House, built in 1892-96, is a one-and-one-half story, brick, Victorian Eclectic cross-wing house and has a stone foundation. The house has many of the hallmarks of the Victorian Eclectic pioneer houses, including decorative brickwork, elaborately carved and turned woodwork, and arched window openings.

The front (east facing) facade features a veranda which was rebuilt based on design and detailing of Victorian porches, and was recently extended to wrap around the south facade. The veranda includes detailed, Victorian columns, frieze, and balustrade. All of the original windows on the house are one-over-one, double-hung sashes. Many of the windows have brick relieving arches with carved, decorative wooden arch inserts. The main window on the gabled crosswing has double, flanking windows and dogtooth brick arch. Both front doors, one located on the porch, the other on the side of the crosswing remain, and both are operable.¹

At the southwest corner of the house a large lean-to room was added c.1912 which includes a flat roof and brick chimney similar in construction to the chimney on the main house. This was altered more recently with a large opening off of the rear including glass sliding-doors. Another lean-to addition was constructed on the north facade and has glass, sliding doors. All of the newer window openings were made to match the originals, with relieving arches and wooden inserts. A recent balcony is attached to the rear of the crosswing and is entered from the second story bedroom where the window was enlarged to make a doorway. Wood sided dormers were added to the roof on both wings, and appear to be more recent construction as well.²

A double garage was built to the northwest of the house and was constructed of similar brick to the house. The doorways feature relieving arches with wooden inserts similar to the windows on the house. Above the garage is a small apartment with entrance from an exterior wooden stairway.

The yard is landscaped with many trees, including two large conifers which could possibly be from the original construction period. The small back yard is almost completely taken up by a rectangular swimming pool.

Even though changes have occurred to the building, its overall appearance and detailing, and a significant amount of original fabric remains, to provide the association and feeling of the earlier period of Orem's expansion and growth that contributes to the historic qualities of Orem.

__ See continuation sheet

¹ Quite often with other crosswings in the area examined by the consultant, the doorway on the side of the crosswing which enters into the parlor has been infilled with brick.

²The later additions are of the same type of brick as the house, which makes dating their construction difficult, but according to a 1980 National Register

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Name of Property

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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)

SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

1892-1902

Significant Dates

1892-1902

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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:

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Davis, Joshua, House, Orem, Utah County, UT

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Davis House, built c.1892-96, is significant for its association with the "Settlement and Agricultural Expansion: Mid-1870s-1913" category of the Historic and Architectural Resources of Orem, Utah, Multiple Property Submission. Constructed in 1892-'96, the house represents the transition that was occurring on the bench with more ornamental Victorian styles replacing the austere, unembellished Classical forms. This is apparent in the overall, Classically-inspired house type with applied Victorian architectural details. Although it was, regionally, a moderately-sized example, the Davis house was quite large, comparatively, for those who had settled on the Provo Bench. The size and architectural detailing of the house, plus the fact that Joshua Davis lived here with his children from three marriages, would suggest that as farmers and fruit growers, they prospered in the expanding agriculture industry during the early development of the Provo Bench.

The "Agricultural Expansion" period of Orem was one of the greatest growth periods in the early days of the Provo Bench. Prior to this period seasonal landholders would attempt to raise crops on the bench, but could not live there because there was little water. After the construction of the Provo Bench Canal in 1864 more people settled on the bench and subsequent irrigation ditches and canals allowed for greater farm production and the ability to sustain the landowners year 'round. Fruit trees were found to be the best cash producing crops, and by the turn of the century those who had become involved in raising fruit started to realize great success which, in turn, encouraged others to move here and raise fruit orchards.

Joshua Davis, who was born December 20, 1820, in Alton, Illinois, came with his parents, Dennis J. and Betsy Davis to Utah in 1850. This house was built on property patented in 1883 by Albert L. Davis who sold the land to Joshua's father, Dennis. He, in turn, probably gave part or all of the land, which extended from 1300 South to approximately 2000 South on the Provo border, to Joshua.

Like a majority of the other early homesteaders, Joshua planted fruit trees on most of the land and made a living as a fruit farmer, shipping much of his fruit out of state. The house was occupied by Joshua and three wives. Susan Anne Cole, who was born June 18, 1827 in Greece, New York to Owen Cole, was Joshua's first wife whom he married November 12, 1840 in Illinois. Susan probably never saw this house because she passed away January 4, 1891 in Provo, Utah. Elizebeth Jane Brandon, who was born March 10, 1837 in Alton, Illinois, was Joshua's second wife. They were married September 4, 1841, probably in Illinois. She lived in Brigham City at the time of her death, June 9, 1897. Joshua married his third wife, Johanna "Hanner" Olson, on December 12, 1856, in Utah. Johanna was born September 5, 1839 in Slimmage, Malmohas, Sweden to Ole Anderson and Anna Borkerson. With these three wives Joshua had many children (eleven with Susan, four of which died in infancy; one with Elizebeth; and six with Johanna) to help on the large farm, which probably, ultimately contributed to the farm's success. Besides farming his property, Joshua was also a Sheriff for Utah County, serving in many of the Indian conflicts in Utah Valley. He was active in the L.D.S. Church, serving a mission to the eastern United States, as well as serving in the 45th Quorum of the Seventies. Joshua lived here until his death on November 21, 1902. The Davis family continued to live in the house for several generations until subdividing the land for residential use in 1980. Because little

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is known about the remainder of the Davis family, the period of significance ends with Joshua's death in 1904.

The Davis house is a good example of the transitional character of the architecture on the Provo Bench at the latter-part of the 19th century. The salmon-colored, soft-fired brick, found on many of the homes in the region, became available on the Provo Bench in the early 1880s which allowed for greater variation in used in Victorian-style architecture. Although Classical in form, the Victorian influence in the architectural details is readily apparent. Because many of the farmers on the bench struggled to make an income for many years, the architecture of their homes remained in the simple, unembellished Classical-style architecture of their predecessors. Those who saw success in their farms began to build or alter their present homes in the Victorian styles, mainly the Victorian Eclectic which enlisted such details as asymmetrical facades, bay windows, arched window and door openings, wooden shingles on the vertical surfaces, decorative brickwork, and leaded-glass windows. The Davis house combines a Classical house type with many of the Victorian Eclectic features common from 1885-1910.³

__ See continuation sheet

³ Thomas Carter & Peter Goss. Utah's Historic Architecture, 1847-1940: A Guide. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Graduate School of Architecture and Utah State Historical Society.

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__ See continuation sheet

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Name of Property

Orem, Utah County, Utah
City, County, and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property .21 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A 1/2 4/4/0/9/7/0 4/4/5/6/9/3/0 B 1 11111 11111
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

C 1 11111 11111 D 1 11111 11111

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

LOT 4, PLAT A, WESTVIEW TERRACE SUB, ALSO: THE S 6 FT OF LOT 5.

Property Tax No.
55:114:0012:001

__ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those which were historically, and continue to be, associated with the building.

__ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

11. Form Prepared By

name/title J. Cory Jensen/Preservation Consultant
organization _____ date January 1998
street & number 671 South 560 East telephone (801) 224-0955
city or town Orem state UT zip code 84097

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 Stanley D. & Sheryl H. Needleman
street 1888 South Main Street telephone (801) 222-0210
city or town Orem state UT zip code 84058

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Common Label Information:

1. Davis, Joshua, House
2. Orem, Utah County, Utah
3. Photographer: J. Cory Jensen
4. Date: Feb. 1997
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

Photo No. 1

6. South & east elevations of building. Camera facing northwest.

Photo No. 2

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

Photo No. 3

6. West elevation of building. Camera facing northeast.

Photo No. 4

6. East elevation of building. Camera facing west.

Photo No. 5

6. South elevation of building. Camera facing north.