

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 265 N. 600 West
 Logan, Cache County, Utah UTM: 12 429340 4620710

Name of Structure: Logan Municipal Slaughterhouse T. R. S.

Present Owner: Eliason Packing Company, Inc.
 607 W. 200 North

Owner Address: Logan, Utah 84321

Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: 05-0065-0007
 Legal Description Kind of Building:

Commencing at a point 203.5 feet W of NE corner of Lot 1, Block 36, Plat A, Logan Farm Survey; thence W 228 feet, S 192.5 feet, thence in a SE'ly direction parallel to the OSLRR 168 feet, E 16.5 feet, NW'ly direction along OSLRR Co.'s property 378 feet, more or less, to beginning. 1.25 acres

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Logan City Construction Date: 1934 Demolition Date:

Original Use: industrial/government Present Use: industrial

Building Condition: Integrity: Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:

Excellent Site Unaltered Significant Not of the National Landmark District
 Good Ruins Minor Alterations Contributory Historic Period National Register Multi-Resource
 Deteriorated Major Alterations Not Contributory State Register Thematic

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography: Date of Slides: 1983 Slide No.: Date of Photographs: 1983 Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other Views: Front Side Rear Other

Research Sources:

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

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

Lillian, Walter A., compiler. The 1937-38 Logan City Directory. Logan, Utah: Directory Publishing Company, 1937.

Works Progress Administration. A Report of the Works Division: Utah Emergency Relief Administration, April, 15, 1934-October 31, 1935. Salt Lake City: Works Progress Administration, 1936.

Architect/Builder: unknown

Building Materials: brick

Building Type/Style: Commercial/

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

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

This is a 2-story box-like structure that has a projecting office wing at one corner. The building is constructed of yellow brick, the roof is flat, and there is a heavy wooden cornice that projects out over the walls. A massive chimney stands at the corner of the front projecting wing and on the other side is a 1-story grey brick addition. This alteration does not detract from the historical significance of the building.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1934

Built in 1934, the Logan Municipal Slaughterhouse is part of the Public Works Buildings Thematic Resources 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 Logan Municipal Slaughterhouse is one of 233 public works buildings identified in Utah that were built during the 1930s and early 1940s. Only 130 of the 233 buildings are known to remain today and retain their historic integrity. In Cache County, 18 buildings were constructed, 13 of which are still standing. This was the only municipal slaughterhouse built in Utah.

The building was constructed in 1934 by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) at a total cost of \$21,647.92. At the time of its construction more than 125 head of dressed livestock could be stored and
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Logan Municipal Slaughterhouse
History continued:

primed at the plant. All livestock slaughtered there were ante and post mortum inspected. According to city officials, "Government inspectors have stated that the plant is one of the most compact, sanitary, and modern in the state and country."¹ In 1951 the city sold the building to Merlin and Harriet Eliason who operated their meat packing company there.

¹Walter H. Lillian, compiler. The 1937-38 Logan City Directory (Logan: Directory Publishing Co., 1937) p. 15.