

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Utah	
COUNTY: Salt Lake	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 7114.49.0010	DATE 4/16/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Ottinger Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association Hall

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
233 Canyon Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Salt Lake City

STATE Utah	CODE 49	COUNTY: Salt Lake	CODE 035
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input 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 Corporation

STREET AND NUMBER:
451 Washington Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Salt Lake City

STATE: Utah	CODE 49
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
451 Washington Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Salt Lake City

STATE: Utah	CODE 49
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969
 Federal State County Local

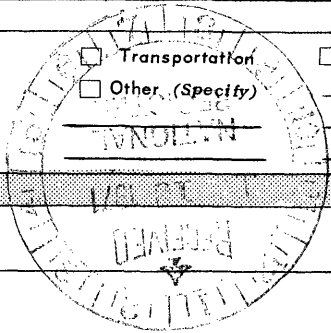
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Utah State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
603 East South Temple

CITY OR TOWN:
Salt Lake City

STATE: Utah	CODE 49
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

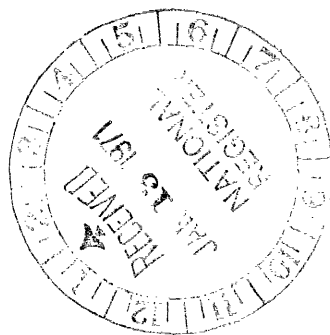
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Ottinger Hall, a two-story brick structure, with a wood shingle roof, was dedicated February 22, 1900. It is rectangular in shape, originally about 27 feet by 39 feet, but with a lean-to kitchen added later to the north side. A bell tower centered on the roof houses the original bell, reputed to be Utah's oldest. The architect for the building is unknown, but very probably it was designed by members of the Veterans Volunteer Firemen's Association, who constructed it. Funds were raised through donation, labor, concerts and rumage sales by the members of the Association.

At present the structure is in fair condition only. The original construction was mediocre; however, there is no question about the stability and salvage potential. It houses many pioneer fire-fighting relics of importance, including the first fire engine built in Utah, designed and constructed in 1853 under the direction of Jesse C. Little, the colony's first "official" fire chief. Also, the building houses one of the "hose carts" brought west by Johnston's Army in 1858.

The building was constructed originally as a Social Hall for members of the Association and their families. It has been used for that purpose continuously. As a unit, the hall and its relics represent and present the story of the development of a fire-fighting department in Salt Lake City. Its preservation is important to retaining and telling that story.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input 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"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Fire Fighting</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>Department.</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ottinger Hall sits in the canyon of lovely City Creek, just a few hundred yards east of the Capitol Building. Its builders wanted a place to meet where they could mingle and pay homage to their proud firemen's heritage. Today Memory Grove Park bounds it to the north.

Salt Lake City established a Volunteer fire department as early as 1850; however, its first fire chief, Jesse C. Little, was not appointed until 1853. He in turn was succeeded by John D. T. McAllister, Charles M. Doneldson and George M. Ottinger in 1876.

In 1860, a new organization established Deseret Engine Company number one (later changed to Eagle No. 1) and Deseret Hook and Ladder Company number one. Other volunteer companies were also added. The horse-drawn engines and volunteers were unable to handle a major fire in June 1883. Apparently, as a result of this, Salt Lake City elected to establish a paid fire department, beginning October 1, 1883. Its first chief was George M. Ottinger.

Under the leadership of Ottinger, the Veterans-Volunteer Firemen's Association was organized in 1890. Ten years later they had their meeting and Social Hall. Ottinger remained president until his death in 1917. In 1912 the Ladies Auxiliary was organized.

Ottinger was not only a firefighter, but an artist of note, and especially appreciated by local people. His self portrait and other paintings hang in the hall today. He painted a sign displaying the volunteers' slogan: "We aim to aid and work to save," now at the hall.

Since Ottinger Hall contains both the tradition and paraphernalia of the Volunteer Firemen of early Salt Lake City, its preservation provides an important link between the past, for this extremely important development, and today's urban society.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Dale L. Morgan, Supervisor WPA. Utah Guide to the State (New York: Hastings House, Publishers, 1954), pp. 163-165, 262.
 Jeanne C. Pugsley, "Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Ray," (Salt Lake City, February, 1970).
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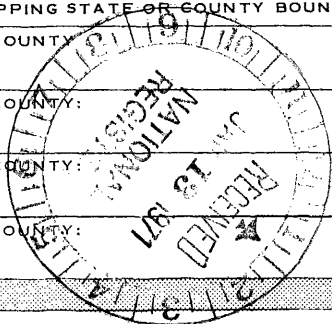
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.12

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Melvin T. Smith

ORGANIZATION: Utah Historical Society DATE: December 8, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 603 East South Temple

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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:

National State Local

Name Milton L. Weilenmann

Title Utah State Liaison Officer

Date December, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Cornwell
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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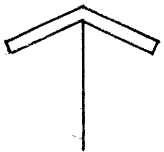
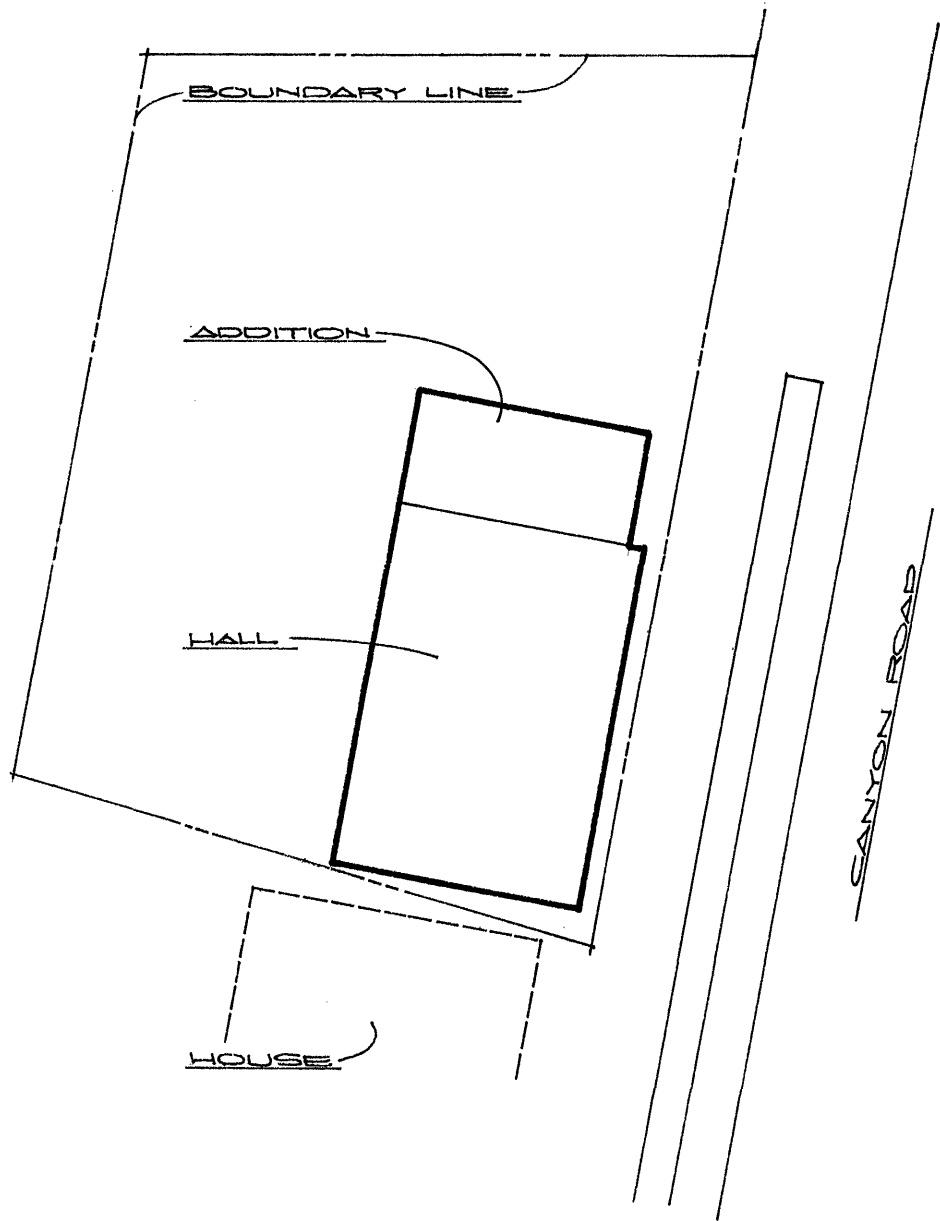
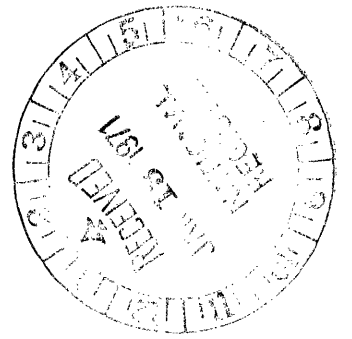
Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Sawtelle
 Keeper of the National Register

Date MAR 22 1971

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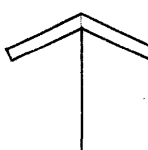
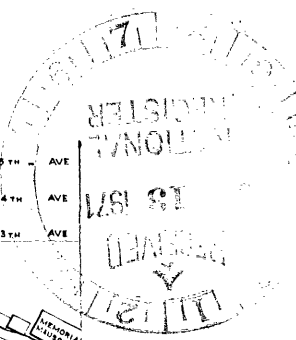


OTTINGER HALL

223 CANYON ROAD
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

LATITUDE : 40° - 46' - 32"
LONGITUDE : 111° - 53' - 7"

DATE: MAY 1970
SCALE: 1" = 20'



OTTINGER HALL
 223 CANYON ROAD
 SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
 LATITUDE : 40° - 46' - 32"
 LONGITUDE : 111° - 53' - 7"
 CITY ENGINEERING MAP

DATE: MAY 1970
 SCALE: 1" = 2,200'