

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Site No. _____

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 162 W. 100 South Logan, Cache County, Utah Logan Quadrangle UTM: 12 430310 4619800

Name of Structure: Logan High School Gymnasium T. 11 N R. 1 E S. 4

Present Owner: Logan School District

Owner Address: 101 W. Center Logan, Utah 84321

Year Built (Tax Record): _____ Effective Age: _____ Tax #: 02-44-0001

Legal Description: _____ Kind of Building: _____

This building is located on a large parcel of land upon which are several other school buildings which do not contribute to the significance of this property. The description for the portion of land upon which this building sits is as follows: Commencing 214.65 feet W of NE corner of the NW⁴ of the NE⁴ of Section 4 T11N R1E SLM, thence S 318.38 feet, W 200 feet, N 318.38 feet, E 200 feet to beginning. Approximately 1.4 acres

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Logan School District Construction Date: 1935-36 Demolition Date: _____

Original Use: educational Present Use: educational

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: 1983 Slide No.: _____ Date of Photographs: 1983 Photo No.: _____

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

Research Sources:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input 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 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.):

Cache-American (Logan, Utah), 1935-36.

Twenty-first Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Utah for the Biennial Period Ending June 30, 1936, n.p., n.d.

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Architect/Builder: unknown

Building Materials: brick

Building Type/Style: Art Deco

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

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

The Logan High School Gymnasium is a good example of the stylized Art Deco designs found in public works architecture of the 1930s. The building has a flat roof over a large rectangular plan and there are projecting flat roofed square towers at the front corners. A flat-roofed entrance porch is placed symmetrically on the principal facade beneath a low parapet. The sides of the building are divided into vertical window bays separated by square piers. The cast concrete caps of these piers break through a heavy fluted cornice to give the sides a crenelated appearance. The windows on the sides are paired and have round arched heads. Similar windows were intended for the front of the building and the arches for them can be seen in the wall surface above the entrance porch and in the corner towers. It does not appear that these windows were ever open. The entrance porch has a large pediment over the transomed doors that is supported by low-relief brick piers. At the rear of the building is a rectangular classroom section which was either original to the building or was added on soon after the initial construction. With the exception of that possible rear addition, the exterior of the building is virtually unaltered. Minor alterations, such as partial bricking-in of windows and masonry replacement, have been undertaken on the rear or south wall of the classroom section. Due to their location and their relatively minor nature, they do not significantly detract from the historical integrity of the building.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1935-36

Built in 1935-36, the Logan High School Gymnasium 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 High School Gymnasium 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. Of the 233 buildings, 107 were school buildings, and 55 of them remain. Of the 20 gymnasiums originally built, this is one of 12 remaining. In Cache County a total of 18 buildings were constructed, 13 of which remain. Of the 18 originally built, 7 were public school buildings; 5 of them remain.

The gym was built between 1935 and 1936 as a PWA project at an approximate cost of \$125,000. The intent was that the building be completed in time for

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Logan High School Gymnasium
History continued:

the opening of school in the fall of 1936, but its completion was delayed until January of 1937. According to the report of the Utah State Building Board, the gym had "tiled pool, tiled showers, etc., and also houses an R.O.T.C. unit, together with a firing range."¹ Shortly before construction of the gym began, the local newspaper wrote that the existing gym, which was 20 years old, was adequate when it was built "for the needs of a small student body," but had become "entirely inadequate for the needs of our large number of high school students." There had been a "growing demand," the paper went on, "during the past few years that the Board of Education provide better facilities for physical education at the high school." Construction of the new gym would insure "an adequate high school plant both for classroom instruction and for extra-curricular programs."²

¹Twenty-First Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Utah for the Biennial Period ending June 30, 1936 (n.p., n.d.), p. 140.

²Cache-American, August 16, 1935, pp. 1, 8.

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