

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic James Gardner House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 173 North Main not for publication

city, town Mendon vicinity of congressional district 01

state Utah code 049 county Cache code 005

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Rulon C. Ladle

street & number 141 North Main

city, town Mendon vicinity of state Utah

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cache County Courthouse

street & number 179 North Main

city, town Logan state Utah

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Utah Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Summer 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Utah State Historical Society

city, town Salt Lake City state Utah

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The James Gardner house in Mendon is a 2-story hall and parlor folk/vernacular type with a 1-story rear lean-to extension. The front section, facing east, contains two unequally sized rooms on each floor. A kitchen and pantry are found in the lean-to. The staircase, an enclosed closet type, runs up the rear wall of the parlor. The house has a symmetrical three bay facade and gable end fireplace chimneys. There is a centrally placed wall gable on the front which is filled with fish scale shingling. This decorative shingling and the Victorian molding applied to the facade openings are probably modifications of the original design (indeed, the window molding is the type normally reserved for the interior of houses during the 1880-1900 period). A plain frieze completed the exterior decoration of the house.

The Gardner house is constructed of a locally quarried composite sandstone. The walls are coursed rubble and about 16" thick. The irregularities of the rubble stone have been disguised here by overfilling the gaps between the stones with mortar. This excess mortar is then pointed into evenly coursed raised joints which cover the unevenly laid stones with a geometric veneer. The mason here was able to give a field stone wall the appearance of expertly cut ashlar, a process widely used throughout Utah. There is some evidence that Robert Crookston, an accomplished Cache Vally stonemason, did the work on the Gardner house. Crookston was in Mendon during 1867 building the LDS Ward meetinghouse and could easily have assisted some of the residences being constructed during the time.

Alterations include the 1857 removal of the front porch and the 1948 addition of a frame lean-to to the rear.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca. 1870 **Builder/Architect** possibly Robert Crookston

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The James Gardner house is locally significant because of its architecture. The hall and parlor plan is typical of folk/vernacular design in Utah and as such is representative of a particular period of Utah's architectural development. This house type was utilized frequently by individuals of adequate income in the pre-Victorian period. The house gains added local significance as one of the last homes in Mendon dating from the pre-1880 settlement years, having been built in about 1870. The house remains in excellent condition and continues to reflect its historical period.

The house was constructed ca. 1870 for James Gardner, an early settler of Mendon. Gardner was born in England in 1826, came to Utah as a Mormon convert in 1853, and settled in Mendon with his wife and children in 1860. He lived in the community fort with the other settlers until 1864, when the city was platted, people moved out of the fort and began building individual houses. Originally he built a small log house, and about 1870, constructed this house. Gardner, a farmer, lived in this house with his family until 1885 when he sold it to John Lallis and his wife Sarah and moved to Idaho. Little is known about them. The house remained in the Lallis family until the 1920s. The current owners acquired it in 1947. The builder of the house may have been Robert Crookston, a well known stone mason in Cache Valley. He worked on the Logan Temple, did the stone work on the old stone church in Mendon, constructed in 1867 and also built other stone houses in Mendon.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Hovey, M.R., compiler, An Early History of Cache Valley, Logan: Logan Chamber of Commerce, 1923.
 Ricks, Joel E., ed., The History of a Valley, Salt Lake City Deseret News Publishing Co., 1956.
 Cache County Records

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.25 acre

Quadrangle name Wellsville, Utah

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

All of lot 8, Block 8 of Plat "A" of Mendon City Survey, containing one and one-quarter acres and further described as situate in Section Eight (8) of Township 11 North of Range One West of the Salt Lake City Meridian.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title John McCormick/Historian and Thomas Carter/Architectural Historian

organization Utah State Historical Society date November 1980

street & number 307 West 200 South telephone (801) 533-6017

city or town Salt Lake City state Utah

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Melvin T. Smith

title Melvin T. Smith, State Historic Preservation Officer date December 10, 1980

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

for *[Signature]*
 Keeper of the National Register

date 2/4/82

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration