

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Utah	
COUNTY: Sanpete	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.8.49.0027	DATE 8/12/71



1. NAME

COMMON:
Manti Temple

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
U. S. Rt. 89 @ north edge of town

CITY OR TOWN:
Manti

STATE Utah	CODE 49	COUNTY: Sanpete	CODE 039
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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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

STREET AND NUMBER:
47 E. South Temple

CITY OR TOWN:
Salt Lake City

STATE: Utah	CODE 49
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
160 North Main

CITY OR TOWN:
Manti

STATE: Utah	CODE 49
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Utah Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1968** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Utah Heritage Foundation

STREET AND NUMBER:
603 E. South Temple

CITY OR TOWN:
Salt Lake City

STATE: Utah	CODE 49
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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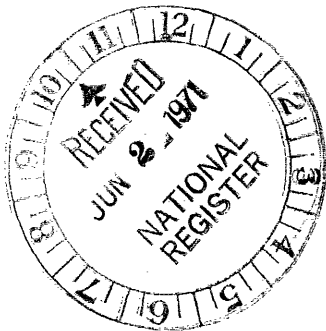
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The temple, with its base eighty feet above the highway, holds a commanding position over Manti and the surrounding valley. The sloping lawns, brilliant flowers, and wide variety of trees and shrubs were made possible by hauling enough soil to cover the stone base.

The temple is 171 feet long and 95 feet wide. It is built of local oolitic limestone of a warm cream color. The towers on each end are topped by bell-shaped roofs which are influenced by Victorian architectural fashions. The front of the temple is on the east as with all Mormon Temples and the rear fronts the highway. The interior is striking in its simple elegance. Hardware, woodwork with its graceful arches, heavy doors and finely cut mouldings, and decorating all indicate skilled workmanship. In the basement is a baptismal font resting on the backs of twelve cast life-size oxen. The main floors are occupied for the most part by ceremonial rooms. An assembly room fills the entire upper floor. It was here in 1888 that fifteen hundred members of the church met to dedicate the building. In the two west corner towers are spiral staircases, extending from the basement to the roof. Engineers and architects have acclaimed them as remarkable pieces of workmanship. In each case the center is open, without any supporting column and the walnut railings and balusters, winding up through five stories, form a symmetrical coil, perfectly plumb from top to bottom. The building is used continuously and is in an excellent state of repair.

Alterations have been minimal. The annex was built along with the original structure. It was remodeled and added to (on the west and north) in 1956-58.

*rectangular towers
 octagonal turrets flank W. tower
 walls buttressed & crenellated
 eastern tower slightly taller*



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manward

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1877-1888

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

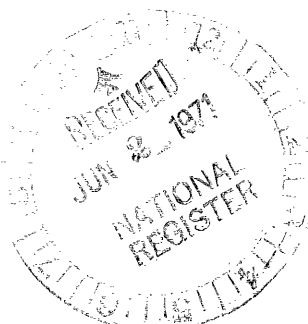
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mormon Pioneers arrived in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake in July 1847. What is now the State of Utah was then Mexican territory occupied only by Indians. Two years later a group of fifty colonists left Salt Lake City and drove their wagons and stock 125 miles to the area now occupied by the city of Manti. On April 25, 1877, four months before his death, Brigham Young visited Manti. Retiring to the hill on the outskirts of the village, he dedicated the site for the building of a house of God. Following this, a call was sent out for workmen, and five days after the dedication a hundred men gathered at the quarry and knelt in prayer before commencing a task that was to continue for eleven years. Two years of blasting and scraping were required to prepare the footings and foundation. On April 14, 1879 the cornerstones were laid, and work was begun on the walls, which were built of stone, taken from the hill. At the time of construction workers were relatively few in number. There was a constant struggle against drought, grasshoppers, sickness, poverty, and Indians. Yet the building went steadily forward. Contributions of eggs, cheese, meat, flour, or whatever the people had were donated to the cause. When completed, the cost of the structure was estimated at a million dollars.

Architect was William H. Folsom. The building, with its unique setting, is undoubtedly one of the finest examples of Mormon Temple architecture to be found anywhere.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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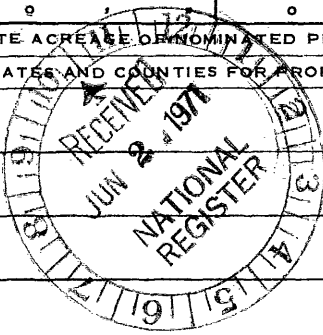
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **4.3**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



NO
CROSS
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Gary D. Forbush**

ORGANIZATION: **Utah Historical Society** DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: **603 E. South Temple**

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: May 18, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

AUG 12 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:

William Rausch
 Keeper of The National Register

JUN 30 1971

Date: _____

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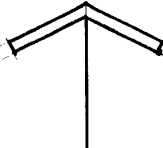
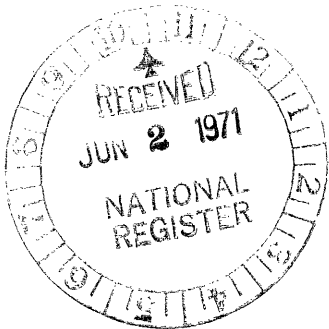
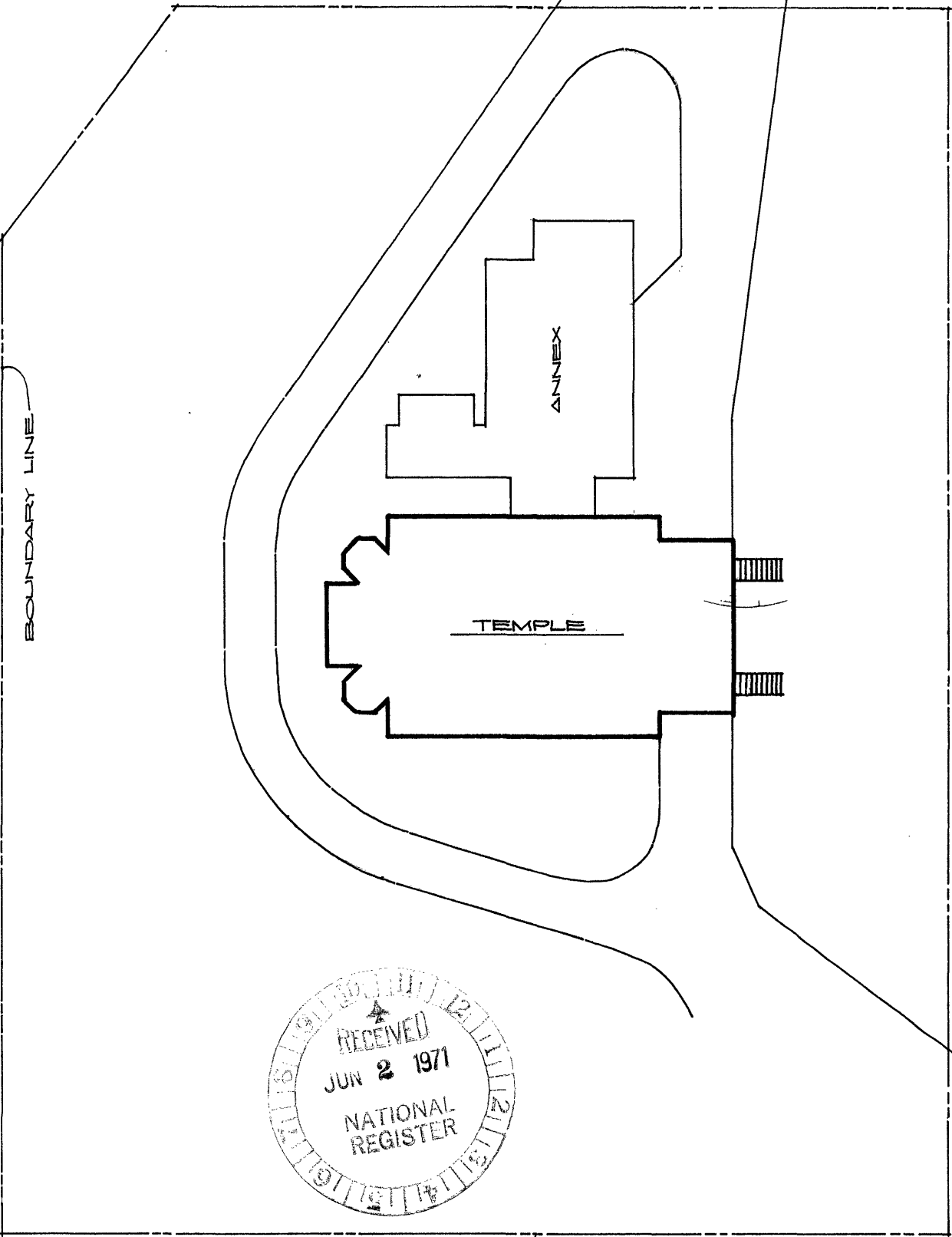
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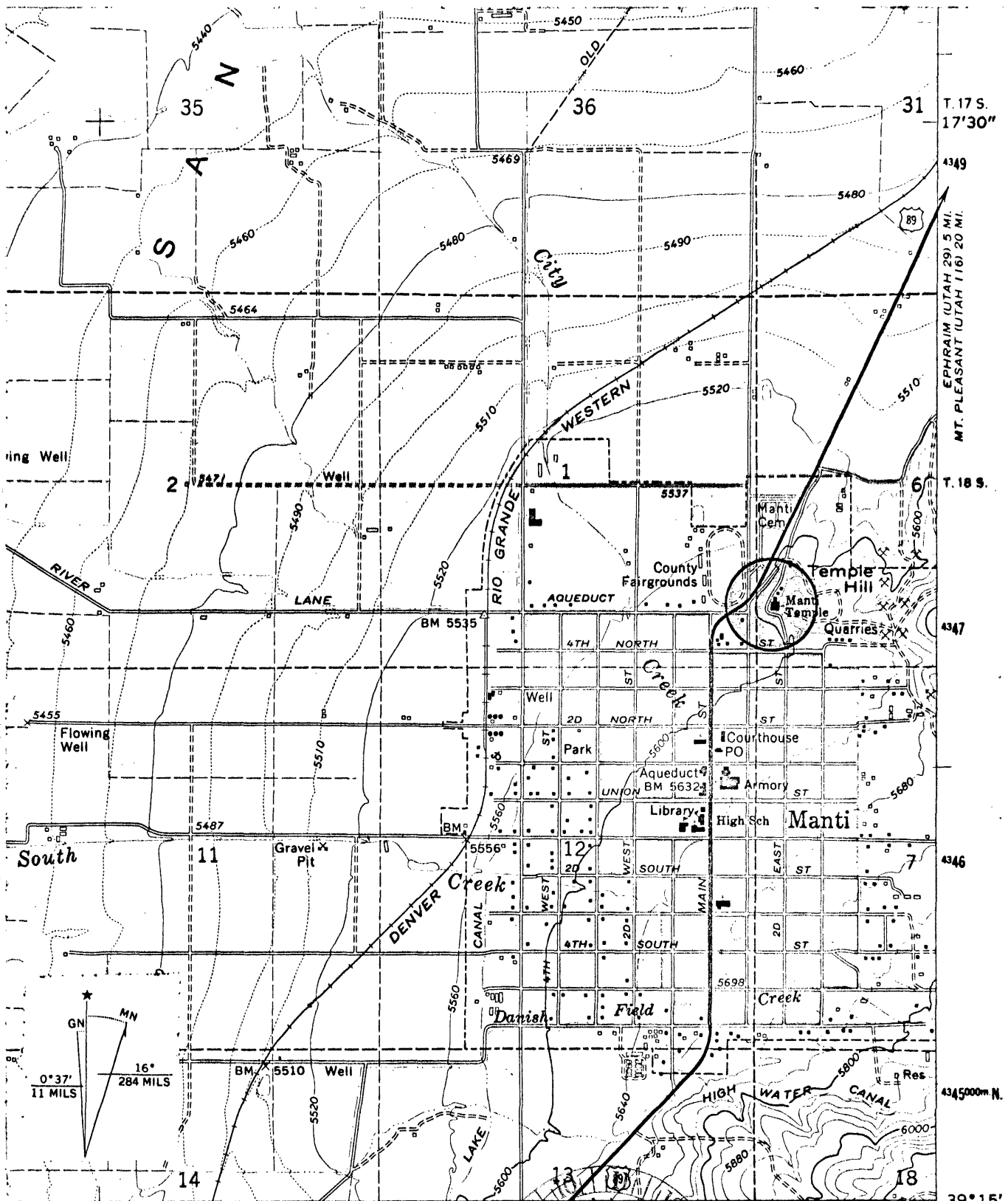




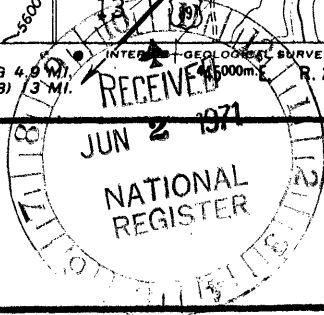
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 TEMPLE HILL, MANTI, UTAH

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DATE : MAY 1971
 SCALE : 1" = 60'



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 TEMPLE HILL, MANTI, UTAH

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