



United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Building

Other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 20 East 100 South N/A not for publication

city or town Brigham City N/A vicinity

state Utah code UT county Box Elder code 003 zip code 84302

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

N. J. ... / SHPO 11-15-96
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Utah Division of State History, Office of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Edson H. Beall 12-27-96

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Building
Name of Property

Brigham City, Box Elder County, Utah
City, County, and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Resources of Brigham City 1847-1936

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: business

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: professional

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

EARLY 20TH CENTURY
Commercial Style

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE
walls BRICK

roof ASPHALT
other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" on one or more lines for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" on all that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMUNICATIONS

Period of Significance

1916-45

Significant Dates

1916-45

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A 1/2 4/1/5/3/4/0 4/5/9/5/4/0/0 B 1 11111 111111
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

C 1 11111 111111 D 1 11111 111111

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Beginning at a point 151.5 feet west of the northeast corner of Lot 7, Block 4, Plat A Brigham City survey and running thence South 132 feet, West 36 feet, North 132 feet, and East 36 feet to the beginning.

__ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those that were historically and continue to be associated with the building.

__ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- Continuation Sheets
- Maps: A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A Sketch map for historic districts and/or properties having large acreage or numerous resources.
- Photographs: Representative black and white photographs of the property.
- Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

name Peter Baumgartner
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city or town Brigham City state UT zip code 84302

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Narrative Description

Built in 1916, the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company is a rectangular one-story commercial block building 36 feet wide and 79 feet long. The building is located in the downtown area of Brigham City mid-block on the west end of a grouping of commercial buildings. There is a sidewalk in front of the building and a driveway along the west side.

This simple commercial block building utilizes modest decoration on the front elevation. A large front window with three transom lights, an entrance door on the west end with a large side light and transoms, a simply decorated cornice, and parapet wall, provide the architectural detailing for the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company building. There are six windows on the west elevation. A door opening exists on the rear (south) elevation, and the windows have been bricked in.

Most of the interior is open with the exception of a small office and waiting room near the front. Although there have been two minor additions, the building maintains its original appearance. The first, c.1943, added 24 feet to the back of the building for restrooms and storage. The brick was a slightly lighter color than the 1916 brick. The second addition, made in the alleyway to the east when the property was purchased, expanded the building 15 feet on that side by the Elks organization c.1962. This addition had a stucco finish.

An extensive exterior and interior remodeling was also done by the Elks organization during 1962-64. The original facade was covered with decorative concrete block obscuring all but the door opening, and the entire building was painted. A large steel expansion beam running the length of the building held up a new ceiling. The basement was painted and carpeted and a bar installed.

Another major remodeling during August-December 1993 put the building back to its historic appearance. The decorative concrete block was removed from the facade, the paint from stripped from the brick, the cornice was repaired, and a historically accurate door of wood and glass was installed. Two canvas awnings, one above the front window and another above the entryway, were added.

The rear addition was built during the historic period and does not impact the historic integrity of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company building. The side addition does not obstruct or intrude upon the historic building which retains its original appearance and contributes to the historic qualities of the commercial area of Brigham City.

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company Building, built in 1916, is significant under Criterion A as the oldest existing communications structure in Brigham City. The telephone industry, housed in this building for 50 years, was essential to the community's rapidly expanding commercial development through the 1920s. It also played a critical part in the local war effort in the 1940s, including the operating of the Bushnell Military Hospital. Communication and growth in Brigham City was dependent upon the operations of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company during 1916-45. The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company building is being nominated as a part of the multiple property submission, Historic Resources in Brigham City, 1847-1936.

HISTORY:

Brigham City is a scenic and neatly arranged community located 59 miles north and west of Salt Lake City, presently boasting a population of about 16,000. It is nestled in the western base of the northern Wasatch Mountains and has always been noted as one of the premier fruit-growing regions in the state. The area was settled in 1851 by Mormon pioneers, most of whom were recent converts from England and Wales. By 1853, Mormon leaders in Salt Lake City began to funnel immigrants from Denmark to the city, a practice which continued for some time and resulted in a large and heavily Scandinavian-American community.

When surveyed, the city was laid out in a grid pattern which allowed for very wide streets. More important to the self-sufficient settlers was the allotment of generously-sized city lots which were useful as large garden and orchard spaces or as mini-farms in the heart of the city. Throughout the 19th century, Brigham City remained distinctly and wholly Mormon in its layout, population, and cooperative economy.¹ In these aspects, Brigham City was typical of many other early Mormon communities. In 1853, Brigham Young assigned LDS church apostle Lorenzo Snow to direct affairs in the new city. Under his direction in the late 1860s, one of the most aggressive and all-encompassing Mormon economic cooperatives was established, boasting over 40 manufacturing and retail branches.

¹Forsgren, Lydia Walker, History of Box Elder County (Brigham City, Utah, 1937); Jenson, Andrew, Encyclopedic History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Salt Lake City: Deseret News Publishing Company, 1941) p. 85-86; Francaviglia, Richard Vincent, The Mormon Landscape: Existence, Creation and Perception of a Unique Image in the American West (New York: AMS Press, 1978); Arrington, Leonard James, Great Basin Kingdom: An Economic History of the Latter-day Saints, 1830-1900 (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1993).

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Workers were paid in scrip which could be used for trade in any of the departments of the cooperative. By the mid-1870s, the cooperative association was producing all the commodities necessary for maintenance of the community, and Snow had realized his goal of making the people of Brigham City independent of the outside world. His cooperative became a prototype for similar ventures in Mormon settlements throughout Utah. It was recognized as the first and most successful of the Mormon cooperative organizations. However, a series of financial disasters between 1876 and 1879 crippled the organization and forced the association to begin selling its industries to private businessmen. The Co-op went into receivership in 1895.

After the demise of the Co-op, private enterprise in the area flourished. By 1910 Brigham City's population was 4,000, and its residents were running local industries and retail businesses as well as operating farms. In the 1920s and 1930s Brigham City essentially remained a small Mormon agricultural town specializing in fruit production.

Bushnell General Hospital, built in 1942 to treat soldiers wounded in World War II, changed the quiet community. The sixty-building facility constructed on 235 acres brought a major boost to the economy. From the beginning of its construction until its close in 1946, Bushnell provided new jobs for local people. Farmers sold produce to the hospital, and business on Main Street increased with the influx of the hospital staff and patients. After Bushnell closed, from 1950 until 1984 the facility housed the Intermountain Indian School, a boarding school for young Indian students.

Brigham City's growth rate increased rapidly with the construction in 1957 of Thiokol Chemical Corporation's Wasatch Division, the largest manufacturing enterprise in Box Elder County's history. Brigham's population of 6,790 in 1950 increased to 11,720 in 1960, to 14,000 in 1970 and to 15,596 in 1980 as both Thiokol's solid-fuel motor production and number of employees expanded.

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH SERVICES:

When Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company moved into its new building in 1916, the telephone had been in Brigham City for more than 20 years. The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company was given permission to erect poles and run wires in Brigham City on December 3, 1889. A public toll telephone was installed at the Charles Davis rooming house in 1895. The toll station was moved to Doctor Wade's Drug store in 1897 and to the library in 1898.

By 1902 the number of telephone subscribers had grown to 25 and a switchboard was installed in the Eddy Drug Store at 14 South Main Street to accommodate them. As telephone use increased, the switchboard was moved to larger quarters in the south portion of a brick building at 46-48 South Main. Both of these buildings are still standing but their historic character has been greatly altered. The office

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once again moved to the Eddy building, this time to the second floor, before its permanent occupancy in this building in 1916.

The Utah Independent Telephone Company had also established service in Brigham City, using separate lines from the Rocky Mountain Company. In July 1905 the two companies agreed to share the pole line and branch lines. When it became obvious that the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company could easily provide for local telephone needs, the Utah Independent Telephone Company closed down.

In November 1915 Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company was awarded a franchise allowing it to operate in Brigham City for the next 20 years. Property was purchased and in August 1916 the building was completed, the switchboard installed, and the local telephone exchange was transferred to the new building.

The telephone was a major communications medium in the small agricultural town where businesses and industries were being established. When the new telephone office was built Brigham City's population was 4,000 and its industries included a cement plant, knitting factor, and a grain mill and elevator. Retail businesses sold groceries, clothing, motor cars, furniture and medicine. Hotels, cafes, saloons, shoe repair shops, and a wagon and machine company were among the local businesses. The telephone played a significant part in the establishment and success of all of them. When the federal government built Bushnell General Hospital in Brigham City in 1942 as a facility to treat servicemen wounded in World War II, the telephone was essential in the construction and operation of this 1500-bed, 60-building hospital on 235 acres of land. Telephone use increased substantially to accommodate the influx of construction workers, hospital personnel, patients and their families.

The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company building is part of the Historic Resources of Brigham City, Private Commercial and Industrial Development, 1880s-1930s. Most of the existing commercial buildings in the central business district were constructed during the 1880 to 1930s. Those that maintain their integrity are associated with a significant period of growth in the community.² The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company Building is one of these significant buildings in Brigham City.

The vital role of the telephone industry as a communications medium in the natural development of this small town's industries and businesses cannot be overstated. The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company building was the location of Brigham City's telephone company until 1960. In 1961 the Elks organization utilized the building for their meetings and offices until 1982 when it was purchased by the current owners. It is currently being used as a dental lab.

____ See continuation sheet

² Historic Resources of Brigham City, Multiple Property Submission, February 1990. On file at Utah State Historic Preservation Office.

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Common Label Information:

1. Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Building
2. Brigham City, Box Elder County, Utah
3. Photographer: Larry Douglass
4. Date: February 1996
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

Photo No. 1:

6. Northwest elevation of building. Camera facing southeast.

Photo No. 2:

6. Southwest elevation of building. Camera facing northeast.