

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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

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

1. Name

historic (A.N.) Tanner House
and/or common Tanner House

2. Location

street & number _____ not for publication _____
city, town Grouse Creek _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 01
state Utah code 049 county Box Elder code 003

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Tanner and Tanner Enterprises
street & number _____
city, town Grouse Creek _____ vicinity of _____ state Utah

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Surveyor's Office
street & number County Courthouse
city, town Brigham City state Utah

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local _____
depository for survey records _____
city, town _____ state _____

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 home is a two story brick structure, with a 1 1/2 story rear extension. The foundation is stone. The main part of the home has the rectangular plan, gable roof and symmetrical organization linking it to the Georgian/Vernacular tradition. A gabled pavilion is centered on the main elevation. The pavilion is incorporated into the basic three over three scheme, not breaking the bilateral symmetry of the vernacular tradition. Chimneys are located on the gable end of the two story portion, also staying within the folk vocabulary. Also of brick is the rear portion of the home. This extension has a rectangular shape and a hipped roof. Centered on the rear of the extension is a gable-roofed dormer. Ornament of the house is in the form of molded cornice, and segmental brick openings which are corbelled out and have drops. Though it has suffered the effects of many years of vacancy, the home is structurally intact and the present owners, descendants of A.N. Tanner, have plans for renovation.

A stone granary belonging to the house is also on the site. It is a single story rectangular structure with a gable roof. On one gable end the door and a window are located. Granaries were common structures in rural Utah even until the 1930s. Most were built of frame and have since disappeared. The stone examples, though fewer, survived because of the permanent nature of their materials.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1899 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Once undoubtedly the most substantial residence in Grouse Creek, the A.N. Tanner house, built in 1899, is significant as a late example of the central hall house type. In size and proportion the home demonstrates a confidence in the vernacular building genre, and because of its late date documents the enduring strength of the folk vocabulary in rural locales. The home must be seen as a function of its remote location, of the isolation and rural nature of the Grouse Creek area, of the isolation of the Tanner family there and of the builders who participated in the construction. A tradition, a continuum in the minds of builder and patron is expressed in the home. When viewed in this manner the Tanner house becomes a significant site in the history of architecture in Utah.

Allen N. Tanner was born March 27, 1862, in Tooele, Utah to Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Newbury Tanner. Thomas, a shoemaker, had emigrated from England, a Mormon convert. A hard life in Tooele sometimes "living on dandelion greens, pig weed greens, sego lily roots and rabbits," left little time for schooling and Tanner soon went to Grouse Creek to work for a brother herding horses and cutting posts. He was eventually able to buy a small tract of land, upon which he built a three-room log cabin, to which he brought his widowed mother. In 1894, he married Mary Emily Barlow by whom he had nine children.

Tanner successfully built his holdings into a farm of over 2,000 acres. In 1899 he began the construction of this substantial brick house, completed in 1900. In 1906, he was called on a three-year mission to New Zealand for the LDS Church. Because of Tanner's generosity and the size of the house, many social gatherings were held there. Tanner died in 1935 and the house has remained in the hands of his descendants. The house and its outbuildings are being renovated by Robert W. and Eilene Tanner Torrey, leasing from Tanner and Tanner Enterprises.

A.N. Tanner's home in Grouse Creek illustrates the persistence of the folk tradition in rural Utah. The two story brick home is a late variation of the "central hall" house form. In Utah this form signaled the integration of the folk vernacular of the earliest years of settlement in the United States with Georgian formality. The rectangular, central hall plan with rear extensions, the gable roof, end chimneys and symmetrical main facade piercing, point to a highly evolved house type which had predominated in England and the eastern United States for several centuries. The result was a formula which pervaded early Utah settlements but which was subsequently replaced in favor of the more exuberant and usually larger, "modern" Victorian styles. Thus, the date 1899 is late for such an "old fashioned" scheme, since by this time even interest in the Victorian forms was waning in favor of turn-of-the-century styles.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Diary of A. N. Tanner, in possession of Robert W. Torrey.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property 2
 Quadrangle name Grouse Creek, Utah

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	2	2	5	9	4	7	0	4	6	2	0	6	0	0
Zone		Easting					Northing							

C

Zone		Easting					Northing							

E

Zone		Easting					Northing							

G

Zone		Easting					Northing							

B

Zone		Easting					Northing							

D

Zone		Easting					Northing							

F

Zone		Easting					Northing							

H

Zone		Easting					Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification Beg. at SW corner of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 11 N, Range 18 W, N 10 chains (660 ft), thence S 71 degrees 10' E 4.97 chains (328.02 ft) to true pt of beg., thence N 31 degrees E 3.80 chains (250.8 ft) thence S 62 degrees 10' E 6.38 chains (421.08 ft) th S 38 degrees W 3 chains (198 ft), th N 62 degrees

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries 10' W to pt of beg.

state	Utah	code	049	county	Box Elder	code	003
state		code		county		code	

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Diana Johnson/Assistant Architectural Historian and Robert W. Torrey

organization Utah State Historical Society date 3-3-80

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

city or town Salt Lake City state Utah 84101

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 16, 1981

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>[Signature]</u>	date <u>2/1/82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	