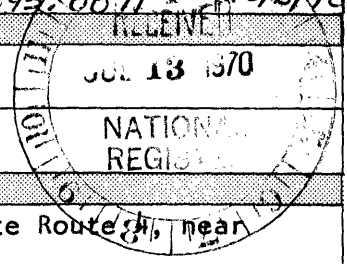


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Utah
COUNTY:	Millard
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ENTRY NUMBER:	DATE
70.10.43.0011	10/18/70



1. NAME

COMMON: Cove Fort

AND/OR HISTORIC: Cove Creek Fort

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Two miles east of Interstate 15 on State Route 89, near intersection with Interstate 70.

CITY OR TOWN: Cove Fort, between Kanosh and Beaver

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Utah	43	Millard	027

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Alice T. Kesler

STREET AND NUMBER: 42 So. 100 East

CITY OR TOWN: Fillmore, STATE: Utah CODE: 43

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Millard County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Fillmore STATE: Utah CODE: 43

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Utah Historical American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Utah Heritage Foundation

STREET AND NUMBER: 603 East South Temple

CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City STATE: Utah CODE: 43

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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

Cove Fort was built of black volcanic rock laid in with lime mortar, burned nearby. Ira N. Hinckley directed the work and was assisted by Hans Hansen, Horace Owens, James Owens, Albert Shales, Nathan Baldwin, Christian Hansen, Allen Russell, and Dorus and Orange Warner. The estimated construction cost was about \$23,000.

The fort consisted of a square--four walls 18' high from the base of the foundation, 4' thick at the foundation, and 2' thick at the top, and 100' long. The main gateway in the east wall was approximately 14' square and closed with two large, hinged doors, originally filled with sand between the outside planking to prevent burning by flaming arrows. The west door was similarly constructed but 8' x 4'. Six apartments (about 16' x 14' x 9') lined each of the north and south walls, with chimneys for each room projecting 6' above the walls. The heavy beams were hand hewn. Local timber was used for shingles and lumber.

Teams, stage coaches and covered wagons could be driven into the fort if necessary. A well was dug for water without success. However, the inhabitants felt secure when fortified up.

By 1902 the fort had been abandoned and the north interior burned. Sizeable restoration efforts have been made by the Kesler family, and generally the integrity of the fort remains. Although the fabric of the walls remains excellent, there is still need for extensive restoration.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

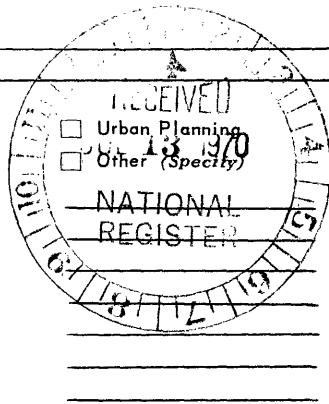
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Built in 1867**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Indians called the site Pa-Hump-Pa (Cove Creek); Mormon emigrants named it Cove Creek. Cove Fort is located at a crossroads of early western trails. Jed Smith reached the site enroute to California in 1826; the old Spanish Trail also passed it. Both California-bound emigrants and Mormons passed by and camped on Cove Creek. However, not until 1860 did Charles Willden and his son Elliot establish the first permanent residence there, known as Willden's Fort.

Because of Indian hostilities in the Black Hawk War, and because Mormons needed protection for their newly completed telegraph lines to southern Utah, Brigham Young purchased the site for the church and called Ira N. Hinckley from Coalville, Utah, to settle there and construct a fort. Hinckley moved his family and immediately began to raise the fort in the spring of 1867, which was completed by November of that year.

Cove Fort continued to be used by travelers and freighters through the region. Brigham Young stopped at the fort frequently--on one occasion (1872) accompanied by Col. Thomas L. Kane who had helped mediate the Mormon conflict in 1858.

Ira Hinckley removed from Cove Fort after ten years, but the Mormon Church retained ownership until the Twentieth Century. During this period stages stopped regularly and freighters camped overnight nearby. W. H. Kesler leased the fort and property in December 1903. By April 1904 he had moved his family into the fort, and later (1911) purchased it. The Kesler family still owns the property.

At the time Mr. Kesler moved in, the fort was abandoned. The north quarter had been completely burned out but was restored in 1917. Since that time Cove Fort has served as a private residence, as a motel, and currently as a historic site and museum operated by the Kesler family.

It remains an excellent example of an unusually well-constructed Mormon fortification.

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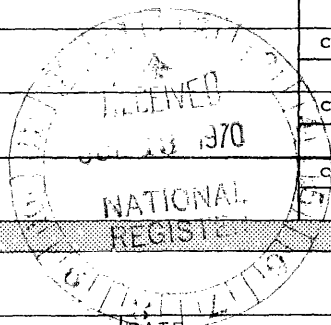
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.74

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Melvin T. Smith**

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Sites Survey**
Utah Historical Society

DATE: **July 1, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER: **603 East South Temple**

CITY OR TOWN: **Salt Lake City** STATE: **Utah** CODE: **43**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: July 1, 1970

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

Ernest Allen Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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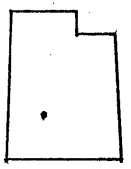
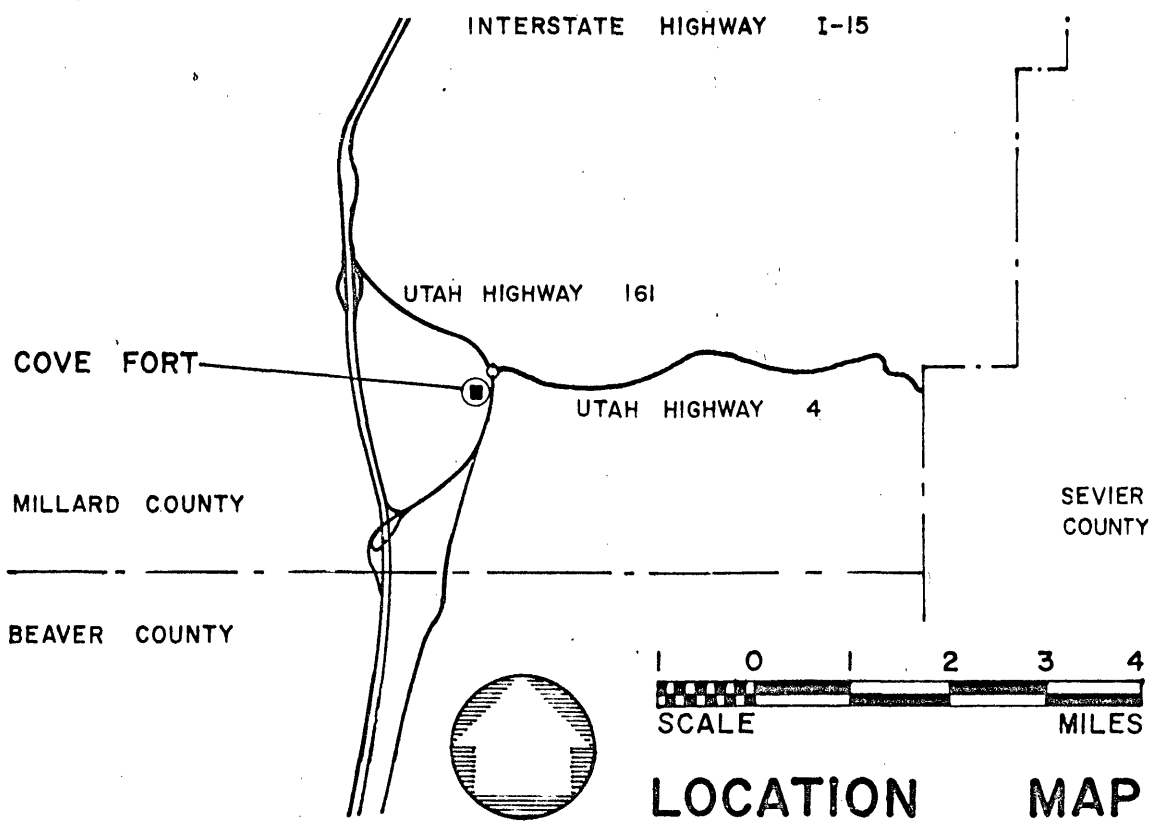
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ATTEST:

William J. Moulton
 Keeper of The National Register

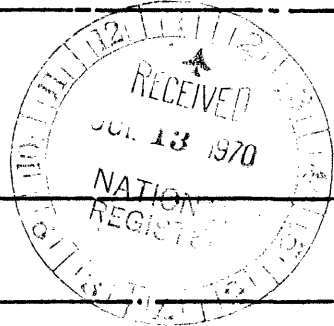
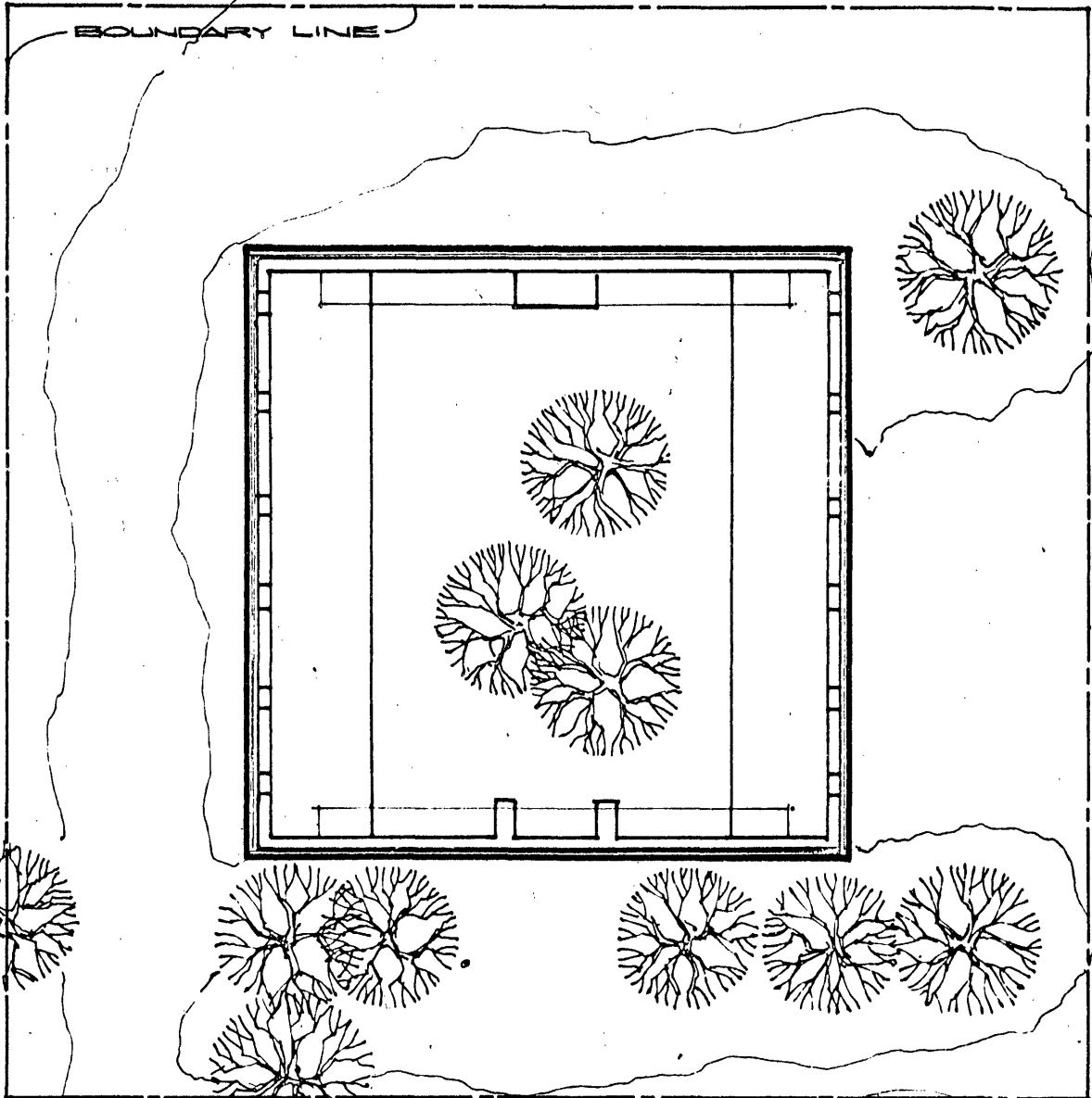
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 LONGITUDE : 112° - 34' - 00"
 MAP FROM HABS DVG

DATE: /MAY 1970



UTAH HIGHWAY 4

COVE FORT
COVE FORT, UTAH

LATITUDE : 38° - 36' - 3"
LONGITUDE : 112° - 34' - 54"
MAP FROM HASS DVG

DATE : MAY 1970

SCALE : 1" = 30'

