

Structure/Site Information Form

1 IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 350 N. Center Street
 Moroni, Sanpete County, Utah UTM: 12 449920 4375630

Name of Structure: Moroni High School Mechanical Arts Building T. R. S.

Present Owner: North Sanpete School District
 41 West Main

Owner Address: Mount Pleasant, Utah 84647

Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #:
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:

Lot 2, Block 19, Plat B, Moroni City Survey.
 Less than one acre.

2 STATUS/USE

Original Owner: North Sanpete School District Construction Date: 1935-36 Demolition Date:

Original Use: educational Present Use: vacant

Building Condition: Integrity: Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant	<input type="checkbox"/> Not of the	<input type="checkbox"/> National Landmark	<input type="checkbox"/> District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor Alterations	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributory	Historic Period	<input type="checkbox"/> National Register	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Resource
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		<input type="checkbox"/> Major Alterations	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Contributory		<input type="checkbox"/> State Register	<input type="checkbox"/> Thematic

3 DOCUMENTATION

Photography: Date of Slides: 1984 Slide No.: Date of Photographs: 1984 Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other Views: Front Side Rear Other

Research Sources:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> U of U Library
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plat Records/Map	<input type="checkbox"/> City Directories	<input type="checkbox"/> Utah State Historical Society	<input type="checkbox"/> BYU Library
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Card & Photo	<input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews	<input type="checkbox"/> USU Library
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index	<input type="checkbox"/> LDS Church Archives	<input type="checkbox"/> SLC Library
<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> County & City Histories	<input type="checkbox"/> LDS Genealogical Society	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

Manti Messenger (Manti, Utah), 1935.

Mount Pleasant Messenger (Mount Pleasant, Utah), 1934-36.

Works Progress Administration. A Report of the Works Division: Utah Emergency Relief Administration, April 15, 1934-October 31, 1935. Salt Lake City: Works Progress Administration, 1936.

Architect/Builder: unknown

Building Materials: stone

Building Type/Style:

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

This is one of three high school shop buildings constructed in Sanpete County that use the same basic design. The other two are in Ephraim and Mt. Pleasant, both of which are still standing and are eligible for nomination. All three of these buildings are large, two-story box-like structures with rectangular plans and centrally placed two-story entrance porticos. The Moroni building is identical to the one erected at Mt. Pleasant. It is constructed of cream-colored limestone and has a low-pitched hipped roof. The openings are arranged symmetrically to the sides of the entrance bay which has a gable roof, heavy cornice returns, a round arch upper story window, and a molded cornice over the front door itself. There are quoins at the corners. At present, the windows have been boarded up, yet the building remains in good original condition.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1935-36

Built in 1935-36, the Moroni High School Mechanical Arts Building is part of the Utah Public Works Administration (PWA) and Works Progress Administration (WPA) Buildings Thematic Nomination and is significant because it helps document the impact of New Deal programs in Utah, which was one of the states that the Great Depression of the 1930s most severely affected. In 1933 Utah had an unemployment rate of 36 percent, the fourth highest in the country, and for the period 1932-1940 Utah's unemployment rate averaged 25 percent. Because the depression hit Utah so hard, federal programs were extensive in the state. Overall, per capita federal spending in Utah during the 1930s was 9th among the 48 states, and the percentage of workers on federal work projects was far above the national average. Building programs were of great importance. During the 1930s virtually every public building constructed in Utah, including county courthouses, city halls, fire stations, national guard armories, public school buildings, and a variety of others, were built under federal programs by one of several agencies, including the Civil Works Administration (CWA), the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA), the National Youth Administration (NYA), the Works Progress Administration (WPA), or the Public Works Administration (PWA), and almost without exception none of the buildings would have been built when they were without the assistance of the federal government.

The Moroni High School Mechanical Arts Building is one of 233 public works buildings identified in Utah that were built during the 1930s and early 1940s. Only 130 of those 233 buildings are known to remain today and retain their historic integrity. This is one of 107 public school buildings constructed, 55 of which remain. In Sanpete County 18 buildings were built. This is one of 11 that remain.

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Moroni High School Mechanical Arts Building
History continued:

The building was constructed between 1935 and 1936 as a Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) project. It was a duplicate of the Mt. Pleasant High School Mechanical Arts Building that was constructed at the same time. The project was approved in November 1934; construction began in January of 1935 and was completed in April 1936.