

**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 Dr. George Fennemore House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 90 South 100 West St. \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Beaver \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 02

state Utah code \_\_\_\_\_ 049 county Beaver code 001

**3. Classification**

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name Alvin Darrell and Geneal Yardley 78

street & number

city, town Beaver \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state UT 84713

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Beaver County Courthouse

street & number 105 East Center St

city, town Beaver \_\_\_\_\_ state UT

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The house is a two-story brick structure with a black rock foundation that is topped with a layer of tooled pink rock. The windows are large and one is a bay window on the south facade. All the windows have cut wooden trim and scroll work surrounding them. The bay window also displays brackets besides. There are two porches, one in the front (east facade) and one on the south side, both with wooden pillars and cut wooden trim.

On the second story there are dormer windows with shingles on the sides of them. The dormers, like the windows, eaves and porches on the ground floor, have cut wooden trim. The two chimneys each have a geometric design built into their brick work and the roof is in a mansard style.

The house has a central hall plan with two rooms on either side of the hall on the main floor, as well as the second floor. One addition was made to the rear of the house about 1900 and it contains the kitchen and bathroom. A pink rock granary was later connected to the house with a breezeway type of structure.

On the interior most of the original hardwood trim is unpainted still. All the windows and doorways display this trim and panels of hand-grained wood line the hallways upstairs and downstairs. One of the doorways is framed with a wooden archway and cut wooden trim. The stairway has a distinctive unpainted wood banister and balustrade. All of the original ceilings have been left intact and the interior is almost completely unaltered.

Outside the corner lot is fenced by a wrought iron fence with green granite gate and corner posts.

# 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**    ca 1890                      **Builder/Architect** unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

George Fennemore was a doctor of medicine who originally came to Beaver with his family as refugees from San Bernadino, California. They arrived in Beaver c. 1858 when Brigham Young, the Mormon leader, deemed it hazardous to have Mormon colonies spread so thinly between Utah and California and therefore ordered the San Bernadino colony evacuated. Dr. Fennemore probably had the house built but there is some possibility that his son Albert may have been responsible for its construction.

Neils Peter Ipson and his family were the second residents of the Fennemore House. His mother Georgina, was originally from Denmark and settled in Parowan, Utah. She was a polygamist wife, but became unhappy under those marital conditions and left Parowan with her children for Beaver. In her new town she practiced her skills as a midwife.

Her son Neils became the "cashier" of the State Bank of Beaver and a part owner, a "cashier" being the approximate equivalent of today's bank manager. Neils was also a school trustee for some time before compulsory education became the law. His wife was Mary Ann Ipson, affectionately known as "Aunt Polly," and was remembered for her immaculate housekeeping in a home that was one of the town's mansions. The Ipsons owned the house from 1906 until 1924 when they left so Neils could accept employment with the State of Utah in Salt Lake City.

The house is significant because of its style of architecture, its historic date and its preserved historic character. Its style may be described as a vernacular translation of a Second Empire style. However, this house represents a different phase of vernacular architecture, a phase that is more sophisticated than the one that preceded it. The home has a very pleasing design and this is remarkable when it is considered that the second owner, Mr. Ipson, altered the appearance substantially. Mr. Ipson had the second floor built, which included the four bedrooms and the dormer windows. He also installed cast iron roof cresting which is no longer extant. Unlike most additions, Mr. Ipson did not destroy the home's design but in fact improved it. With its hardwood trim and its hand-grained paneling, this home has the finest extant interior of any home in Beaver.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Monuments to Courage, published by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, 1949, Beaver UT.  
 Oral interviews with Edwin and Martha Paice, Mrs. Chloe Bishop, Beaver, UT.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

# 10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Beaver, UT

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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1	2	3	5	6	2	7	5	4	2	3	7	1	7	5
Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal boundary description and justification

S 1/2 Lot 1; S 1/2 Lot 2; blk 22, Plat A, Beaver City Sur

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Linda L. Bonar and Geneal Yardley

organization Utah State Historical Society

date May 1979

street & number 307 W 2 S

telephone 533-6017

city or town SLC

state UT 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 November 28, 1979

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

*Sally G. Alden*

date 2/1/80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *W. Ray Luce*

date 1-22-80

for Chief of Registration