

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 300 N. Center Street
 Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah UTM: 12 498250 4340570

Name of Structure: Castle Dale High School Shop T. R. S.

Present Owner: Emery County
 P.O. Box 629

Owner Address: Castle Dale, Utah 84513

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

Beginning 19 rods N and 9 rods E of NW corner of Block 29, Castle Dale Townsite Survey;
 thence E 4 rods, N 13 rods, W 4 rods, S 13 rods to beginning.
 .35 acre

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Emery County School District Construction Date: 1935-36 Demolition Date:

Original Use: educational--school Present Use: government

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

Excellent Site Unaltered Significant Not of the National Landmark District
 Good Ruins Minor Alterations Contributory Historic Period National Register Multi-Resource
 Deteriorated Major Alterations Not Contributory State Register Thematic

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography: Date of Slides: 1983 Slide No.: Date of Photographs: 1983 Photo No.:

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

Research Sources:

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

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

Emery County 1880-1980. n.p., 1980(?).

Emery County Progress (Castle Dale, Utah), 1935-37.

Twenty-first Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Utah for the Biennial Period Ending June 30, 1936. n.p., 1936.

Architect/Builder: unknown/Talboe & Litchfield

Building Materials: brick

Building Type/Style: PWA Moderne

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

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

This is a one-story brick building that is constructed in the PWA Moderne architectural style. It has a low-pitched, parapeted gable roof. Large low-relief pilasters with abstract, torch-like decorative capitals break up the side walls into vertical window panels. The stepped-back, geometric motif found at the top of the pilasters projects above the parapet and, when repeated at intervals down the length of the walls, gives the building a castellated appearance. The building remains in good condition and alterations to the original structure have been kept to a minimum. There is, however, a large c. 1965 concrete block shed addition on one end. This alteration, while clearly visible, does not significantly damage the historic integrity of the design. The Ferron High School Shop Building is identical to this one.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1935-36

Built in 1935-36, the Castle Dale High School Shop is part of the Public Works Buildings Thematic Resources 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 Castle Dale High School Shop is one of 233 public works buildings identified in Utah that were built during the 1930s and early 1940s. Only 130 of the 233 buildings are known to remain today and retain their historic integrity. Of the 233, 107 were public school buildings; 55 of them remain. In Emery County a total of 6 buildings were constructed, 2 of which remain and retain their historic integrity. Of the 6 built, 3 were school buildings, and only one of those remains relatively unaltered.

The Castle Dale High School shop building was constructed in 1935 and 1936 along with 2 other shop buildings, one at the Ferron High School and another
(See Continuation Sheet)

Castle Dale High School Shop
History continued:

at the Huntington High School. The one at Ferron High School is significantly altered but still standing, while the one at Huntington High School has been demolished. The total cost for all three buildings was \$36,000. Construction on the 3 buildings began in the summer of 1935 and was completed in the spring of 1936. The contractors for the buildings were Talboe and Litchfield of Provo, Utah.