

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Utah
COUNTY: Beaver
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE SEP 9 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Fort Cameron

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: E of Beaver on UT 153
State Route 153

CITY OR TOWN: 1-1/2 miles east of Beaver vicinity

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2nd District

STATE: Utah CODE: 49 COUNTY: Beaver CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) no use
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Hal Smith - Land of Koshare Corporation

STREET AND NUMBER: 310 North 600 East, Box 661

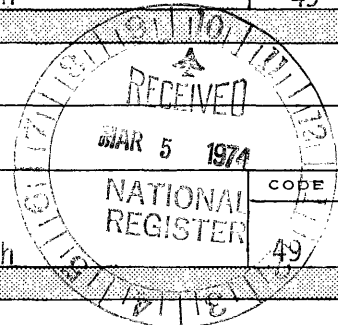
CITY OR TOWN: Beaver STATE: Utah CODE: 49

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: 60 East Center Street

CITY OR TOWN: Beaver STATE: Utah CODE: 49



6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Utah Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Utah State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 603 East South Temple

CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City STATE: Utah CODE: 49

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

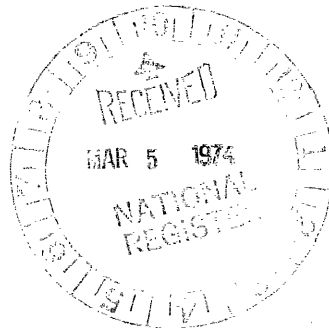
The original fort site was laid out in a rectangular shape 700' x 620'. In the center was a parade ground around which the buildings were constructed. On the east side and on the west side stood two barracks. On the south side were six officers' quarters. To the north were the hospital, the headquarters building, and commissary store. Next to the east barracks stood the bakery. The stables were 300 yards west of the post.

The buildings were constructed of the black, basaltic lava stone quarried nearby, mainly by local laborers. The original buildings were roughly plastered except for a two-story, 12-bed hospital which was finished with plaster of Paris.

When taken over by the LDS Church for an academy, the buildings were remodeled and a new building constructed. However, after the buildings were abandoned as a school in 1922, they soon fell into disrepair. In 1938, the CCC and WPA programs cleared away debris and built a race track.

Today only one building, the laundress' quarters, remains. It was of black basalt rock, but altered slightly. Its rectangular dimensions are 31' x 57' with a gabled roof. The building has three chimneys, both ends and the center, and divides lengthwise with four rooms on each side, an outside door and a window for each room. Some of the interior partitions have been removed.

With the plans of the fort still available and part of the site undisturbed, there is good archaeological potential for much of the site. However, part of the fort site has been covered by the Beaver Golf Course. Primary preservation efforts will be devoted to the restoration of the laundress' quarters building.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Fort Cameron is important because of its relationship to three significant aspects of Utah history.

In the early 1870's, Indian raids against the isolated southern Utah communities began to occur with enough regularity and intensity that local settlers were fearful of the kind of confrontation that had characterized the Black Hawk Indian War in that area during the mid 1860's.

In a letter to Washington officials, Cyrus M. Hawley, associate justice of the Utah Supreme Court, noted that attempts to bring those individuals guilty for the Mountain Meadows Massacre to trial were unsuccessful and would continue to be so until witnesses were convinced that the Federal Government would guarantee them protection. Hawley went on to recommend that a military force of at least five companies be sent to Beaver to render the required protection.

Because of the "Indian problem" and the "Mormon problem," Secretary of War William W. Belknap recommended a governmental appropriation of \$120,000 to construct a military post near Beaver. After the money was appropriated, Colonel John D. Wilkins, with four companies of troops (about 181), was sent to establish the post in mid-1872. After President Ulysses S. Grant officially set aside the reservation on May 12, 1873, the fort was named Fort Cameron in honor of Colonel James Cameron who lost his life during the Battle of Bull Run.

After the completion of the Utah Southern Railroad to Milford in 1880, General Phil Sheridan recommended that the post be closed because troops could be transported by rail into Southern Utah. Accordingly, the fort was closed May 1, 1883 and the troops removed to Fort Douglas.

The land and buildings were purchased for \$15,000 by John R. Murdock, President of the Beaver Stake of the Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints and Philo T. Farnsworth, former bishop of the Beaver Ward. Apparently the purchase was made in behalf of the church for, in 1898, Fort Cameron was converted into an academy. The laundress quarters were used as a dormitory to house students coming from outlying areas. In 1922, the church decided to discontinue the academy. The land was sold and the school equipment donated to Beaver High School.

The last use of the laundress quarters was made in 1937-1938 when a branch of the Milford Civil Conservation Corps was housed there.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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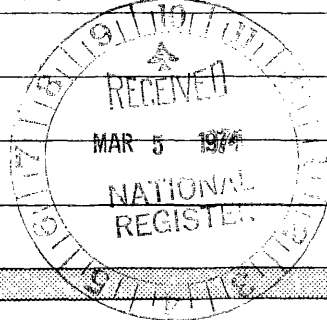
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

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 AND TITLE:
Kent Powell, Preservation Historian

ORGANIZATION: Utah State Historical Society DATE: Nov. 1, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
603 East South Temple

CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City STATE: Utah CODE: 49

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 State Historic Preservation Officer

Date November 9, 1973

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

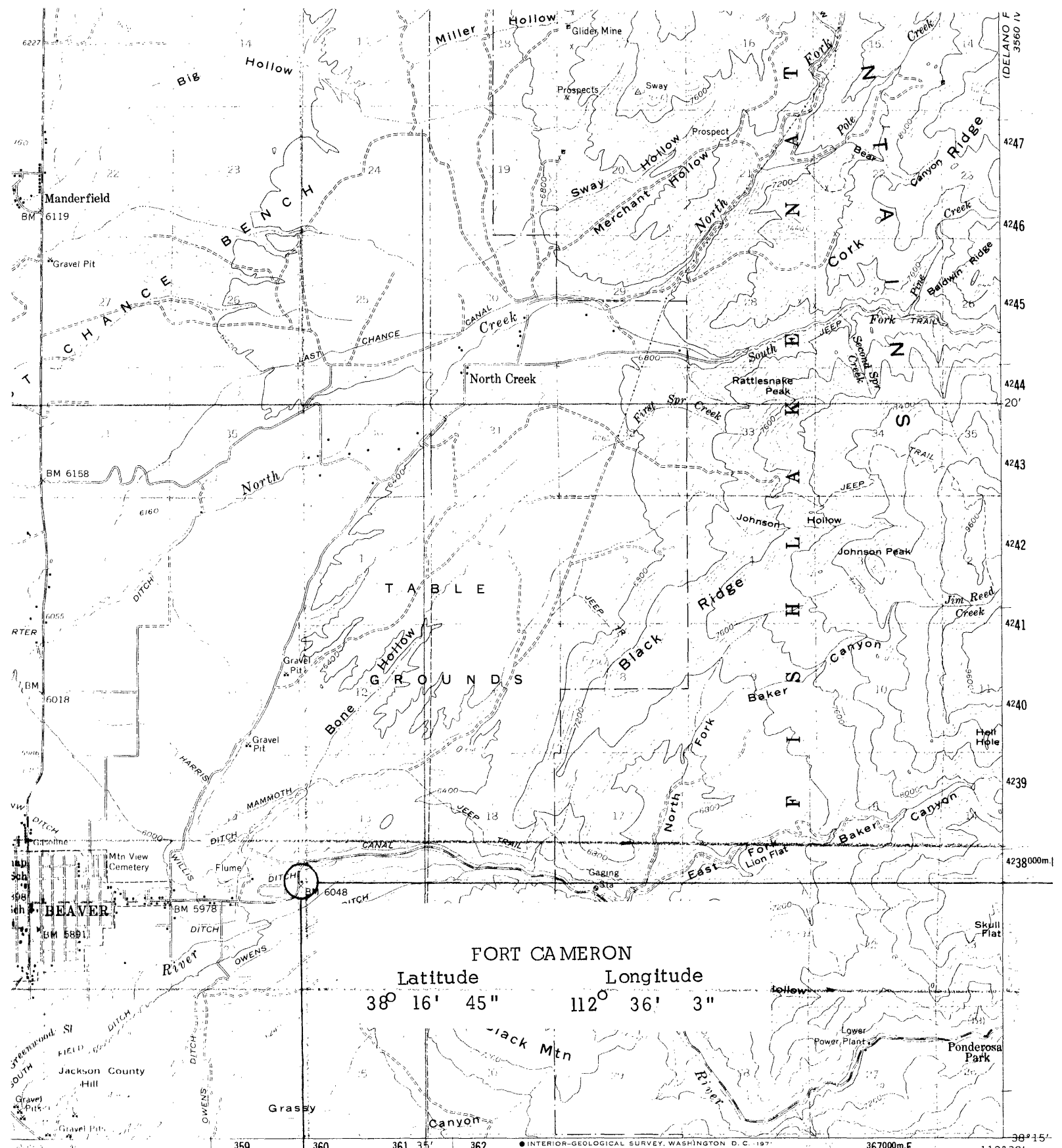
ARUPORTER
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/9/74

ATTEST:
Charles H. Young
 Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date 9.6.74

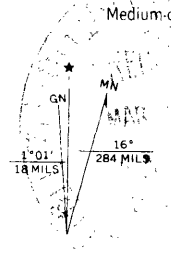
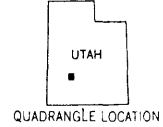
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FORT CAMERON
 Latitude Longitude
 38° 16' 45" 112° 36' 3"



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 DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 40 FOOT CONTOURS
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Medium-duty Light-duty
 Unimproved dirt State Route
 U.S. Route State Route

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