

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

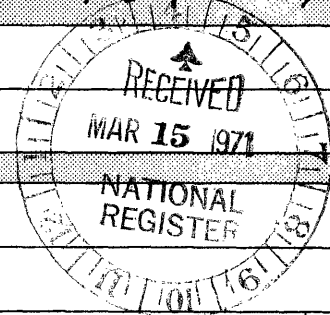
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| STATE: Utah | |
| COUNTY: Utah | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER 715.49.0023 | DATE 5/14/71 |

1. NAME

COMMON:
Stage Coach Inn

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Carson House



2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Fairfield

STATE:
Utah

CODE: **49** COUNTY: **Utah** CODE: **049**

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

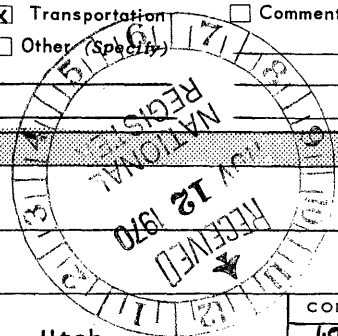
OWNER'S NAME:
Utah State Parks & Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER:
132 South 2nd West

CITY OR TOWN:
Salt Lake City

STATE:
Utah

CODE:
49



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Secretary of State

STREET AND NUMBER:
Utah State Capitol Building

CITY OR TOWN:
Salt Lake City

STATE:
Utah

CODE:
49

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Utah Historical American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
1967

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:
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7. DESCRIPTION

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| 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) | | |
| | <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 Stage Coach Inn was originally a large family residence built for the Carson family before conversion to an inn. It had 14 rooms, seven of them bedrooms. The building is "L" shaped with two stories 52' 8" x 59' 6". It is made of brick and plaster except for the two-story addition at the west which is frame with shiplap cove siding. Some of original pine flooring and glass windows remain. The fireplaces have been restored, although they are no longer used for heat.

The first floor, behind the front gallery, has two square rooms, each with outside doors. The single story wing extends to the rear with two square rooms, each with a door to the east porch. Four small square rooms in a line adjoin the rear room and occupy the lean-to. The frame addition has a single large room on the west front but does not open to the rest of the inn. The second floor has two square rooms in the masonry portion and one front and two rear bedrooms in the rear addition.

Heating was done originally with four fire places. Two stairways in the northeast and west portions allow ascent from the first to second floors.

The restoration has attempted to return the structure to as near its original condition as possible. The furnishings are consistent with the period.

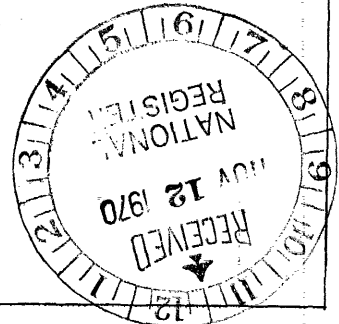
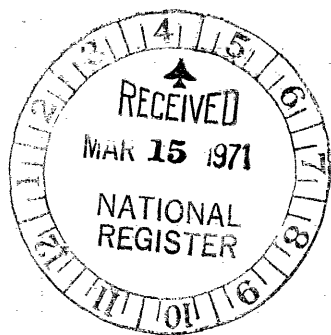
Across to the south the old commissary building of Camp Floyd has also been restored; however, it will be treated later as a part of the historic site of Camp Floyd.

SIGNIFICANCE (continued):

John Carson remained and raised his family in the inn. After his death Carson's widow and children continued to operate it as a hostelry. It finally closed in 1947. In 1959 John Carson, a son, turned the property over to the Utah State Parks and Recreation Department who have restored it and opened it in 1964 as a museum.

It sets today in an historic setting little changed from 1858.

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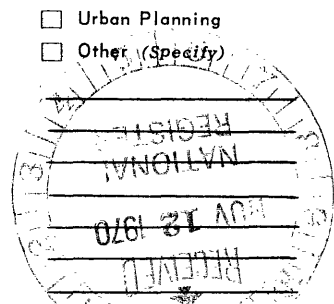
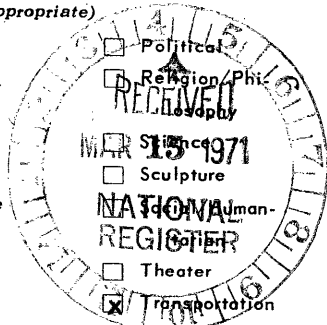
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input 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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Because of its proximity to Camp Floyd, the old "Stage Coach Inn" served as a stopping place for visitors to the camp and travelers enroute to California. The station served as one of the Overland Stage Stops until the coming of the transcontinental railroad in 1869. It was also used as a pony express stop between 1860-1861.

John Carson had settled in Cedar Valley with four brothers as early as 1855. Their first protection from the Indians was a stone fort four rods square, within which they built their log and adobe living quarters. The north wall of the old fort was about where the south wall of the inn now stands.

With the "Mormon War" an influx of military personnel arrived in Utah. Colonel Albert Sidney Johnston located his command of 3,500 men, 586 horses, 3,000 mules and 500 wagons, near Fairfield in Cedar Valley and where he established Camp Floyd. As a result, the population of Cedar Valley burgeoned in 1858, to more than 7,000 souls.

The old stone fort was torn down and John Carson built a two-story adobe and frame hotel and inn. Mr. Carson, an "Elder" in the Mormon Church, would permit no liquor to be served in his inn, nor would he permit "round dancing," then frowned upon by the more pious in his church. Thus the inn became an oasis of decency for prominent visitors and dignitaries, including Louis Greeley, a nephew of Horace Greeley, who occupied it for some time.

Both passengers and freight moved along this central route to California in the late 1850's. Captain J. H. Simpson surveyed and mapped a route through the region in 1859. During the era of the pony express, the inn became a mail stop between Salt Lake City and Faust, further west. In addition, the "Carson House" served as the first Overland Stage Station west from Salt Lake City.

With the coming of the Civil War troops from Camp Floyd were recalled. Colonel Philip St. George Cooke replaced General Johnston and renamed the post Fort Crittendon. However, on May 17, 1861 he was ordered east with his command. Camp Floyd was gone. By September of 1861 only 18 families remained in the little community of Fairfield.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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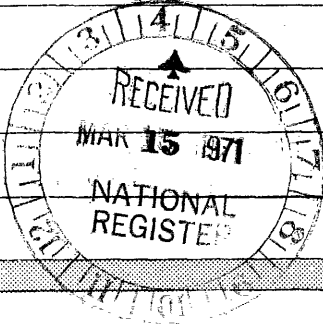
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.4

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

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: **Utah Historical Society** DATE: **October 21, 1970**

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:

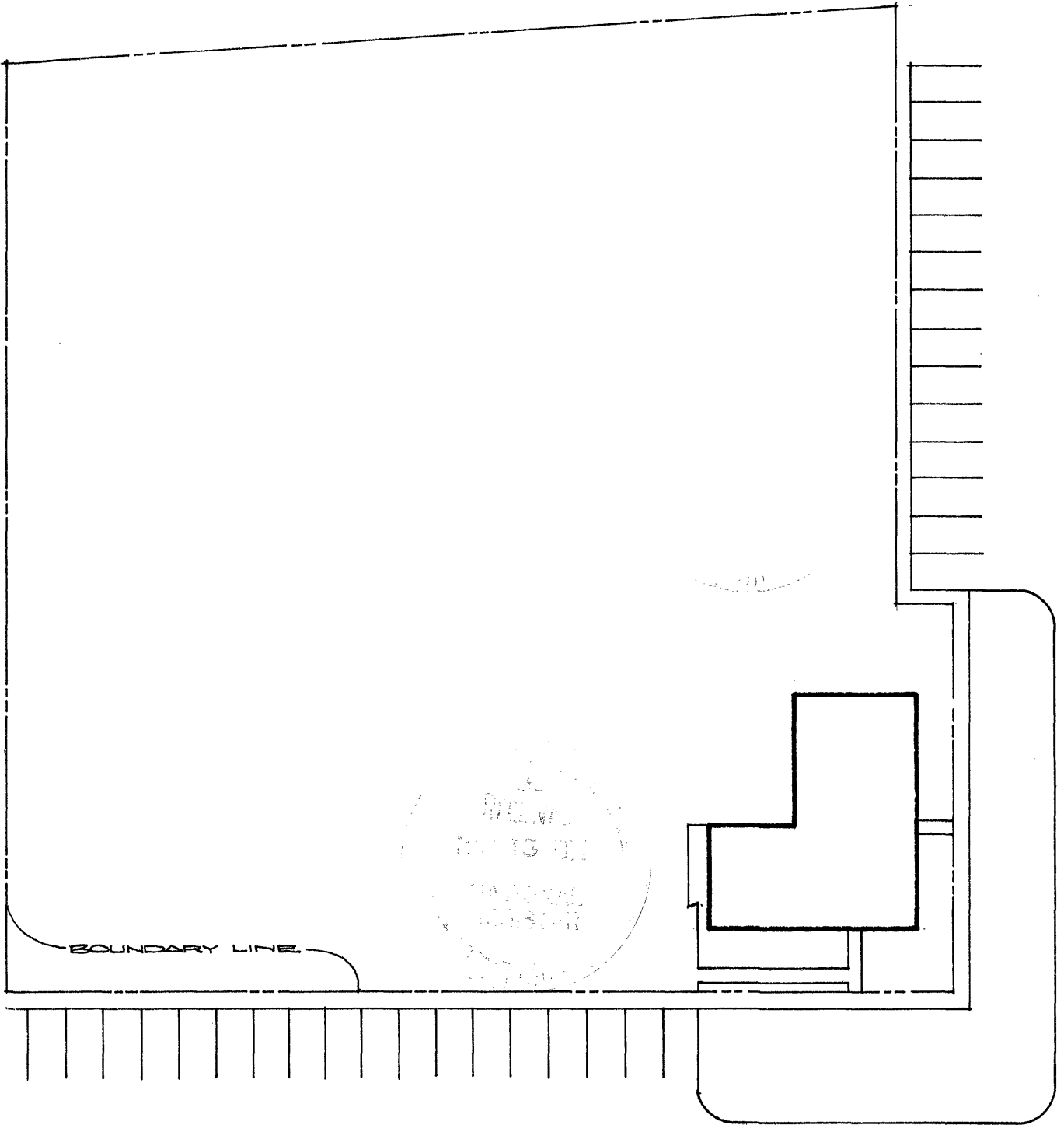
National State Local

Name Milton L. Weilenmann
 Title **State Liaison Officer**
 Date **October 21, 1970**

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

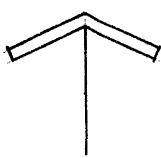
Robert A. Donnelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
MAY 14 1971

Date _____
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William M. ...
 Keeper of The National Register
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 Date _____



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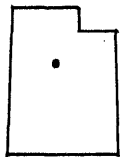
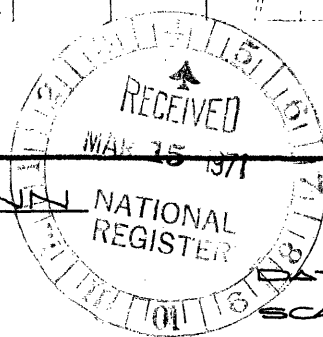
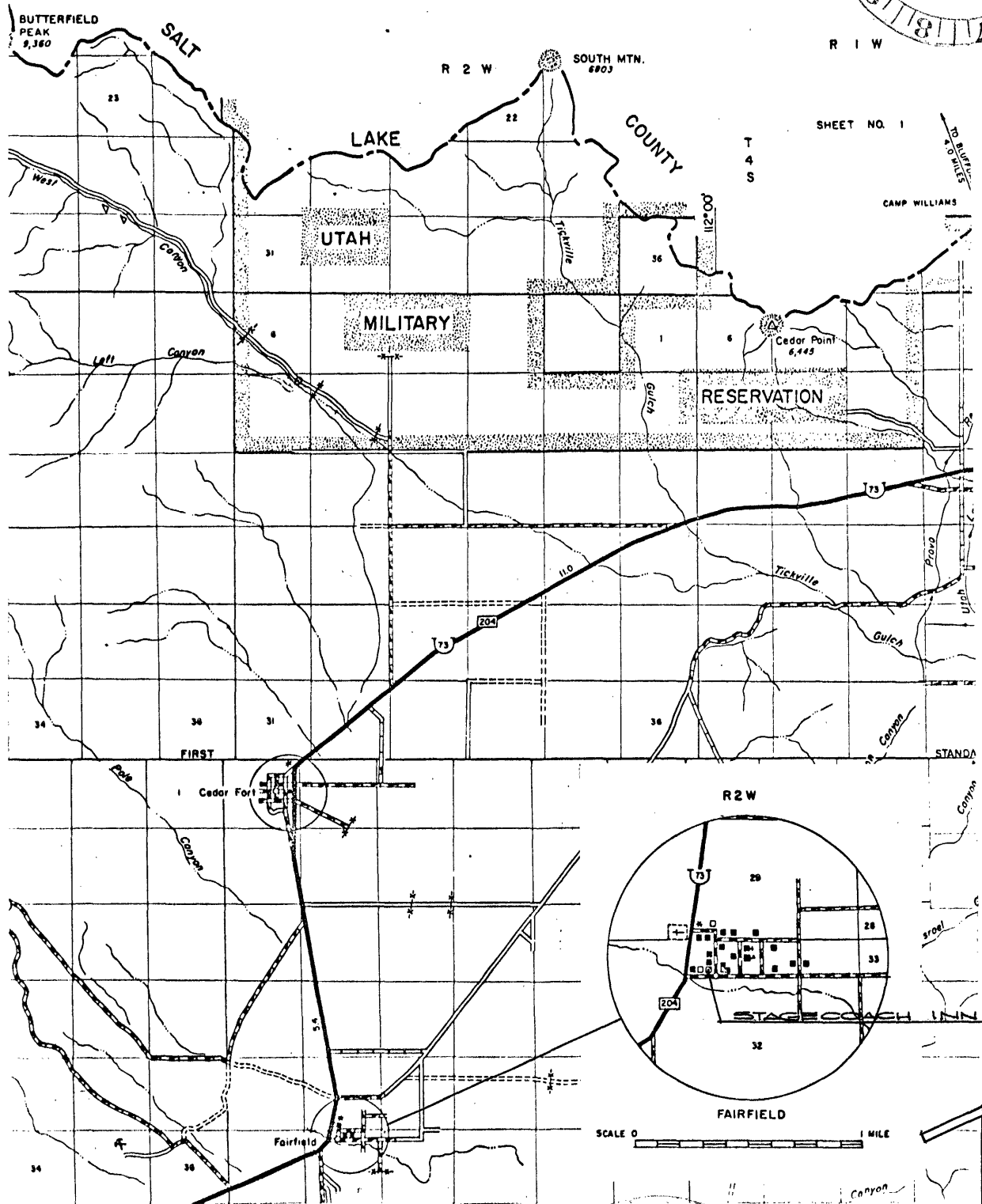
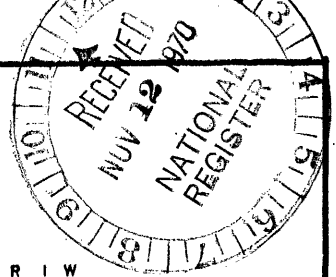


STAGECOACH INN

MAIN STREET
 FAIRFIELD, UTAH

LATITUDE : 40° - 15' - 41"
 LONGITUDE : 112° - 05' - 34"

DATE: MAY 1970
 SCALE: 1" = 40'



STAGECOACH INN
 MAIN STREET
 FAIRFIELD, UTAH
 LATITUDE : 40° - 15' - 41"
 LONGITUDE : 112° - 5' - 34"
 UTAH COUNTY HIGHWAY MAP

DATE : MAY 1970
 SCALE : 1" = 2 MILES