

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic John E. Booth House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 59 West 500 North St. not for publication

city, town Provo vicinity of congressional district 01

state Utah code 049 county Utah code 049

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
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| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name Dr. D. Creed Brimhall

street & number 885 North 1260 East

city, town Provo vicinity of state Utah 84601

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Utah County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Provo state Utah

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Utah Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Summer 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Utah State Historical Society

city, town Salt Lake City state Utah

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The plan of this two and one half story brick house derives from the vernacular L-plan and has a T extension in the rear. A hip roof and a gable roof section intersect to form the L. The extension has a hip roof. From each end of the hip roof are gable projections with pent roofs like the pent roof of the gable on the facade. Two tall chimneys with elaborate corbelling project from the hip roof section.

Divisions between stories are subtly emphasized. Pairs of stringcourses divide the basement, first, second and third stories from one another. The division between the basement and first floor is further emphasized by color differentiation in the brick. The red brick of the basement was left unpainted, whereas the brick and mortar joints of the rest of the house except that on the T extension, have been painted various shades of brown and tan to create a variegated effect. The division between the second and third floors has, in addition to the stringcourses, a line of obliquely set bricks that runs beneath the stringcourses at the height of the second story lintels.

The fenestration of the facade is simple and carefully balanced. On the east half, the gable end, a simple Palladian window is centered on the top half story and a broad single sash window with a stained glass transom and stone lintel and lugsill is centered on each of the two lower stories. A single story square hip roof brick entrance chamber fills the angle of intersection of the hip and gable roof sections. Above it is a simple double hung sash window. On each story of the west half of the hip roof section is centered a single window similar to those on the gable end. Windows on the east, west and south sides of the building are long, narrow, have jigsaw cut detailing in the decorative arch above them, and are topped with a segmented relieving arch.

Classical detailing includes: a boxed cornice on the main roofline and on that of the brick entry which is completely supported by brackets except on the T addition; the pediment over the entrance supported by a Classical pier and pilaster which has a fan type of decoration on the tympanum; and dentils which line the lower edge of the transom of each single sash window.

Major alterations include a change in the size of the opening of a window on the east wall and the addition of two frame extensions to the east and west sides of the T extension. Both changes were made within the historic period and do not detract from the original integrity of the building. The interior of the building has been divided into apartments.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1900 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The John E. Booth house, ^{built in 1900,} is significant as the only example of a two and one half story Victorian Builder house in Provo. While its plan is clearly derived from the vernacular T-plan, its scale and detailing mark it as a significant representative of a transitional Victorian type. The Booth house is an isolated and distinguished example of a house type that was more common in other parts of the state. It is also one of the best of few remaining examples in Provo of a house whose bricks were individually painted to create a varigated effect.

John E. Booth was one of the most prominent turn-of-the-century Provoans. He was prominent in the educational, legal, political, business, and ecclesiastical affairs of Provo and Utah.

This house was built in 1900 for John E. Booth. Booth was born in England in 1847 and came to Utah with his L.D.S. convert parents in 1857. He received his earliest education in England and later attended schools in Utah. He intermittently attended the University of Deseret while teaching in different towns in Utah. In the early 1870s he went to Provo where he taught at Brigham Young Academy and studied law in the office of John B. Milner.

Booth was admitted to the Utah bar in 1875. The same year he was made Provo City Attorney and entered into practice with George M. Brown, another prominent attorney in pioneer Provo. From 1899 to 1913 Booth served as a district judge.

John E. Booth was active in politics. He served as city alderman, then in 1882 was elected a member of the Utah Territorial Assembly. From 1890 to 1891 he served in the Utah Territorial Senate. He was elected mayor of Provo in 1891 and served one term in that position. In 1891-92 and again 1894-96 Booth served as president of the Provo City School Board.

Booth was also prominent in Provo business circles. He was president of the Utah Valley Iron Mining and Manufacturing Company and served as a director of several Provo businesses and banks.

John E. Booth was a practicing Mormon and held important offices in his church. He served as bishop of the Provo Fourth Ward for over twenty years. He was for a time a polygamist, having married in 1873 and again in 1876, but both wives died in the early 1880s, leaving Booth wifeless. He married again in 1887, but Mormon polygamy was by this time in its death throes and he did not enter "the principle" again. In his autobiography, Booth expressed disappointment that he was not able to ~~show~~ his faith by suffering deprivation of legal rights as many of his fellow Mormons did because of their marital status. Booth would not have been able to serve in the political fuctions he did, however, had he been a polygamist throughout the 1880s.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property Less than one
 Quadrangle name Provo

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

E 1/2 of Lot 5, Block 111, Plat A.

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

| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

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 organization Utah State Historical Society date Summer 1980
 street & number 300 Rio Grande telephone 801-533-6017
 city or town Salt Lake City state Utah

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 December 15, 1981

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| For HCRS use only | |
| I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register | |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | date <u>2/11/82</u> |
| Keeper of the National Register | |
| Attest: | date |
| Chief of Registration | |

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When John E. Booth died in 1920, his widow obtained the house. She sold it to her daughter and son-in-law, Elsie and Isaac E. Brockbank in 1923, and apparently remained in the house. Isaac Brockbank was also a prominent Provo attorney, and his residence in the house adds to its historical significance. Elsie Booth Brockbank resided in the house until recently and the house is still in the hands of the nine daughters of the Brockbanks.

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