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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x' in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

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Name of Property	City, County and State
8. Description Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)	Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
	ARCHITECTURE
our history.	SOCIAL HISTORY
■ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics	OTHER: HOTELS & TOURISM
of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	COMMERCE
□ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.	Period of Significance 1884-1911
Criteria Considerations	
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)	Significant Dates
Property is:	1884
☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.	1890
☐ B removed from its original location.	Significant Persons (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A
C a birthplace or grave.	
D a cemetery.	Cultural Affiliation N/A
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	
☐ F a commemorative property.	Architect/Builder Unknown
☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.	
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) 9. Major Bibliographical References Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation.)	☑See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8
Previous documentation on file (NPS):	Primary location of additional data:
 □ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested □ previously listed in the National Register □ previously determined eligible by the National Register □ designated a National Historic Landmark □ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # □ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # 	State Historic Preservation Office Other State agency Federal agency Local government University Other Name of repository: See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of Property 1.60 acres	
UTM References (Place additional boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)	
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3 / Zone Easting Northing	4 / Zone Easting Northing
Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.) All of Lot 1, Block 16 Plat A of the Kanab Townsite Survey.	
Property Tax No. K 16 - 1	
Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.) The boundaries are those currently and historically associated w	ith the property.
11. Form Prepared By	☐See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10
name/title Korral Broschinsky / Consultant, Preservation-Doct	umentation Resource
organization Kanab Heritage Council	date January 19, 2001
street & numberP.O. Box 58766	telephone (801) 581-1497
city or town Salt Lake City	state_UT zip code_84158
Additional Documentation Submit the following items with the completed form:	
Continuation Sheets Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the properties A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having Photographs: Representative black and white photographs of Additional items: (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)	large acreage or numerous resources. f the property.
Property Owner name/titleArt and Alice Brown	
street & number 5157 Shore Drive	telephone (760) 438-3881
city or town Carlsbad	state <u>CA</u> zip code <u>92008</u>
Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for approperties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to an appropriate the Notice Historic Properties.	nend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a

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benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

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Narrative Description

The William Derby Johnson, Jr., House, built in 1884-1885, is a one-and-one-half story frame crosswing house connected to a two-story frame Italianate box. The house is located at 54 South Main Street in the historic portion of Kanab, Utah. The house is balloon frame construction covered with drop siding. The foundation is rock-faced sandstone. The roof is combination of intersecting gables and a pyramidal portion, and is covered in wood shingles (1989). After years of disrepair, a major exterior rehabilitation of the house, ongoing since 1989, has restored much of the home's historic integrity. Most of the interior has also been rehabilitated in the past decade.

Construction on the house may have begun as early as 1880, but it was completed in 1884-1885. The combination of the cross wing and the box is unusual and was probably a local builder's adaptation of the needed multi-family dwelling. The unity of materials, style, and workmanship suggests the cross wing and the box were built at nearly the same time. The current owners have found square-head nails in the two-story section and believe it may have been built first; however, it was probably never intended to stand alone. The small addition in the northwest corner appears to be somewhat later and may have been built around 1890 when the house was converted to a hotel. The east, north, and southwest porches were repaired during the recent rehabilitation. A sleeping porch (enclosed probably in the late 1920s) built at the southwest corner was removed. Only fragments of the west elevation porch-balcony and the east balcony remained. These porches were rebuilt to match older photographs and existing pieces. The foundation has been repaired and repointed, and the corbelled brick chimneys have also been repaired. The house has many of its original doors (including the French doors on the south elevation) and windows, although many were missing or in poor condition and have been replaced. The windows are all double-hung wood with flat hoods, and small brackets under the sills. The exterior walls are covered with the original wood drop siding. The cream, mustard and maroon colors on the exterior replicate original colors.

The interior includes fourteen rooms on two floors. The main floor is divided into two cross wings, and the box. The wing facing east is the living room with an original mantel. The open staircase was constructed in the early 1990s. The original staircase (a closed, narrow stair) was to the south in a space now used as a hall. The wing facing north is a long dining room with a small built-in cabinet in one corner. The kitchen is at the west end. The kitchen space was original divided into a bathroom and kitchen. The partition was removed and a new kitchen built in the 1990s. The small addition in the northwest corner is now used as a pantry. The main floor of the south wing (box) is divided into a parlor with mantel and a bathroom suite. A second kitchen in the southwest corner (built date unknown) was removed. With the exception of the living room, the main floor has all new finishes, paint and wallpaper. On the second floor the four bedrooms and hall in the box-wing have been restored, with one turned into another bathroom. Attic space above the cross wings has been partially finished. The basement is excavated underneath the living room only. It is unfinished and entered via an exterior stair on the north elevation.

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The Johnson House is one of the few homes in Kanab to still have its original lot (1.60 acres). There is a dilapidated coop and small shed in the northwest corner of the property. Remnants of a barn, coop, and orchard are in the southwest corner. Fencing includes chain link along the west and north property lines, barbed wire on the north and east, and a post and wire fence in front of the house. There are mature trees around the house, and lawn in front. Part of the old irrigation ditch is still visible along the east property line. The neighborhood contains a number of late-nineteenth century pioneer homes in good condition. Overall the house is in excellent condition and the property is in good condition, and both are contributing to the historic resources of Kanab, Utah.

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The William Derby Johnson, Jr., House, built in 1884-1885, is a one-and-one-half story frame crosswing house connected to a two-story frame Italianate box. The house is significant under Criterion A for its association with the history and development of Kanab, Utah. William Derby Johnson, Jr., and his family were among the first group of pioneers to build a permanent settlement in Kanab. Subsequent owners used the large house as a hotel during Kanab's period of budding tourism. The house is also significant under Criterion C for its architecture. An unusual mix of the Victorian and the Italianate, the original craftsmanship of the unknown local builder is exceptional. Moreover, the house saw almost no alterations during the twentieth century. A recent and ongoing rehabilitation of the house, began in 1989, has restored many of its original features lost to disrepair and neglect. The Johnson house is eligible under the Multiple Property Submission, *Historic and Architectural Resources of Kanab, Utah*, with significance in the following historical contexts: "Early Settlement Period, 1858–1883," "Community Building, Farming, and Ranching Period, 1884–1909," "Twentieth-Century Community Development and the Beginning of a Tourist Industry, 1910–1921," and "Little Hollywood,' the Expansion of Tourism and Other Industries, 1922–1950." The house is in excellent condition and is a contributing historic resource of Kanab.

HISTORY OF THE WILLIAM DERBY JOHNSON, JR., HOUSE:

In June of 1870, a small company of pioneers from the Salt Lake Valley arrived in Kanab, and began to repair and rebuild the fort that had been abandoned a few years earlier by Mormon explorers driven from the area by Indian hostilities and other hardships. By September 1870, the first permanent settlement was established. That month a one-mile-square town site was surveyed. One block in the center of town was set aside for public use and the rest of the blocks were divided into four one-acre lots. Farmland to the south and west of the town site was provided and a number of communal projects (irrigation ditches, fencing, and a school house) were commenced. During the early 1870s, the Kanab fort was a focal point for local pioneering, missionary work, and exploration, as well as a trading post and the base of operations for the federal geological survey. The fort consisted of a stone building (used for school and other meetings) and several pine log cabins within a cedar post stockade. The fort was never intended to be permanently inhabited and settlers were anxious to build more substantial structures. Within a few years the settlers moved log cabins onto the town lots, and built new homes of wood, adobe, and brick. William Derby Johnson, Jr., acquired a land certificate for his lot in 1873, but probably did not begin to build his large frame home until 1880.

William Derby Johnson, Jr., was born in Kanesville, lowa on May 2, 1850, the first of twelve children born to William Derby and Jane Cadwallader Brown Johnson. In 1861, his family crossed the plains

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to Utah. At the age of sixteen, he served in the Black Hawk War in 1866. He married his first wife, Lucy (Lulu) Annie Salisbury (1850-1885) in 1869, and in 1870 was called to teach school in Saint George. Later that year he was sent to settle Johnson in Kane County with his brothers. Life in the Johnson settlement was difficult and William and his family moved into the Kanab fort around 1872. William Johnson was a surveyor and taught school in Kanab until he was made the Bishop of the Kanab Ward in 1877. That year he took a second wife, Lucy Elizabeth Brown (1859-1952).

Two years later he married Charlesetta (Yetta) Prescott Cram (1861-1917), and in 1884, married Mary Agnes Riggs (1863-1954). Johnson may have began building the house earlier, but probably completed the bulk of it in 1884. In his biography he states, "February 22, 1885, Apostle Erastus Snow sent word for me to leave home and go to Mexico on account of Polygamy [sic]. I was building a two-story house with 14 rooms in it and had it almost finished." By 1885, William Johnson had four wives (each with a separate apartment) and nine children living in the house. Lulu died in the home in 1885, the day after a federal marshal came to the house to subpoena members of Johnson family to testify against William Derby Johnson. He sold the house for a mere \$150 to George Neagle in 1887. Between 1885 and 1887, Johnson moved Lucy, Yetta, Mary, and their families down to a Mormon colony in Chihuahua, Mexico, where he became a doctor and added another twenty-two children to his posterity. William Derby Johnson Jr. died on October 17, 1923, in Tucson, Arizona.

George Conrad Naegle (1860-1935) bought the home soon after his moved to Kanab in 1886. His first wife Sabra Higbee Naegle (1857-1917) and second wife, Anna Fauth (1865-1893), probably lived in the home. In 1889, George Naegle moved his family to Sonora, Mexico. The house and property was sold to Alfred D. Young on June 6, 1889. Alfred Douglas Young was born in Kanab on December 2, 1853, the son of Alfred Young, the town's first cooper, and Jane Sanford Young. Alfred married Ada Little on November 29, 1875. Ada was born in Salt Lake City on May 26, 1860, the daughter of James A. and Mary Jane Little. Alfred and Ada had thirteen children. According to local history, Alfred Young converted the Johnson house into a hotel, the first in Kanab. It is unclear when the conversion took place. Alfred is listed as a hotel keeper in the 1900 census and in a 1900 Utah gazetteer. In April of 1901, Young sold the hotel to Thomas F. Cole and moved to Weber County. Alfred Young died in Ogden on September 3, 1910, and Ada Little Young died in Ogden on February 5, 1924.

There is almost no information available about Thomas Cole. The hotel was named the Cole Hotel and was in business until 1911, when Thomas and his wife Elsey sold the property to George Hicks. The Coles did not live in Kanab, and though there are several Thomas Coles in Utah and Arizona, it is not certain which one was the owner of the hotel. During the years the Cole Hotel operated in

¹ Quoted in Romance of a Church Farmhouse, by Adonis Findlay Robinson (N.p.: Utah Printing Co., 1972), 13.

² Elsa Chamberlain Carroll, ed., *History of Kane County,* Kane County Daughters of Utah Pioneers, (Salt Lake City, Utah: Utah Printing Company, 1960), 162.

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Kanab, a woman named Eleanor McAllister ran it.³ Eleanor McAllister was born Eleanor Jackson Adams on August 3, 1853, in the Sugarhouse area of Salt Lake City. On October 3, 1868, she married William James Frazier McAllister (1845-1943). The family lived in Saint George and moved to Kanab around 1878. Eleanor McAllister had nine children, and though most were grown at least two of them probably lived with her in the hotel. She was known as an excellent cook and hostess. In addition to running the hotel, she was also a milliner, seamstress, and owned an ice cream parlor. She died in Kanab on July 25, 1920. The Cole Hotel was apparently a successful establishment and hosted many notable and dignitaries, including author Zane Grey, who is reputed to have stayed in the southeast second floor bedroom while writing his novel, *Riders of the Purple Sage*.

The hotel was sold to George W. Hicks on February 23, 1920, and the Hicks family returned the building for use as a residence. George William Hicks was the son of George A. and Elizabeth Temperance Jolly Hicks. He was born on May 13, 1854. His wife, Mary Elizabeth Hoyt, was born on May 15, 1862, in Parowan, Utah. Her parents were Silas and Harriett Ingram Hoyt. George and Mary were married in Orderville, Utah on December 9, 1878. They lived in Orderville for many years and had ten children. George Hicks was a farmer and cattleman. The family moved to Kanab in 1911. They are listed on the 1920 census with five of their children. George William Hicks died on May 27, 1922, and the house was deeded to Mary two months later. Mary E. Hicks died on December 26, 1927. Their son Silas Hicks continued to live in the house and the property was deeded to him on August 3, 1934. Silas was born on May 10, 1892, and served in the United States Army during World War I. He made his living as a farmer, rancher, and as an extra in movies. Silas Hicks never married and used only the west portion of the house for his living quarters. The second kitchen was added and a portion of the home used as an apartment, probably in the 1950s. In 1986, he moved to a retirement home in Ogden, Utah, and the home was left vacant. He died in Ogden on January 16, 1989, and was buried in Kanab.

The current owners, Art and Alice Brown, bought the home from the Silas Hicks estate in October 1989. Since that time they have devoted much of their time stabilizing and rehabilitating the home, and restoring many of his historic features and finishes. The Browns live in Carlsbad, California most of the year, but spend weeks at a time in Kanab working on the house. The exterior rehabilitation is complete, and the interior restoration should be finished in the next couple of years.

ARCHITECTURE:

A conglomerate of type and style, the Johnson house represents the eclectic use of the picturesque movement in rural Utah architecture. The house has modestly classical window heads, and an Italianate feel to the box, although without the distinctive brackets. The unusual Johnson House can

³ Local and family histories state that Eleanor McAllister was the owner of the property after Thomas Cole, however her name does not appear in the title abstract. She is listed as a hotel keeper and renter on the 1910 census. The name Hotel McAllister appears in a 1914-1915 Utah gazetteer, but this is probably her own establishment, which was located north of Center.

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be classified as a single-family dwelling, but was built to house the separate families of William Johnson's four wives. The arrangement was ideally suited to a separation of public and private spaces during the period the building was used as a hotel. The main floor had large rooms that could be used for dining and lounging. Guests had private apartments on the second floor (with balconies access) and a separate entrance. The Johnson House is significant not only for its distinction within the housing stock of Kanab, but also for its preservation. The house had little or no alterations during the twentieth century, and in fact had no modern heating until the 1990s. The construction method consisted of a balloon frame (of what appear to be hewn studs), covered with drop siding on the exterior, and lathe and plaster on the interior. With the exception of the staircase, the interior arrangement remains essentially the same. Although there was some serious deterioration by the 1980s, the recent rehabilitation has stabilized the structure and reversed the neglect. The architect builder is not known, but probably William Derby Johnson, Jr., himself was responsible for the design.

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Common Information:

- 1. Johnson, William Derby, Jr., House
- 2. Kanab, Salt Lake County, Utah
- 3. Photographer: Korral Broschinsky
- 4. Date: May 2000
- 5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

Photo No. 1:

East and north elevations of house. Camera facing southwest.

Photo No. 2:

6. East elevation of house, balcony detail. Camera facing northwest.

Photo No. 3:

South elevation. Camera facing north.

Photo No. 4:

South and west elevations. Camera facing northeast.

Photo No. 5.

West elevation of house. Camera facing east.

Photo No. 6:

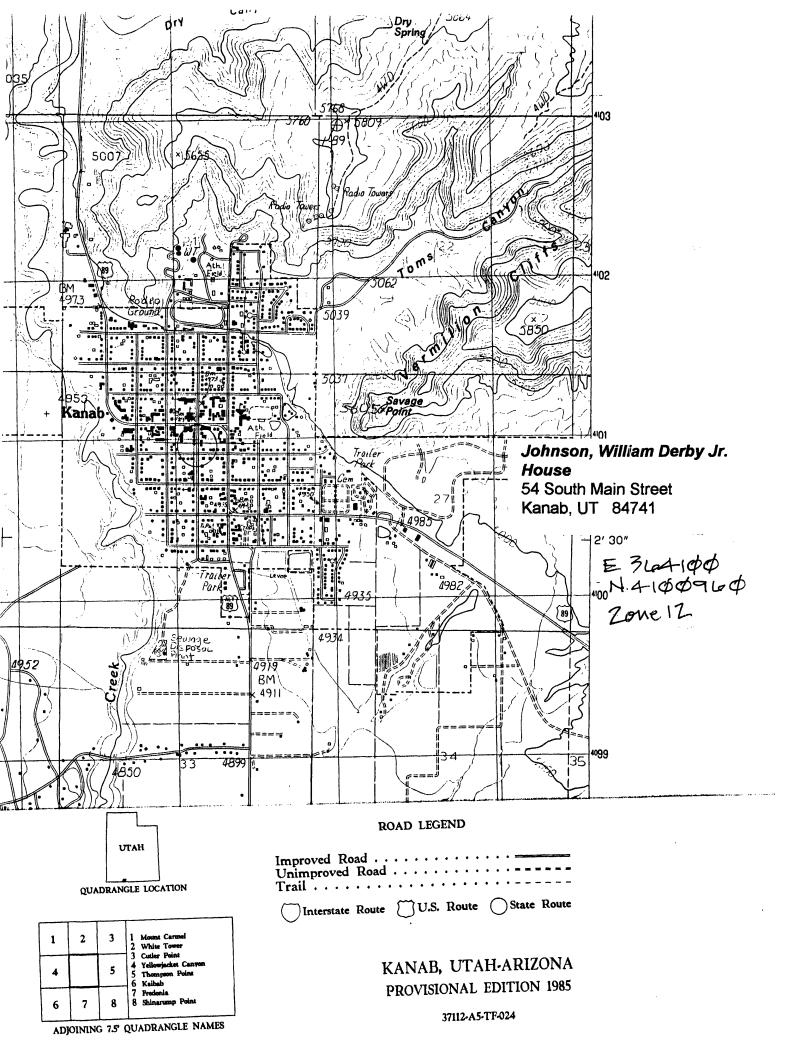
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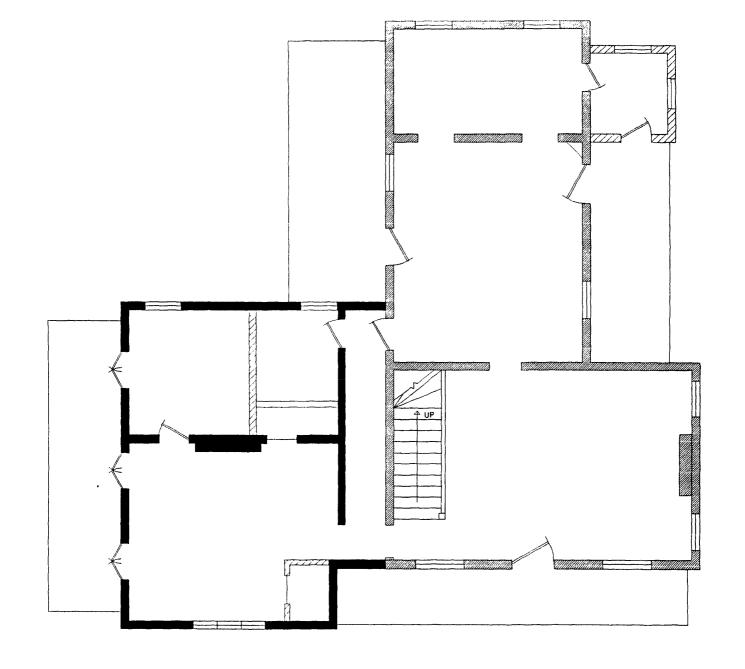
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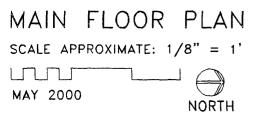
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6. Interior, dining room. Camera facing northwest.





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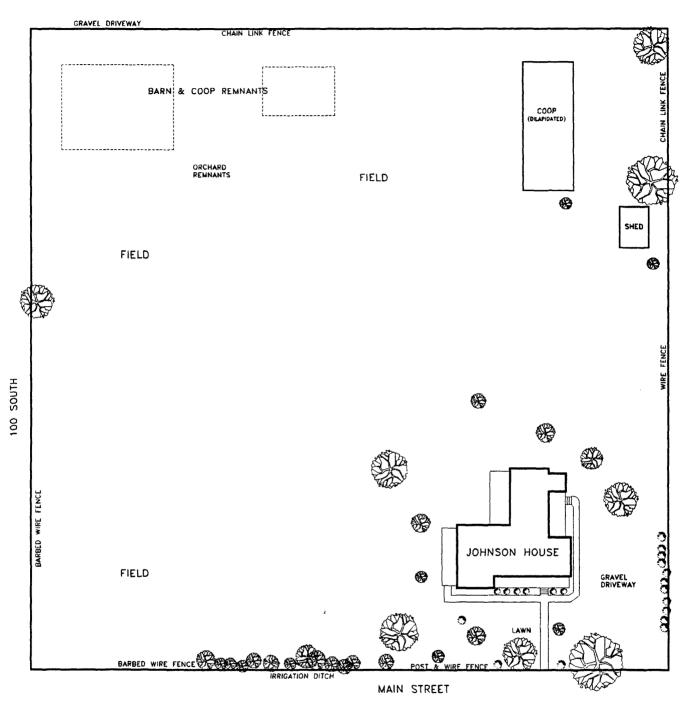
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1884-1885 PHASE I

1884-1885 PHASE 2

circa 1900-1920s

circa 1990s



JOHNSON, WILLIAM DERBY, JR., HOUSE 54 SOUTH MAIN STREET KANAB, UTAH

SITE PLAN, MAY 2000
SCALE APPROXIMATE: 1" = 40"
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