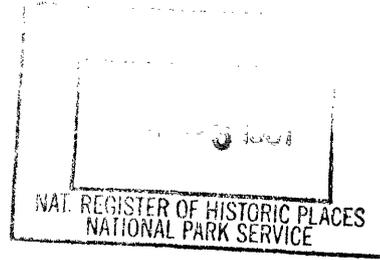


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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places 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.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Walton, Franklin and Amelia, House

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number 96 West 280 South N/A not for publication

city or town Centerville N/A vicinity

state Utah code UT county Davis code 011 zip code 84014

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 9/15/97  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Utah Division of State History, Office of Historic Preservation  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

[Signature] 11/17/97  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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### 5. Classification

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Resources of Centerville

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

### 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 7. Description

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
CENTURY AMERICAN  
MOVEMENTS: Prairie School,  
Bungalow/Craftsman  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE  
walls BRICK and STUCCO  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof ASPHALT  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Narrative Description

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

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

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## Narrative Description

Built in 1916 this Prairie Schoolhouse bungalow is located on a lot that is fully landscaped with trees, shrubs, and lawn. A large maple tree on the west side of the lot, and a large chestnut on the east side are both about 60 years old. The only other building on the property is a garage, built in 1996. The house retains its original design and materials and contributes to the historic qualities of Centerville.<sup>1</sup>

The home has a concrete foundation and the exterior walls are constructed of brick, two wythes thick, laid in a stretcher course pattern with raked joints. Half way up the exterior walls a project brick course separates the brick coursing from a stucco finish. At the top of the walls there is cove molding which runs the perimeter of the home.

There is a large front porch with two battered columns, and a lower porch, two steps down from the main porch, on the west side. Three sets of multi-light oak French doors open from the porch into the living room. Wood casement Prairie School style windows are used throughout the house.<sup>2</sup> The eaves are plastered and the fascia is trimmed in wood with a molding at the roof line. The hip roof is currently covered with aluminum shingles. There are two chimneys, one for the fireplace which is centrally located in the home, and the other for the boiler.

There are 1500 sq. ft. on the main floor 350 sq. ft. in the basement. The six french doors open in to the living room and dining room, both have an oak floor with gumwood trim: baseboards, casings, doors, window sills, and fireplace mantle. The kitchen cabinets<sup>3</sup> are constructed of pine with a tile countertop. It also contains a built in china hutch and flour bin.<sup>4</sup> The kitchen was designed for a coal burning stove but was never used because the home was fitted with one of the first electric stoves in Centerville.<sup>5</sup> The kitchen floor has a ceramic tile floor. A breakfast nook on the east side has windows on two sides.

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<sup>1</sup> In recognition of the Walton family, Centerville City has plans to name 280 South - Walton Lane.

<sup>2</sup> There are 32 windows, 28 of them measure 22"x49 1/2".

<sup>3</sup> The upper cabinets have opaque glass in the doors.

<sup>4</sup> Originally the home had a large box that was used to cool food. The cold water pipe ran through a series of loops forming shelves. When the cold was turned on the water would first run through these pipes helping to cool the food.

<sup>5</sup> The wood box refrigerator was removed and a modern refrigerator installed in the 1940s.

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There are three bedrooms and one bathroom on the main floor.<sup>6</sup> The walls and ceiling are finished with lath and plaster. The living room and hallway have exposed hardwood floors. The basement has two rooms, a bedroom<sup>7</sup> which was the old coal room, and the boiler room.

There have been very few alterations to the home. In the living room there were two built-in book cases, one on each side of the fireplace, which were removed in the 1940s. One of these bookcases was installed at the end of the hallway. The hot water boiler and radiators were converted to natural gas. The pantry was modified to allow for a washer and dryer in 1973.<sup>8</sup> No walls have been moved and no additions have been made.

The 1970s covering the cornice and soffits with aluminum siding was reversed in 1993 when the exterior of the home was restored. The soffits were re-plastered, the cornice was repaired and repainted, the windows were re-glazed, the spalling brick was repaired and repainted, the front oak doors were refinished, and the front concrete stairs were replaced. The home looks much like it did in 1916 and retains most of its original fabric, and is an excellent example of a Prairie School bungalow.

The interior has also undergone some restoration. Refinishing of woodwork, walls and ceiling. The door hardware has also been restored. A skeleton key is still used on the front door. The light fixtures were replaced in 1993-1995. Also the plumbing fixtures were replaced.

The original garage, built in 1923, was replaced in 1996 with a new one.

\_\_ See continuation sheet

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<sup>6</sup> All interior walls are constructed of 2 x 4's except for the bearing wall separating the kitchen and hallway from the living room, it is a 2 x 6 wall.

<sup>7</sup> There is still a coal chute in the bedroom.

<sup>8</sup> This was the first time a washer and dryer were in the home according to family histories.

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### 8. Statement of Significance

#### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" on one or more lines for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics 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.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

#### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" on all that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- 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.)

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

#### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

#### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

SOCIAL HISTORY

#### Period of Significance

1916-40s

#### Significant Dates

1916

#### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

#### Cultural Affiliation

N/A

#### Architect/Builder

Unknown

Name of repository:  
\_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

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## Narrative Statement of Significance

The Franklin and Amelia Walton House, built in 1916, is significant both historically and architecturally. Historically it represents an important period of development in Centerville, helping to describe the period when the city was being developed, civic organizations were growing, and the economy was more diversified. The Waltons participated in LDS church activities and served the community. Their connection to the Porter-Walton Seed Co., a successful business and a primary economic concern in Centerville, is important through the 1940s. The house is also architecturally significant as one of the best remaining examples of a Prairie School style bungalow in Centerville.<sup>9</sup> The Walton house retains its original materials and design, illustrates the level of craftsmanship available during the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in Centerville, and contributes to the historic qualities of the area. It is being nominated as part of the Multiple Property Submission, Historic Resources of Centerville.

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## HISTORY OF CENTERVILLE:

The first Mormon exploration of Davis County began in August 1847 when the area was determined to be ideal for stock raising and farming. In the autumn of 1849 the area was surveyed and the town was named Centerville, as the location was roughly half way between Farmington and Bountiful. The center of town was laid out in a pattern loosely based on Plat of the City of Zion with a grid pattern of 20 blocks and outlying farmsteads as well as outlying fields.

The LDS Church was the organizing force behind Centerville's settlement and growth. By 1852 the first Centerville ward (parish) of the LDS Church was organized. In 1868 grasshoppers destroyed most of the farmers' crops and many went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad (UPR). Several lines were built between Ogden and Salt Lake City, with the Bamberger Line becoming the principle means of transportation for produce as well as passengers between Salt Lake City and Ogden.

City improvements and services began to appear in the 1910s. Transportation and water systems were being developed to better meet the needs of the residents. Electricity was introduced and street lamps were installed. Problems associated with city living were typical. Other problems, associated with agriculture, were not as typical. In 1923 and 1930 canyon floods caused a great deal of damage. After determining that grazing on the mountain side was the cause, cattle and sheep were prohibited from grazing in the foothills.

The city continued to grow and city parks were built, trees were planted, and streets were cleaned on a regular basis. Civic pride was a constant in the development of Centerville. Organizations were formed that helped the city prosper. Although Centerville was located between Bountiful and

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<sup>9</sup> According to 1994 Reconnaissance Level Survey, there are 12 remaining Prairie School style bungalows in Centerville. On file at the Utah State Historic Preservation Office.

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Farmington, the town managed to remain independent and maintain its own identity, displaying a strong sense of civic pride. The city of Centerville was developed around a religious core--ideally and physically--the LDS Church. Many descendants of the early settlers continue to live in Centerville and the sense of family and community remains a constant.

### ARCHITECTURE:

The architecture of this period in Centerville reflects that of growing cities throughout America. Towards the turn of the century, homes reflected the styles that were popular and spread throughout the national via pattern books, such as Victorian Eclectic. Arts and Crafts and Prairie School style bungalows appeared in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Bungalow house used various characteristics which lacked the three dimensional busy ornamentation of the Victorian period. The Bungalow was absorbed into Utah's building tradition during a period of economic prosperity and was intended to be a comfortable looking low-profile house to communicate a sense of shelter. It became everyone's house, replacing the Victorian house of the 1880-90s. The Prairie Style, started by Frank Lloyd Wright and Midwest associates, was popular during the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and emphasized horizontality. Often built of masonry and stucco, these were low, ground-hugging homes with hipped roofs and wide overhanging eaves, large front porches, and often incorporated horizontal banding and casement windows with geometric patterns. The Prairie School style was particularly popular in Utah during 1905-25, a period of rapid growth along the Wasatch front.

### WALTON HISTORY:

Built in 1916, this Prairie School style bungalow was designed by Franklin Edward and Amelia Porter Walton. Amelia wrote in 1963:

We were now making plans for a new home to be built just a block east of the green houses. We had a very good architect, but he used the floor plan Frank and I had worked out. We thought it was a lovely home then, today it is lovelier still, It has had a lot of living, happy wholesome living, and now it is full of memories, glad ones, sad ones, but all dear and sweet ones. Thank heavens there are no bitter ones.<sup>10</sup>

The Waltons moved into their new home on July 16, 1916. The home cost \$6000, including furnishings.

Franklin was born on November 6, 1881, the son of Frederick and Elizabeth Garwood Walton who had settled in Centerville in 1852. Franklin worked in the gardening and nursery business at Porter Walton Seed Co., founded by his and Amelia's brothers. For many years the nursery was Centerville's largest employer. Frank helped run the retail store as well as general greenhouse operations. He started as a

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<sup>10</sup> Walton, Amelia. Unpublished manuscript, autobiography, 1963.

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manager in 1907 and retired as Vice President in 1953. Frank was a member of the Salt Lake Garden Club and Utah Association of Nurseryman. On October 28, 1908, he and Amelia Porter were married.

Amelia was born on January 25, 1883, the daughter of Nathan Tanner and Eliza Ford Porter.<sup>11</sup> The Porter family settled in Centerville in 1848. Amelia was educated in Centerville and graduated from the U of U in 1904. She taught school in Tooele and Farmington during 1904-08 and served on numerous school and civic boards. She served as chair of the Centerville Civic Committee when they transferred the Centerville Cemetery from ecclesiastical to civic ownership, there by obtaining government and municipal aid to beautify the cemetery. Amelia was a member of Daughters of Utah Pioneers and served in leadership positions as an officer in the local camp. She served two terms as President of the Centerville school Parent Teacher Association and was instrumental in getting government aid to clear the school grounds adjacent properties of the huge boulders brought down by the flood of 1930.

The Waltons had four children--Elizabeth, who died at age 5 of typhoid fever on May 15, 1918; Franklin Edward Jr., Dwight Ford, and Richard Porter. All three sons are still living (1997) and both Dwight and Richard were born in the home. The Waltons owned and occupied the home for 57 years. Amelia Porter Walton passed away at the age of 90 on March 8, 1973. Franklin died on April 24, 1955.

The home was sold to Larell and Pearl Behunion July 7th 1973. Larell was a truck driver and was on the road most of the time. Pearl loved antiques and decorated the home in a country setting. They had one son, Ryan.

On April 30, 1993 the home was purchased by Mark and Kathy Reed, and though the house maintained most of its original features, it was in need of restoration, which began at that time. The Reeds decided to restore the home as closely as possible to its original appearance and it is now about 75% complete. The Reeds have four children--Jason Mark born in 1978, Kyle John born in 1981, Travis William born in 1983, and Megan Kathleen born in 1986.

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet

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The Nathan, Rebecca, and Eliza Porter Farmstead is also being nominated as a part of the Multiple Property Submission. Amelia Porter was the 11<sup>th</sup> child of Nathan and Eliza (second wife) Porter. Her interest in designing architectural plans is noted in her unpublished biography written in 1963, suggesting she greatly influenced the design of this home.

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### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre

#### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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C 1 11111 111111 D 1 11111 111111

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Beginning at a point 5.744 chains East and 75.58 feet North of the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of section 18, Township 2 North, Range 1 East, Salt Lake Meridian, in the City of Centerville; and running thence East 100.0 feet; thence South 125.0 feet, more or less, to the North line of a street; thence West 100.0 feet along said street; thence North 125.0 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Property Tax No. 02-0980037

   See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

#### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those that were historically and continue to be associated with the building.

   See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mark Reed, Owner; USHPO Staff

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date March 1997

street & number 96 West 280 South telephone (801)

city or town Centerville state UT zip code 84

#### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and/or properties having large acreage or numerous resources.
- **Photographs:** Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.
- **Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

#### Property Owner

name Mark and Kathy Reed

street & number 96 West 280 South telephone (801)

city or town Centerville state UT zip code 84

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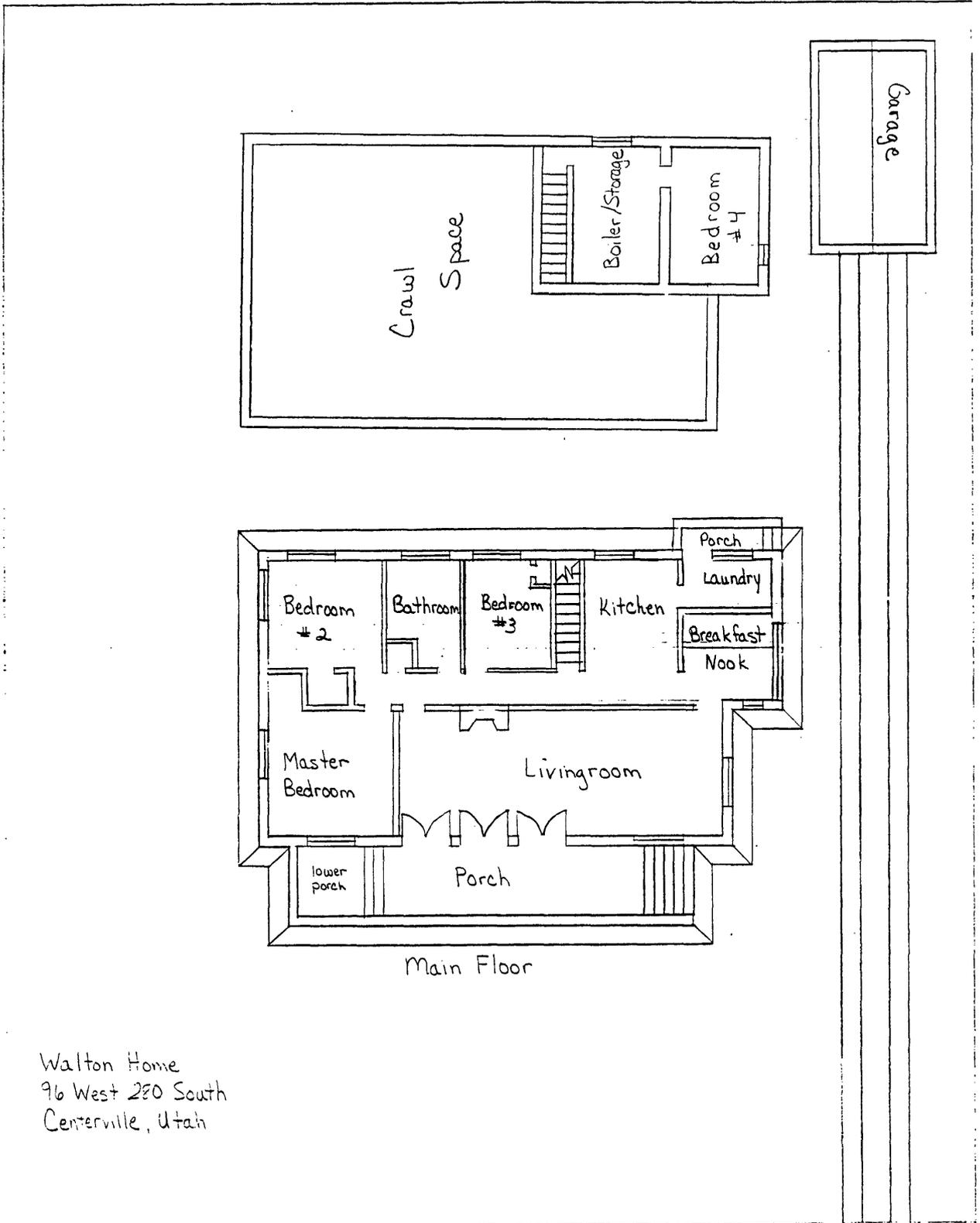
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**Photo No. 1:**

6. Southwest elevation of building. Camera facing northeast.

**Photo No. 2:**

6. Northeast elevation of building. Camera facing southwest.



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