

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Utah</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Cache</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
<b>FEB 23 1972</b>	

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Old Main, Utah State University**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**The College Building**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Utah State University Campus**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Logan**

STATE: **Utah**      CODE: **49**      COUNTY: **Cache**      CODE: **005**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**State of Utah**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Capitol Hill**

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

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**City and County Building**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**451 Washington Square**

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

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Utah Historic Sites Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1969**       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 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 original plan by C. L. Thompson was for a three-section buff colored brick and stone structure 270' x 100' with sections that could be readily erected independently of each other. The south wing was completed February, 1890. In 1892 the Board authorized the construction of the north wing and the east portion of the central section. The original plans of C. L. Thompson were re-drawn by Carl S. Schaub, a Logan architect. The new plans called for a building of 342' x 190'. The Thompson plans for the north and south wings were maintained, though Schaub modified the projected tower and greatly enlarged the central section of the building, which until then had been planned as little more than a glorified hall between the two wings. A completion date of 1894 was postponed by the panic of 1893. Finally in 1901 and 1902 the front 80' including the tower, was added to the structure.

In 1892 the catalog described the structure's many uses:

"It contains . . . recitation rooms . . . workshops, cooking, sewing, householding, dairying, laundering, engineering, agricultural and business departments . . . laboratory, museum, library and gymnasium rooms and a military drill hall of ample size. Its audience room or chapel will hold 1600. Three large rooms have been set aside for halls for the literary societies. Its rooms are light and pleasant to a rare degree and its halls wide and roomy, extending on each floor the entire length of the building. In the near future, large bath rooms will be put in for the accommodation of both sexes, where baths can be taken at pleasure."

Though the interior has been remodeled and some incongruous modernization done, Old Main retains enough of its original style to stand as the principal Utah example of the "Campus Gothic" of the late 19th century.

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input 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) **1889-1902**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Agricultural College of Utah was established by act of the 1888 Territorial Assembly. On March 26, 1889, the Board of Trustees met in Logan, accepted the offer of the campus site, and instructed the secretary of the Board "to advertise 'for plans for a \$20,000 building', plans to be delivered to the secretary before the 15th of April." On April 15, the Board met in Logan, accepting the plan of C. L. Thompson for a three-section structure. On May 18, 1889, the Board awarded the construction contract for the south wing to Sommer, Peterson and Company of Logan for a total cost of \$20,305. The south wing was completed and accepted by the trustees on February 22, 1890. The College was dedicated on September 4th and officially opened on September 5, 1890, with the south wing of Old Main as the only complete classroom facility. As it stands today, Old Main is the oldest continuously used building at an institution of higher education in the State of Utah. During its history, it has housed virtually every University department or office. It is the best example of the "Campus Gothic" of the last century.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Minutes, Board of Trustees, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, 1888-1903.  
 The Journal (Logan newspaper), the Journal Publishing Company, 1888-1903.  
 Joel E. Ricks, The Utah State Agricultural College, A History of 50 Years, 1888-1938, (Salt Lake City: Deseret News Press, 1938.)  
 Utah State University College Bulletin, 1890-1904.  
 Widsoe Papers, University Archives, Manuscript, 1907-1912.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3.75

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: Gary D. Forbush DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Utah Historical Society June 1971

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: Utah State Liaison Officer

Date: June 1971

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

Robert A. Connelly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

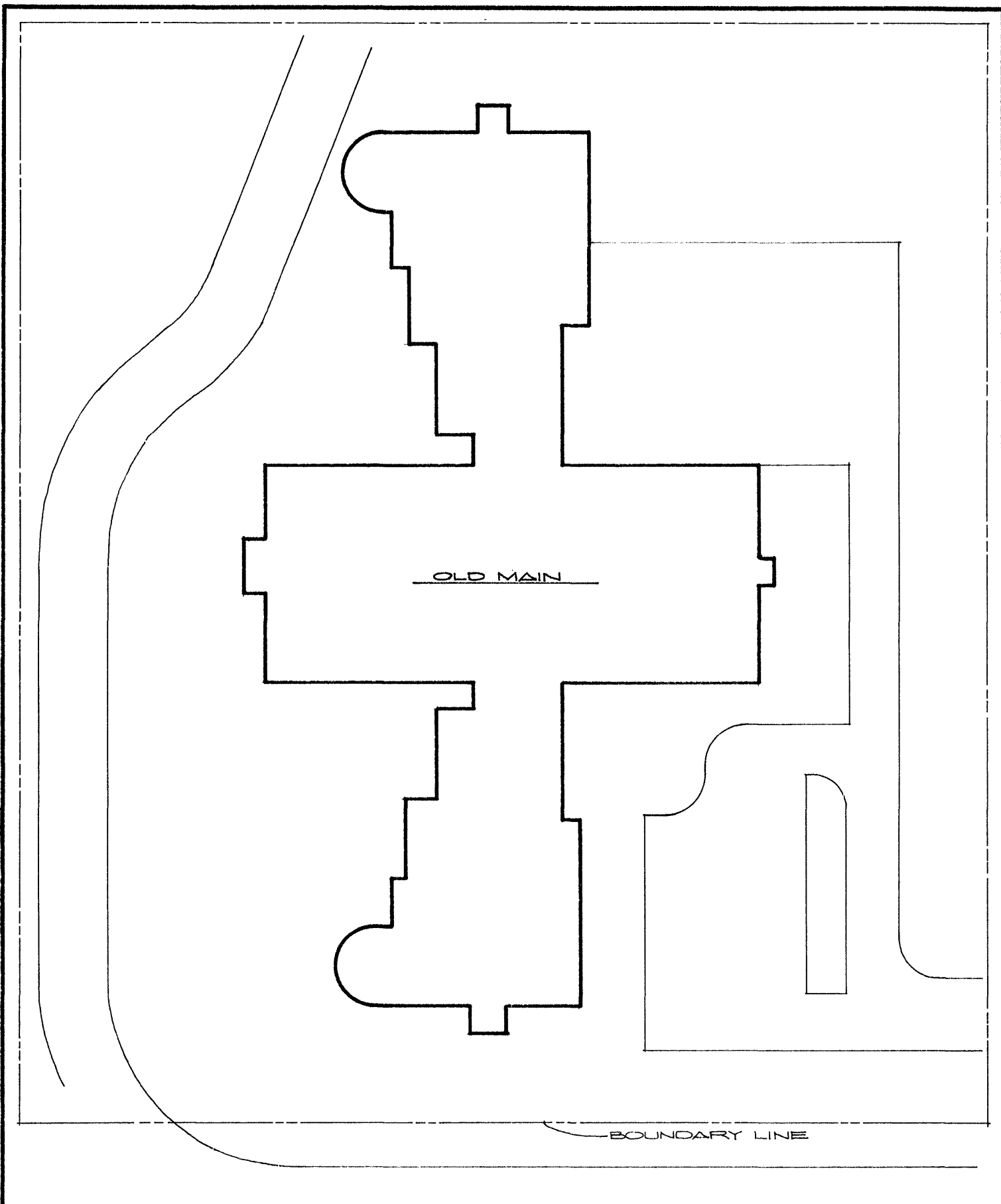
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ATTEST:

William J. Montague  
 Keeper of The National Register

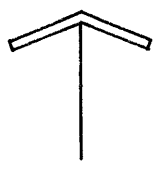
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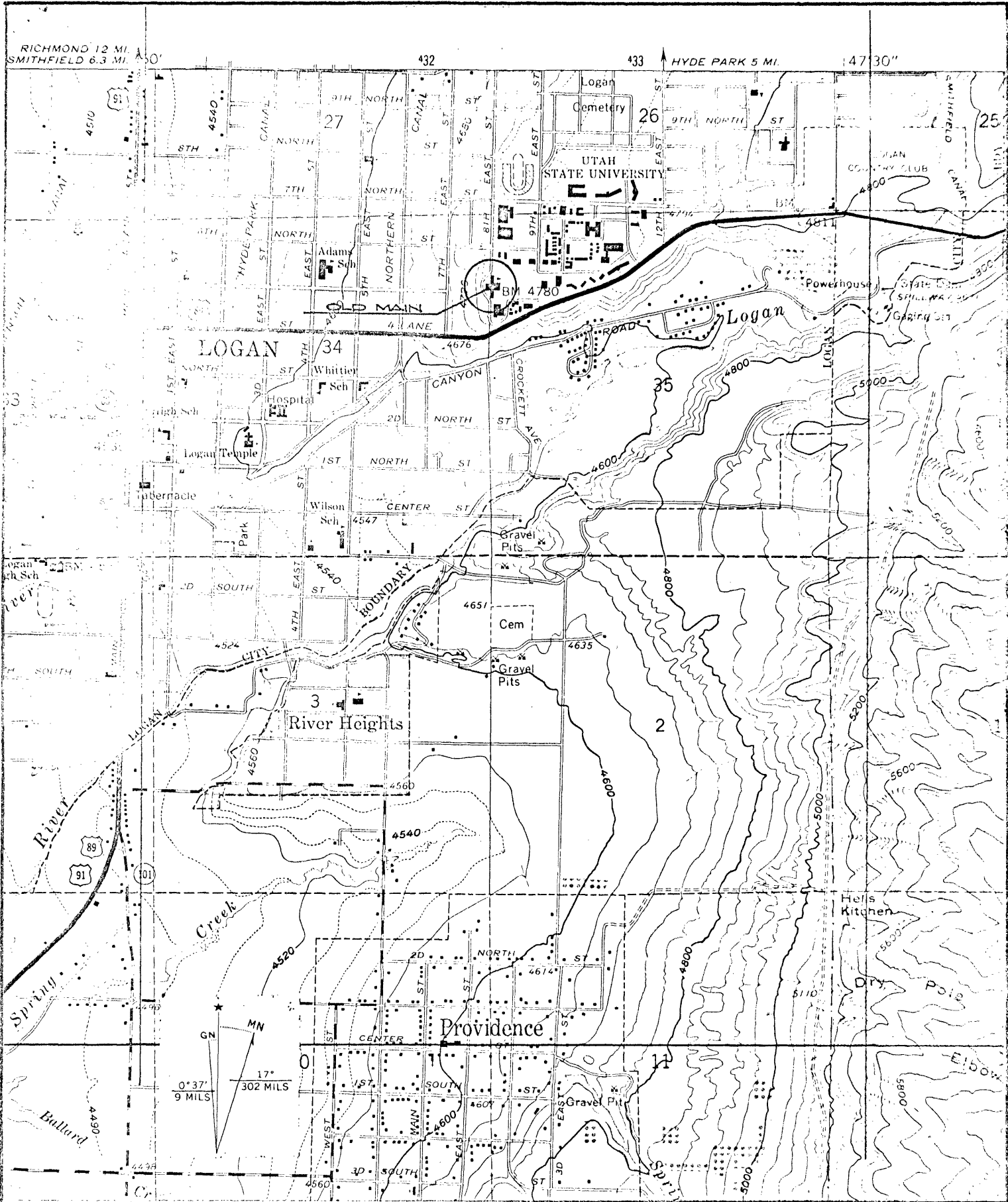
BOUNDARY LINE



OLD MAIN  
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
LOGAN, UTAH

LATITUDE : 41° - 44' - 21"  
LONGITUDE : 111° - 48' - 48"

DATE : JUNE 1971  
SCALE : 1" = 50'



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 UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
 LOGAN, UTAH

LATITUDE : 41°-44'-21"  
 LONGITUDE : 111°-48'-48"

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 SCALE : 1" = 2000'

