

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**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.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Kanab (Union Pacific) Lodge

other name/site number Parry Cafeteria, Utah Parks Co. Building, Kanab (Utah Parks) Laundry, Wok Inn

**2. Location**

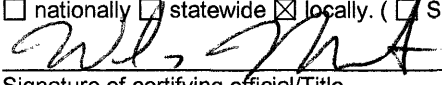
street & town 86 South 200 West  not for publication

city or town Kanab  vicinity

state Utah code UT county Kane code 025 zip code 84741

**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.)

 6/15/03  
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.)

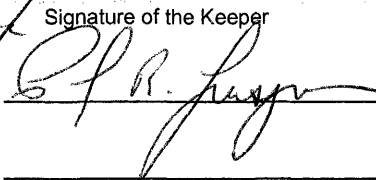
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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that the 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 of the Keeper  Date of Action 6/17/03

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Kanab (Union Pacific) Lodge  
Name of Property

Kanab, Kane County, Utah  
City, County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(check as many boxes as apply)

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

**Category of Property**

(check only one box)

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

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

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

Historic and Architectural Resources of Kanab, Utah

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

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Function**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single-family Dwelling

COMMERCE/TRADE: Restaurant

RECREATION AND CULTURE

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**Current Function**

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: Restaurant

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Victorian Eclectic

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS:

Colonial Revival

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE, CONCRETE

walls WOOD, BRICK

roof ASPHALT SHINGLE , BUILT-UP

other \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(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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**8. Description**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes 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" in all the boxes 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.)

**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)

ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

COMMERCE

OTHER: Tourism

**Period of Significance**

1925-1953

**Significant Dates**

1925, 1928-1932, 1938

**Significant Persons**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** .68 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

1 1/2 3/6/3/7/2/0 4/1/10/0/9/4/0  
Zone Easting Northing

2 / / / / / / / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

3 / / / / / / / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

4 / / / / / / / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

See continuation sheet for Section 10.

Property Tax No. K-18-1B

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those currently associated with the property and that were associated with the property during the period of significance.

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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 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/title Sara Garrard  
street & number 86 South 200 West telephone (435) 644-5400  
city or town Kanab state UT zip code 84741

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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### Narrative Description

The Kanab (Union Pacific) Lodge, located at 86 S. 200 West in Kanab. The building is currently a restaurant and was built in several phases between the 1880s and the 1930s. On the north end is a circa 1885 brick house with rear additions dating from 1904 to about 1925. The lobby, dining room and kitchen extend south from the house, and are of frame and shingle construction, built between 1928 and 1932. Attached at the southwest corner is a large addition used as a laundry, and built of frame in 1938. The building had major interior changes made in 1974, with a few exterior alterations made to the rear elevations made at the same time. The façade of the complex, which faces east, has seen only minimal changes since the 1930s. The building is approximately 13,000 square feet in size and sits on a 0.68-acre parcel with an asphalt parking lot and some landscaping.

The original circa 1885 house was a 1½-story central passage-type house with a classically symmetrical façade. It faces east and was constructed of brick on a sandstone foundation. In the rear is a brick cross-wing, probably built at the time of original construction or a few years later. A one-story brick and siding addition was added to the rear, probably around 1904 when the upper floor was finished. There are three small dormers in the front, and a larger dormer on the north elevation. The façade windows are one-over-one double-hung windows that flank the central door. The upper floor windows are similar. The original house had a balcony and second-story door. Many of the original features of the house are intact, e.g. the corbelled chimney tops, the front door, the Tuscan porch columns, etc. The house has had a serious of alterations made beginning in 1925, when the house was converted from residential to commercial use. The brick "lavatory" was added to the rear probably in 1925 or 1926. Between 1928 and 1932, when the large dining room and kitchen addition was added to the south, the balcony was removed and porch roof was altered to visually connect the addition to the original house. On the interior, the central passage was removed and the stairs moved to the north end of the house. The front rooms of the house were converted to a "ladies' parlor." The space was later used for retail (1970s-1980s) and is currently the restaurant office. Behind the parlor were the women's and men's restrooms. The rear rooms of the house also include a storage room and a small kitchen. The lavatory fixtures have been removed from the rear addition and it is currently used for storage. The upper floor has seen few modifications since 1904. There are three small bedrooms, which the owner uses as an apartment during the restaurant's busy season.

The largest portion of the building was constructed between 1928 and 1932 by the Utah Parks Company, a subsidiary of the Union Pacific Railroad. The building's primary use was as a rest stop and cafeteria for busloads of tourists traveling between Zion's/Bryce Canyon National Parks and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona. The construction of the addition is frame, covered in square-butt shingles. The exposed portions of the foundation are constructed of sandstone rubble. The large fireplaces and chimneys are also constructed of sandstone. The lobby was built just south of the original house. It has a simple gable roof that is slightly lower than the ridgeline of the original house. To the rear of the lobby is a hall that leads to the restrooms to the north. The dining room addition measures approximately 74' x 44' and projects to the east. It features a central two-story space with wings to the north and the south. The exterior door and balcony were built probably in the 1930s, but modified in 1974. The windows are two-over-two and located in bands. There

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are small round windows, accentuated with keystones, at the upper level of the east and west elevations. The only other decorative element is a suggestion of cornice returns at the eave line. The style of the addition hints at Colonial revivalism, though the chimneys are similar to those found in the National Parks-rustic style.

Modifications to the interior of the two-story dining room include the addition of a serving area to the west. It is unclear whether the mezzanine eating area was part of the 1928 construction, or added later, but the location of the stairs was changed and some decorative woodwork was added in 1974. At the south end of the room is a large sandstone fireplace. A second fireplace is located at the west end of the dining room overflow in an addition to the west. This second dining room was probably built a few years after the first, but completed by 1932. It is one-story high with dissimilar windows. For a time, this second dining room served as a mending and linen storage room, while the laundry was operating (1940s-1960s). The kitchen and storerooms are in the rear portions of the dining room spaces. These spaces have not changed usage. The kitchen equipment has been updated between 1974 and the 1990s. A loading dock and second restroom was built to the south of the kitchen.

In 1938, another frame and shingle addition was built at the southwest corner. The addition, used as a laundry, is open and tall, lit by a monitor skylight, and had a concrete floor. At the south end was a lean-to shop and supply room. A screened porch to the north was used for loading and unloading laundry. In 1974, the space was converted for use as a theater with a stage at the south end and a bar to the east. A covered patio was added to the west and north elevations. On the interior, the finishes reflect a western-theme with paneling and woodwork. The theme was taken to the exterior where a faux jail, streetscape, and "gunfight" porch were added to the elevations facing the courtyard. Since these modifications are reversible and on the rear elevations, they have minimal effect of the historic integrity of the building. The courtyard has not been used since the 1980s, and the theater space has been used for dances only sporadically.

The Kanab (Union Pacific) Lodge is located on a 0.68-acre parcel. Until the 1990s, when a Motel 8 franchise acquired a portion of the property, it extended to the Kanab Creek wash to the west. However, there is still a great view of the wash from the courtyard. Landscape features include sidewalks around the building, and a plaster arch between the brick addition and the Motel 8 at the northwest corner of the property. There are a few mature trees on the west and south. The south portion of the property is devoted to an asphalt parking lot and a gravel right-of-way in the rear. The courtyard landscape has not been maintained. The front yard originally had lawn and several large trees. The trees were removed and the front yard re-landscaped around 1990. The front is currently landscaped with a rose garden, lawn and a rock garden featuring oriental elements (a bridge, a pagoda, etc.). A sidewalk leads patrons under a gazebo with benches to the restaurant entrance. There is a small parking lot along the front of the property and a larger one to the south. The Kanab (Union Pacific) Lodge is just south of the city's main commercial corridor along Center Street (Highway 89). The building is a contributing resource in Kanab.

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### Narrative Statement of Significance

The Kanab (Union Pacific) Lodge, though built in phases between the 1880s and the late 1930s, is significant under Criterion A for its association with the development of tourism in Kanab, in the 1920s through the 1940s, and has a period of significance dating from 1925 to 1952. Originally a residence, in 1925 it was converted to a tourist rest stop and cafeteria by a local tour-bus company operating between Zion's, Bryce Canyon, Cedar Breaks, and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. In 1928, the cafeteria franchise (and the property) was obtained by the Utah Parks Company, a subsidiary of the Union Pacific Railroad, whose function was to promote tourism and create a transportation link between the rail station in Cedar City and the national parks. The building served first as a lunch-stop and later as a laundry facility for the Utah Parks Company. The Kanab Lodge is an important resource that represents the contribution Union Pacific made to promote tourism both inside and outside the boundaries of the national parks in southern Utah and northern Arizona. The Kanab Lodge is an expansion of an existing nineteenth-century residence into a large cafeteria and rest area, and later laundry, and is located just south of Kanab's historic commercial corridor, Highway 89. The Kanab Lodge is eligible for the National Register under the *Historic and Architectural Resources of Kanab, Utah*, Multiple Property nomination. The Associated Historic Context is "*Little Hollywood, the Expansion of Tourism and Other Industries, 1922-1950*. The Kanab (Union Pacific) Lodge is a contributing historic resource in the city of Kanab, Utah.

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### HISTORY OF THE KANAB (UNION PACIFIC) LODGE:

Within a few months of entering the Salt Lake Valley, Brigham Young, leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon Church) had sent groups of settlers to explore southern Utah. The Mormons had three reasons for settling southern Utah: 1) to set up a series of settlement outposts on route to California and Arizona, 2) to find areas suitable for grazing and agriculture, and 3) to perform missionary work among Utah's Native American tribes. Due to confrontations with the native Paiutes, several attempts to settle the Kanab area in the 1860s failed. In the spring of 1869, an abandoned fort was reoccupied. Brigham Young visited the fort in April 1870 and established an LDS Ward. In September of 1870, the townsite of Kanab was surveyed. Each family received at least one lot on which to build a house, barn and outbuildings. Block 18 was first deeded to John R. Stewart and Ammon M. Tenny between 1872 and 1873. In 1882, Thomas C. and Lucy P. Emmett obtained the property. The brick house, now part of the Kanab Lodge, was probably built after 1883 when Frank and Lovinnia Farnsworth bought the property. Franklin Levi Farnsworth (1857-1903) and Lovinnia Ann Johnson (1856-1932) were born in Salt Lake City and Cedar City respectively, but came with their families to settle in Kanab. They were married in 1879 and raised nine children in Kanab. The property was deeded to Margaret M. Botts in 1897, then to Thomas and Elinor Chamberlain in 1901, and a year later to Eliza Stewart. It is not known whether the Botts family lived in the house for a few years, but the Chamberlains probably did not.

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Eliza S. Stewart (1848-1934) and her husband, John Franklin Stewart (1840-1916) sold the house to Lewis Jepson (1871-1957) in March of 1904. Lewis's wife Vinnie Farnsworth (1879-1959) was the oldest daughter of Frank and Lovinnia Farnsworth. Lewis and Vinnie were married in 1897 and had three sons. Lewis Jepson finished the upstairs of the house and probably built the rear addition. He installed a large wooden bathtub in the home, reportedly one of only two tubs in Kanab at the time. The Jepsons' sons and several others were baptized in the tub.<sup>1</sup> Lewis and Vinnie Jepson remained in the home until 1925 when they sold the property to the Hiway Tourist Park & Company, a local tour-bus franchise owned by Chauncey, Gronway and Whit Parry.

During this period, Kanab was transforming from an agricultural outpost to a burgeoning township. By 1884 Kanab was incorporated and had been designated the county seat of Kane County. The population grew from 409 in 1890 to 710 in 1900. The economy of Kanab was based on farming and ranching, primarily ranching, because water was a scarce commodity. The inhabitants of the town could not raise enough food to meet their needs, and the arrival of freight wagons and stages with staples from communities to the north was an almost daily occurrence. Kanab has been described as the "most inaccessible place in the United States."<sup>2</sup> Telegraph lines reached Kanab in 1871, and the telephone in the 1890s; however the nearest railroad stop was 132 miles to the north at Marysvale (reached by the Denver & Rio Grande in 1900). Cedar City, where the Union Pacific station was located, was even farther away. On June 29, 1909, two automobiles stopped in Kanab as part of a promotional tour from Salt Lake City to the Grand Canyon, a remarkable feat considering the condition of existing roads and the fact gasoline was not readily available south of Provo, 250 miles north. The trip was under the direction of Kanab resident, E.D. Woolley, who spent the next decade campaigning tirelessly to build automobile roads to Kanab and the scenic wonders in the vicinity. In the 1910s and 1920s, a growing number of Kanab residents began promoting the community's amenities and its proximity to the recently established national parks: Grand Canyon, Arizona (1919) and in southern Utah, Zion's (1919) and Bryce Canyon (1928).

The Parry brothers started their tour bus company in 1917. They drove touring cars and open-air buses to the national parks and other scenic venues in the area, many of which did not have roads at the time. The Parry brothers were born in Salt Lake City. Gronway Robert Parry (1886-1969) was the oldest. Chauncey Gardner Parry (1896-1943) was the one who had discovered the wonders of southern Utah while spending a summer on a survey team with the University of Utah. Caleb Whitney Parry (1904-1965) was the youngest, and recruited by his brothers at the age of thirteen to drive a bus. Working with William W. Wylie (who had established similar tourist services in Yellowstone National Park) the brothers obtained a franchise to build tent camps in Zion's and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.<sup>3</sup> The company offered a five-day tour between the North Rim and Zion's for the sum of \$80. An eight-day tour, which offered visits to the North Rim, Zion's, Bryce Canyon and Cedar Breaks, cost \$140. In 1925, the Jepson home in Kanab was converted to the Parry Cafeteria, where the tour buses would stop for a luncheon and a rest stop coming to and from the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

<sup>1</sup> Virginia Lou Jepson Weight, "Jepson-Stewart-Johnson Home," June 1993.

<sup>2</sup> Elsa Chamberlain Carroll, ed., *History of Kane County*, Kane County Daughters of Utah Pioneers, (Salt Lake City, Utah: Utah Printing Company, 1960), 36.

<sup>3</sup> J. W. Thomas, "Chauncey Gardner Parry – Modern Pioneer," 2.



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In the second decade of the twentieth century, the population of Kanab saw its largest increase from 733 to 1,102, much of the increase directly tied to the increase in tourist related industries. Roads were improved dramatically and the road that would eventually become part of Highway 89 (the main north-south thoroughfare in the state of Utah at the time) was paved by 1921. In 1922, a new era for Kanab began when a Hollywood film crew stayed in town during the filming of *Deadwood Coach*, a western starring Tom Mix and his Wonder Horse. Because the Parry brothers were in the business of taking tourists by bus to the national parks, they had the necessary resources to transport the film people and their equipment. Kanab's subsequent and long association with the movie industry resulted in the town's nickname, "Little Hollywood."

Tourism became big business in southern Utah in the mid-1920s. Between 1924 and 1925, the tourist traffic in Zion's National Park nearly doubled from 8,400 to 16,817. An estimated half that amount also visited the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon. Many tourists came on tours sponsored by large companies from back east. For example, the *Brooklyn Eagle*, a New York newspaper began sponsoring tours in 1921 to the parks of southern Utah. The National Park Service quickly found itself unable to adequately provide for the growing number of visitors. In response, the Union Pacific Railroad established a subsidiary, the Utah Parks Company, and agreed to provide transportation to and build accommodations at Zion's and other national parks.

In Kanab, the Union Pacific pressured the Wylie and the Parry brothers to sell their franchise, or be force out of business by competition from the railroad. Somewhat reluctantly, the Parrys sold the transportation company and cafeteria facility to the railroad in 1927.<sup>4</sup> The Parry brothers gave up the tent camps (which the railroad replaced with more substantial accommodations) and the cafeteria, but continued to operate some of the buses. Chauncey Parry was retained by the Union Pacific as superintendent of the transportation company and subsequently designated as a special agent for the promotion of movies in Utah. The Parry brothers later established the Parry Lodge at the corner of Center Street and 100 East, where they remodeled a frame house, and built several cottage-type motel units.

After the Utah Parks Company acquired the building in October 1927, the railroad began an ambitious building project to expand the facilities. The expansion was completed in 1932 by about forty men, according to Kanab resident, Joe Brown, one of the builders. The lobby, two-story dining room, overflow and kitchen were all built during this period. On June 30, 1930, the *Kane County Standard* reported that the Union Pacific Lodge had officially opened June 1st, with forty guests served lunch on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and an opening ball given at the lodge on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The article states that Mr. Earl Persons, proprietor, "has engaged two first class chefs from the east and also a porter." Mr. Earl Persons was probably Earl DeWitt Pearson (1888-1947). The Kanab Lodge included a curio shop in addition to the restaurant and restrooms. However, the enterprise was redundant because when the tourists would arrive on the orange Utah Parks buses, groups of Kanab "youngsters were always on hand with buckets of polished rocks, petrified wood and arrowheads to sell."<sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup> The title abstract indicates the deed had reverted to Lewis Jepson in 1926. One source indicates there was a lease agreement. Lewis and Vinnie Jepson sold the property to the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad (which had been absorbed by the Union Pacific in 1923).

<sup>5</sup> "Utah Parks Building Contains Ghostly Past," *Southern Utah News*.

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As roads improved, abbreviated tours could be accomplished on a daily basis. The buses would start in the morning at Cedar City and head through Zion's or Cedar Breaks before proceeding to Kanab for lunch. The restaurant served only lunch and was open to tour bus patrons, not to the general public. In the 1930s, six waitresses (working for \$1 a day) served the customers, who, after lunch, were given a "sing-away by the sharp, uniformed waitresses."<sup>6</sup> Tourism remained one of Kanab's strongest industries during the depression years. The large sponsored tours continued to bring in business. The *Brooklyn Eagle* apparently remained a sponsor. The September 27, 1934, edition of the newspaper featured a picture of Afton Brown, a waitress at the Kanab Lodge, posing on the sundial that for many years was mounted in sandstone in the front yard of the building. The article describes the Kanab Lodge as "an oasis in Southern Utah, between Zion National Park and the Grand Canyon Lodge."

In 1938, the Utah Parks Company constructed the laundry addition to the building. The Utah Parks Laundry facility processed articles used its concessionaires in the nearby national parks. In the 1940s, the laundry employed twenty-two local residents and processed 500,000 pieces a year. The restaurant closed in 1942, due to limited travel during World War II. When the facility reopened in 1946, the fancy lunches were gone and only a soda pop-ice cream stand and the curio shop remained. In the post-war years, an increasing number of visitors to the national parks were using their own vehicles. The refreshment stand and curio shop finally closed in 1960. In the 1950s and 1960s, the laundry continued operating, under the direction of Paul Prisbey and Harmon Judd. During these semi-vacant years, the building gained a reputation for being haunted.<sup>7</sup> The laundry business was finally dissolved in 1967. Between 1967 and 1973, the building was vacant.

The deed to the property was transferred from Utah Parks to the National Park Foundation in 1973, and later that year the property was sold to TWA Services. In 1974 Stan Clark renovated the building, putting in a new kitchen, fancy woodwork, and converting the laundry to a theater. The new restaurant and theater was called The Old West Company. The business continued on and off until 1978. The business was idle for two years until 1980 when a partnership called Four Par consisting of Bob and Ted Peters, Jerry Howell, Dave Davidson, and Bob West bought it. Bob West, and his wife Nita, then leased from the partnership, and on May 1, 1980 opened the new Territorial Inn Restaurant. The Territorial Inn was in business until 1987, when the building was sold to Patrick and Sara Garrard.

The Garrards converted the building to a Chinese restaurant and renamed it the Wok Inn. Sara Garrard obtained full ownership in the Wok Inn in 1996. The Wok Inn currently does a thriving business during Kanab's tourist season. Sara lives in Kanab during the season and closes the restaurant in the winter, when she returns to her home in Las Vegas. In many ways, the current operation of the Wok Inn is reminiscent of the Kanab Lodge's early years. The Wok Inn caters to tour groups on buses, often groups from China, Korea and Japan. For example, Sara Garrard recently served an early morning Korean-style breakfast to four busloads of tourists on

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> A ghost, which Paul Prisbey named O'Toole, was supposedly the most frequent visitor, although the ghost of a Catholic nun was allegedly seen in an upstairs window at one time. Ibid.

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their way to the Grand Canyon. In fact, most of her business comes from tour groups although the restaurant is also open to the general public for lunch and dinner.

Today the Wok Inn, the former Kanab (Union Pacific) Lodge, continues to serve Kanab's many tourists and other visitors. The building's history is a reminder of the many partnerships formed in the early part of the twentieth century to promote the national parks of southern Utah and northern Arizona; and how the tourism they generated benefited the small town of Kanab. The Kanab (Union Pacific) Lodge is a contributing resource in downtown Kanab.

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### Geographical Data

#### Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point that is North 00 13'00" West a distance of 132.25 feet and South 89 47'00" West a distance of 108.0 feet from the Southeast Corner of Block 18 of the Kanab City Survey, said Southeast Corner of Block 18 lies North 00 13'00" West a distance of 49.5 feet and South 89 47'00" West a distance of 49.5 feet from the Street Monument at the intersection of 200 West and 100 South Streets, and running thence South 89 47'00" West a distance of 6.5 feet; thence South 00 13'00" East a distance of 29.63 feet; thence South 89 47'00" West a distance of 95.12 feet; thence South 00 13'00" East a distance of 152.21 feet; thence North 89 47'00" East a distance of 209.62 feet to the West right-of-way line of 200 West Street; thence North 00 13'00" West a distance of 46.5 feet along said line; thence South 89 47'00" West a distance of 108.0 feet; thence North 00 13'00" West a distance of 135.34 feet to the point of beginning.

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### Common Label Information:

1. Kanab (Union Pacific) Lodge
2. Kanab, Kane County, Utah
3. Photographer: Korral Broschinsky
4. Date: July 2002
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

### Photo No. 1:

6. East elevations of building. Camera facing northwest.

### Photo No. 2:

6. East elevations of building. Camera facing southwest.

### Photo No. 3:

6. East and north elevations of house. Camera facing southwest.

### Photo No. 4:

6. West and south elevations of rear addition. Camera facing northeast.

### Photo No. 5:

6. West elevations of building, from courtyard. Camera facing southeast.

### Photo No. 6:

6. North and east elevations of buildings from courtyard. Camera facing southwest.

### Photo No. 7:

6. West elevation of laundry addition. Camera facing east.

### Photo No. 8:

6. West and south elevations of laundry addition. Camera facing northeast.

### Photo No. 9:

6. South elevations of building and laundry addition. Camera facing northwest.

### Photo No. 10:

6. South and east elevations of building. Camera facing northwest.

### Photo No. 11:

6. South and east elevations of buildings and site. Camera facing northwest.

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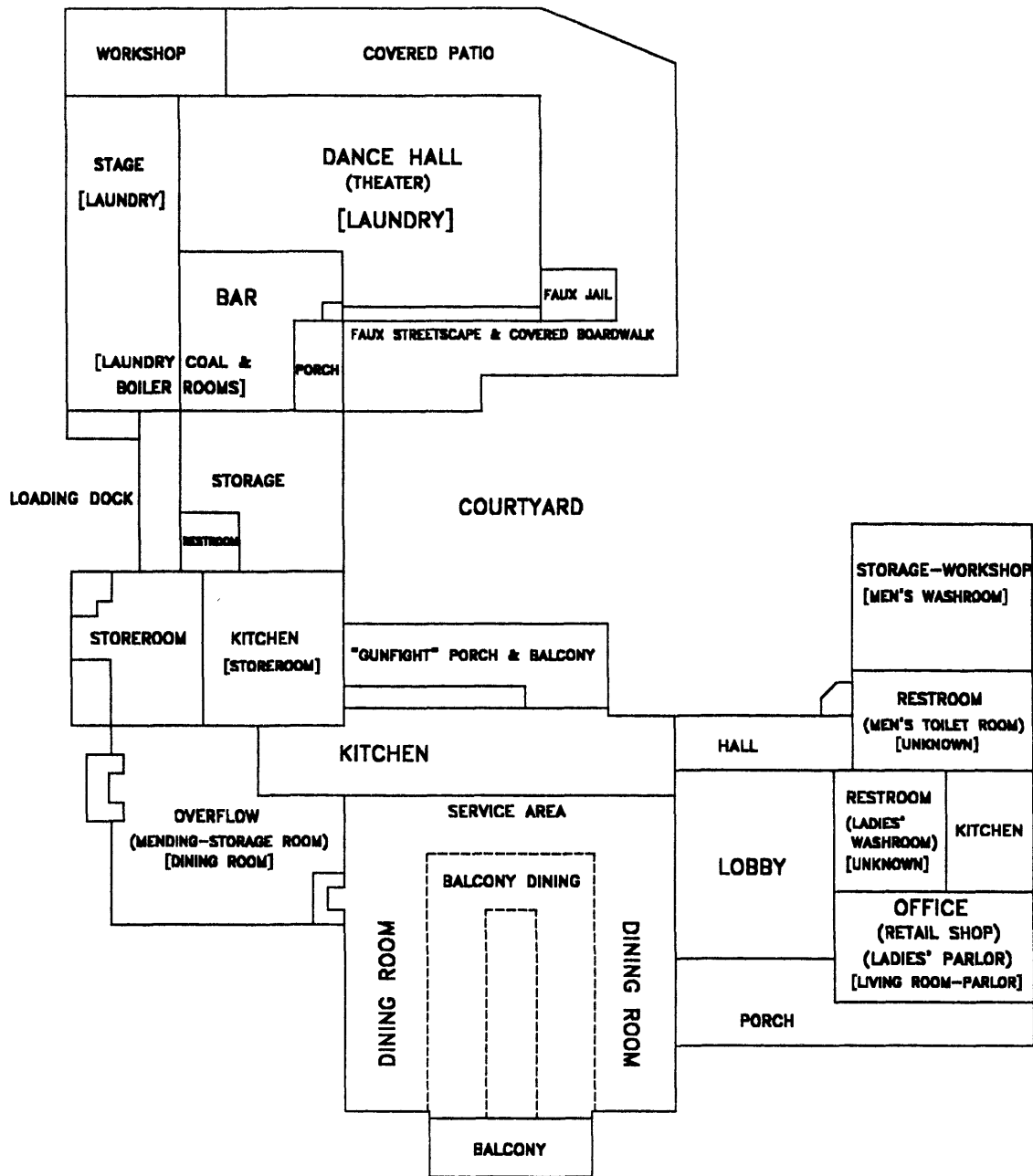
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**Photo No. 12:**

6. East elevation of building (dining room addition). Camera facing northwest.





**MAIN FLOOR PLAN**

SKETCH -- SCALE APPROXIMATE



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NORTH

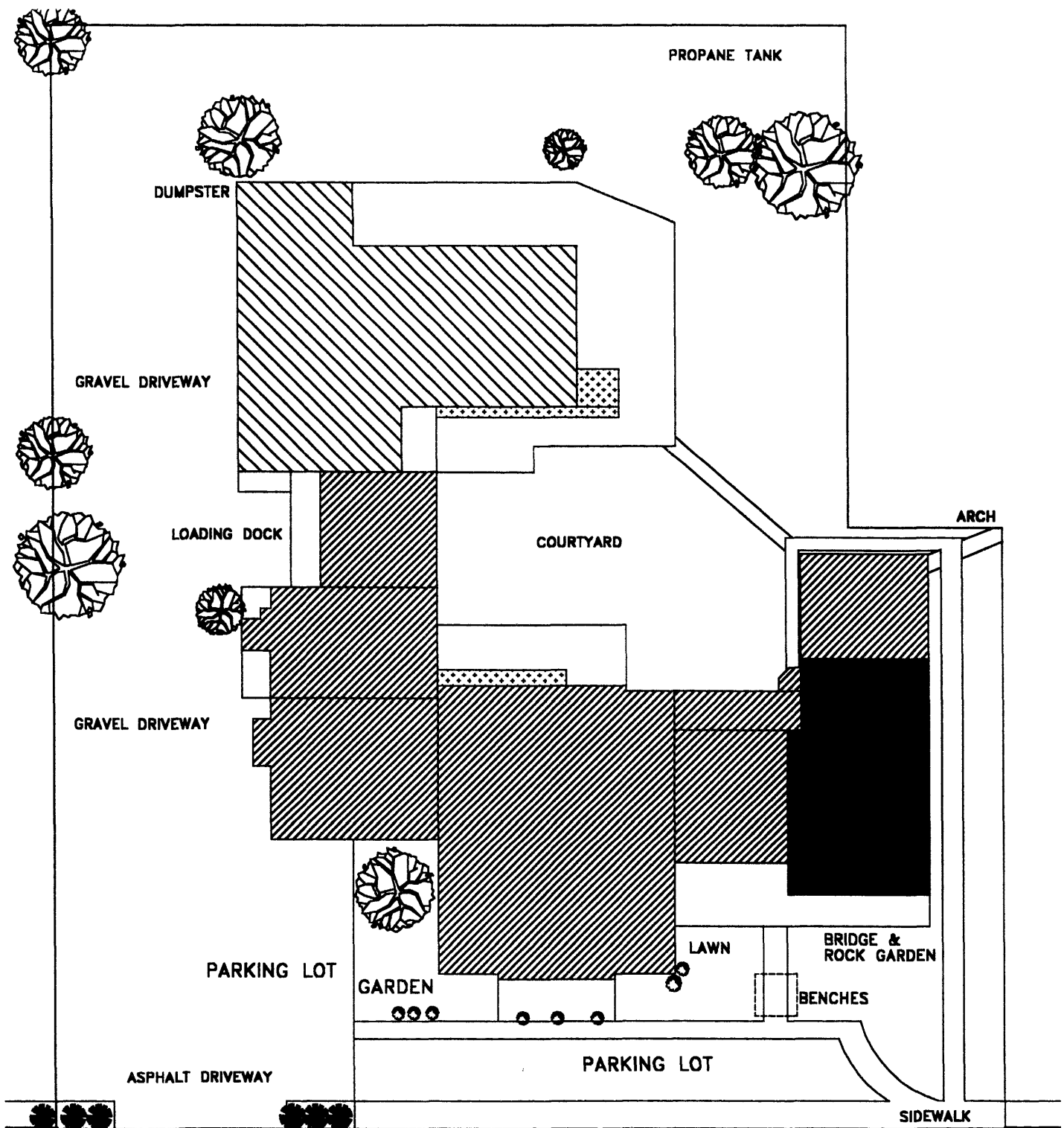
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CURRENT USE


(TRANSITIONAL USES)






[ORIGINAL USE]

KANAB (UNION PACIFIC) LODGE  
 86 SOUTH 200 WEST  
 KANAB, KANE CO., UT



200 WEST

**SITE PLAN**  NORTH  
 SKETCH -- SCALE APPROXIMATE  
 JULY 2002

- CONSTRUCTION PHASES:**
-  1885-1904
  -  1925-1932
  -  1938
  -  1974
  -  PORCHES

**KANAB (UNION PACIFIC) LODGE**  
 86 SOUTH 200 WEST, KANAB, KANE CO., UT

112 JEPSON-STEWART-JOHNSON HOME  
825 SOUTH 200 WEST



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