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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 Harris, Thomas & Caroline, House

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

### 2. Location

street & number 275 South 200 East N/A not for publication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 X 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 X meets    does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant    nationally    statewide X locally. (   See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

W. M. H. 4/25/98  
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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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:)

W. M. H. 6-11-98  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Harris, Thomas & Caroline, House  
Name of Property

Centerville, Davis County, Utah  
City, County, and State

**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	Non-contributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	sites
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	structures
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</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

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single family dwelling

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single family dwelling

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE

walls BRICK

roof ASPHALT

other WOOD

**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**

The Thomas and Caroline Harris House, constructed in 1906, is a one and one-half story Victorian style brick home located on a residential lot two blocks east of Main Street, at 275 South and 200 East. The yard is fully landscaped with mature trees and an east and south facing four foot hedge surrounding the property. There is a contributing one level brick structure north of the home that was probably used for a carriage or horses.

The walls are constructed of bricks two wythes thick. The Harris House has a hipped roof with simple wood cornice. The foundation is of stone in a random rubble formation. The front elevation is symmetrically designed and includes a small porch supported by slender Doric columns. There are paired double hung windows with segmental arch windows symmetrically placed on each side of the original pine front door (east elevation). The mullions separating the paired windows are carved with a rosette in the top portion, which also separates the decorative scrollwork located between the windows and segmental arches. The upper sash contains smaller lights of stained glass surrounding a larger rectangular piece of glass. This square house plan has corners canted at a 45 degree angle. At each of the diagonal corners there are single windows with the same design and detailing as the east windows. These decorative windows are also found on the northwest side of the house.

There are several brick additions. A two-story addition on the north side is set back from the front of the house, appears to have been built in the 1920s, has a hipped roof, and incorporates two-over-two double hung windows throughout. Smaller, one-story additions are on the south side and on the rear of the original structure. These additions also appear to have been constructed during the 1920s and are similarly detailed. These additions maintain and contribute to the home's historic character. The dormers, two on the front and one on each side of the original portion of the house, were added more recently (date unknown), and although they do impact the original roofline, they do not obscure the original appearance, they are relatively small in scale, and they do not negatively alter the architectural integrity of the home.

The interior of the home retains most of its original woodwork and detailing and has been only slightly altered. There is a brick fireplace in the front room that remains the same. The ceilings throughout the original portion of the home remain nine feet high. Evidence of transoms is seen throughout and the original wood floors have been preserved.

\_\_ See continuation sheet

Harris, Thomas & Caroline, House  
Name of Property

Centerville, Davis County, Utah  
City, County, and State

### 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.)

X 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)

SOCIAL HISTORY  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Period of Significance

1906-36  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Significant Dates

1906  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Architect/Builder

Thomas Harris  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**  
 State Historic Preservation Office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other  
Name of repository:  
\_\_\_\_\_

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

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## Narrative Statement of Significance

The Thomas and Caroline Harris House, built in 1906,<sup>1</sup> is significant as a good example of the kinds of homes that were being built during the "Railroad and Economic Expansion" and the "City Development" phases of Centerville. The Harris family, as devout Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) members, participated in farming and community activities, reflecting the period when the railroad influenced the growth of Centerville by expanding the marketplace. The Harris house also represents a period when Centerville was growing into a city and occupations were becoming more diverse. Thomas, as a horse trainer, and Caroline, involved in the community by sharing her talents as a seamstress, reflected the expansion of a community with the same strong religious connections of the settlement period while branching out beyond the agricultural framework as it grew into a 20<sup>th</sup> century city. This house is being nominated as part of the multiple property listing, Historic Resources of Centerville.

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## CENTERVILLE HISTORY

The first Mormon exploration of Davis County began in August 1847 when the area was determined to be ideal for stock raising and farming. The first houses were built of readily available materials such as logs, adobe bricks, and field stone and were usually intended to be temporary or subsistence-level structures to be used only until the settlers were able to establish a dependable livelihood and could afford to construct larger and more permanent homes. 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 LDS Church was the organizing force behind Centerville's settlement and growth.

The Union Pacific Railroad (UPR) built several lines between Ogden and Salt Lake City, with the Bamberger Line becoming the principal means of transportation for produce and 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 a growing population such as sewer, garbage and livestock control 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 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

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<sup>1</sup> *Deseret News*, December 18, 1936.

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physically--the LDS Church. The LDS Church is located in the center of the town core, and the residents were and are primarily members of the LDS Church. Many descendants of the early settlers continue to live in Centerville and the sense of family and community remains a constant.

## HARRIS HISTORY

On May 20, 1841 in Norfolk, England Thomas Henry Harris was born to John Joseph and Mary Ann Harris.<sup>2</sup> He immigrated with his parents to Centerville in 1851.<sup>3</sup> Thomas was a carpenter, like his father, as well as a farmer.<sup>4</sup> He had been working as a freighter, running mule teams to Montana, when he married Caroline Cherry on January 10, 1868. Thomas also trained horses for racing. Caroline was born in Illinois in 1845 as the eighth child of Aaron B. and Margaret Yelton Cherry. Her family came to Utah in 1847 and soon moved to Centerville. She sheared sheep, then spun, carded, dyed and wove their wool into fabric that she used to make clothing which she sent to Thomas who had gone with Lot Smith as a volunteer with the Union Army the year after they were married. Caroline was also one of the first Relief Society Auxillary teachers in the Centerville First Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They built their first home in 1869, a two room rock home located one block North of the First Ward Chapel, where they lived for 37 years.<sup>5</sup> Caroline and Thomas built this brick house in 1906<sup>6</sup>. They did not have any children of their own although they adopted a son named Fay T. Harris, whose death preceded Caroline's. They continued to farm as indicated in the 1910 census records. Thomas resided here until his death in February 17, 1924. Caroline Cherry Harris resided in the home until her death on December 16, 1936.<sup>7</sup> Her grandson, Thomas Edward, lived here with her during the last year of her life. In 1937 the house was purchased by Thomas Edward Harris and his wife, Maude Caroline Harris Morris. It appears that they maintained ownership through the 1940s.

This house is representative of the homes built by residents of Centerville as the settlement period gave way to a period of growth and expansion facilitated by the increased access with the outside world through the connection of the railroad. The architecture reflects those changes through its use of Victorian pattern book ornamentation. Based on his experience as a carpenter, it is believed that the house was probably designed by the Harrises and constructed by Thomas. The house incorporates ornate Victorian detailing on a symmetrical facade and a hall-parlor plan, forming a unique mixture of Classical and Victorian features.

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<sup>2</sup> Family History Records for Thomas Henry Harris, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Henry Harris. South Sagamore Camp Centerville, UT: Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Census of Population, 1880, p. 30.

<sup>5</sup> *Deseret News*, December 18, 1936.

<sup>6</sup> "Colorful Pioneer of 1847 Dies. Caroline Cherry Harris." *Deseret News* (December 18, 1936).

<sup>7</sup> Interview with Vestil Harrison, neighbor of Thomas and Caroline, conducted by Melissa Hogan, June 1997.

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## Bibliography

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Census, 1910 Population. The thirteenth census of the United States, Department of Commerce and Labor Bureau of the Census.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Caroline Cherry Harris. South Sagamore Camp, Centerville Utah.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Thomas Henry Harris. South Sagamore Camp, Centerville Utah.

Family history records of Thomas and Caroline Harris, L.D.S. Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

### Obituaries:

Thomas Henry Harris, *Deseret News*, February 18, 1924.

Caroline Cherry Harris, *Deseret News*, December 18, 1936.

Personal Interviews: Vestil Harrison (neighbor of Thomas Harris) June 1997. Vestil Harrison 340 South 200 East, Centerville, Utah. 801-295-3157

Smoot, Mary Ellen and Marilyn Fullmer Sheriff. The City in Between, History of Centerville, Utah. Bountiful, Utah: Authors, 1975.

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Name of Property

Centerville, Davis County, Utah  
City, County, and State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property .48 acres

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A 1/2 4/2/6/3/6/0 4/2/5/9/4/7/0 B 1 11111 111111  
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

C 1 11111 111111 D 1 11111 111111

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Beginning ON THE N. LN OF 300 S. STR AND THE S. LN OF BLK 17, 0.M. DEUEL SUR, AT A PT N. 89°14'30" E 30 FTT FR THE MONU MARKING THE CENTER LN INTERSEC OF 200 E. STR & 300 S. STR ACCORDING TO THE AMD RESURVEY OF CENTERVILLE TS. 2/4/65; & RUN TH N 0°14'30" E 85.14 FT; TH N 49°31'42" E 24.45 FT; TH N 0°14'30" E 38.63 FT; TH S 89°56'16" E 184.10 FT TO THE W LN OF 200 E. STR; TH S 0°14'18" W 139.68 FT. & N 89°55'36" W 102.65 FT. TO THE POB. CONT. 0.48 ACRES.

Property Tax No. 03:002:0187

     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 Melissa Hogan, Utah SHPO Staff  
organization Centerville Historic Sites Committee date March 1998  
street & number 271 S. 200 E. telephone 801-296-9800  
city or town Centerville state UT zip code 84014

### 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 Michael & Johannah Glass  
street & number 275 S 200 E telephone 801-298-2360  
city or town Centerville state UT zip code 84014

**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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**Common Label Information:**

1. Harris, Thomas & Caroline, House
2. Centerville, Davis County, Utah
3. Photographer: Johannah Glass
4. Date: October 20, 1997
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

**Photo No. 1:**

6. East elevation of building. Camera facing west.

**Photo No. 2:**

6. Northeast corner of building. Camera facing southwest.

**Photo No. 3:**

6. North elevation of building. Camera facing south.

**Photo No. 4:**

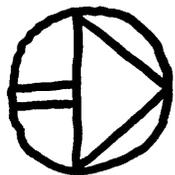
6. West elevation of building. Camera facing east.

**Photo No. 5:**

6. West elevation of building. Camera facing southeast.

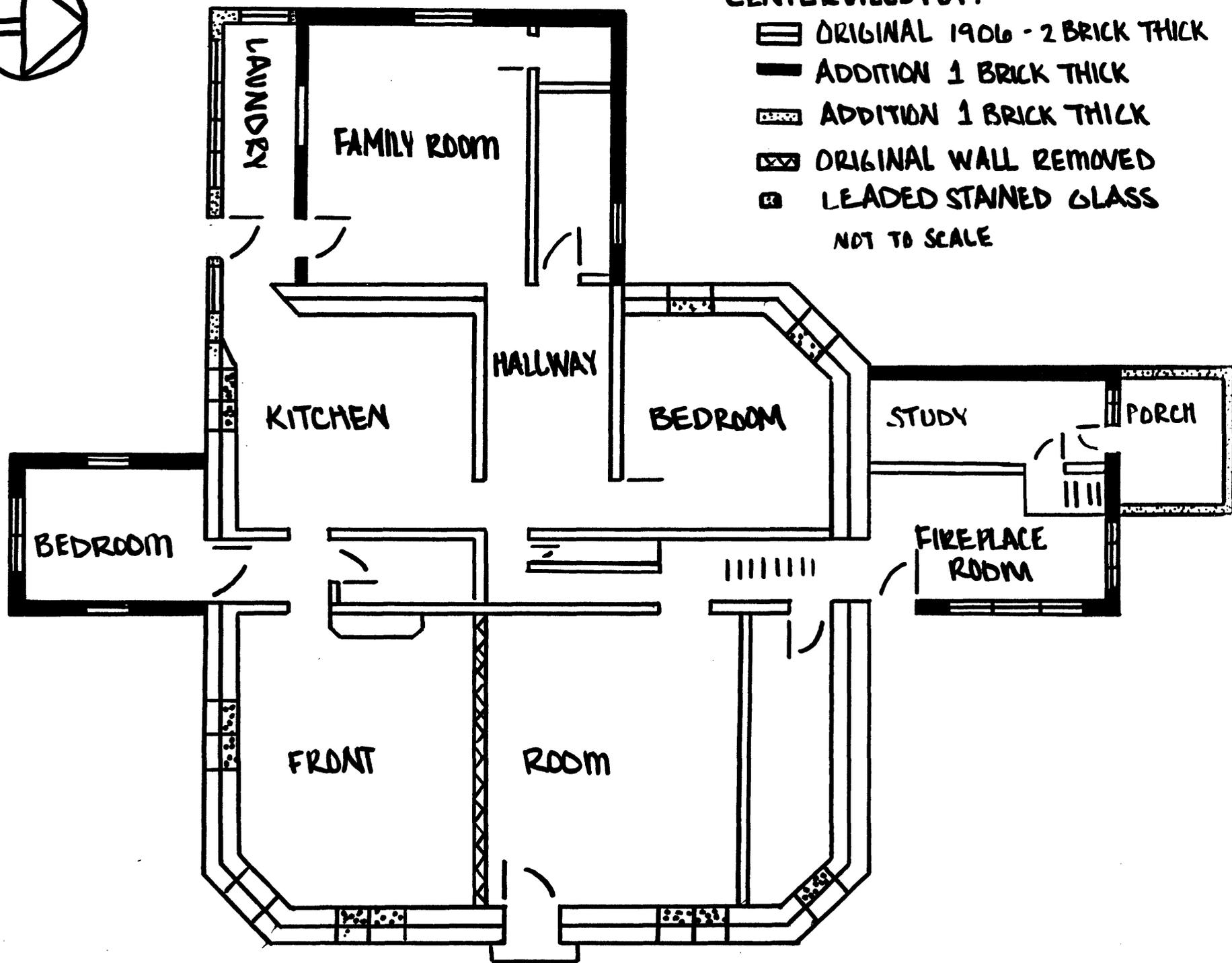
**Photo No. 6:**

6. South elevation of building. Camera facing north.



THOMAS & CAROLINE HARRIS  
HOME 275 S. 200 E.  
CENTERVILLE, UT.

-  ORIGINAL 1906 - 2 BRICK THICK
  -  ADDITION 1 BRICK THICK
  -  ADDITION 1 BRICK THICK
  -  ORIGINAL WALL REMOVED
  -  LEADED STAINED GLASS
- NOT TO SCALE



THOMAS & CAROLINE HARRIS  
HOME  
SECOND FLOOR

NOT TO SCALE

