

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Hannah Maria Libby Smith House

and/or common Arnel Milner Home

2. Location

street & number 315 East Center Street _____ not for publication

city, town Provo _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state Utah _____ code _____ county Utah _____ code _____

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name The Utah County Heritage Foundation

street & number P.O. Box 231 (#13 East Center, Room 304)

city, town Provo _____ vicinity of _____ state Utah

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Utah County Courthouse

street & number South University Avenue

city, town Provo _____ state Utah

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Hannah Maria Libby Smith House is located on East Center Street in Provo, Utah. This street is the East/West meridian of the city's street grid system, and was chosen by a number of prominent families of the community for it's most striking homes. Many remain. Some of the area's finest trees line the roadside; five tall evergreens landscape the Smith yard.

The house is a four-room "ell" shape, with two rooms on each arm of the ell. In the notch created is a porch, forming the Southeast corner. There is only one story, built of orange brick on a rubble rock foundation. The brick granary, located about twelve feet north of the home, now is attached to it by a shed-roofed kitchen addition. This addition is sheathed with novelty siding. Both the main house and granary have gabled roofs, with simple trim moldings and a short return detail at the ends.

The windows in the original house are double hung, six over six sash. The woodwork and glass are mostly original. The only decoration is the Federal-style lintel with brackets at the top of each window. The sills are plain and rectangular.

The major exterior alteration is the removal of the square posts and cut scroll work trim on the front porch. A balustrade was also taken off, and the porch floor replaced with concrete slab and steps. the exterior brick has never been painted; all other woodwork is original.

The interior is similarly preserved. The woodwork is "grained" to simulate oak in several rooms. Original ceiling heights remain, at approximately twelve feet. One room has a raised pattern cellulose wainscoating. All hardware is intact, and the mantles and woodwork are in excellent condition. Hardly a change can be perceived throughout.

Included in the plurchase of the home by the Utah County Heritage Foundation, was a collection of the furniture of the first occupant, Mrs. Smith, including a fine "eastlake" style bedroom set in oak.

Several years ago an apartment building was built immediately East of the Smith home. Because of the setback of the structure, and the large trees in the Smith yard, this is not as obtrusive as one might expect.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Family life in Uta
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Built 1878 **Builder/Architect** Charles Warren Smith

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Hannah Maria Libby Smith House, a one-story L-plan brick structure, is significant because of it's remarkably original condition as an example of the simple architectural styles of early Utah, and it's connection with a family pattern unique to the Mormon culture. It is one of the oldest and best preserved vernacular residences in Provo.

Mrs. Smith married George A. Smith in 1845 in Nauvoo, Illinois. He was, at the time, an Apostle in the Church. She was his sixth wife; her sister, his fifth. They left Illinois in the winter of 1846, and she, along with his other families, waited at Winter Quarters, Iowa, when Smith went to Utah with the first company. He returned to Iowa in 1847 and brought his families to Utah in 1849. Upon being asked to supervise the settlements in Utah valley, Smith brought Hannah and his second wife to Provo to live.

Hannah raised three children to maturity as well as the son of her sister, who died after coming to Utah. This boy, John Henry Smith, became first counselor in the First Presidency of the Church, it's highest authority. His father had preceeded him in that office. George Albert Smith, son to John Henry and step-grandson of Hannah became the eighth President of the Church in 1945. He also spent his boyhood days in Hannah's home in Provo.

Upon the death of George A. in 1875, Hannah sold her home on Fifth West Street in Provo, and her son Charles Warren Smith built this home for her. She lived here until her death in 1906. Her daughter Grace Libby Smith Cheever occupied it until 1939, when she died; Mrs. Cheever's daughter, Grace, then maintained it as her home until she died in 1974, leaving it to her husband Arnel Milner, who recently sold it to the Utah County Heritage Foundation.

With it's original furniture and interior, this is a remarkable resource. The story of Mrs. Smith's endurance of the privation of the frontier is notable; and the interaction of the members of the family in their attempt to resolve the natural problems of polygamy, producing notable second and third generations is significant. The house is a valuable link to the tremendous role of women in the settlement and development of Utah.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Abstract of Title, compiled by Security Title and Abstract Co., Provo, Utah, on the subject property. Dated Oct. 31, 1979, in possession of Graig M. Call, #13 E. Center, Rm 304, Provo, Utah. Ancestry, Biography, and Family of George A. Smith, by Zora Smith Jarvis. Privately published, Feb., 1962. Printed by B.Y.U. Press, Provo, Utah.
 Ester Smith Brown, oral interview, November 11, 1979, Salt Lake City, Utah

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
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Quadrangle name Provo, Utah

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Block 25, Plat B. Provo City survey; thence North 9 rods; thence East 102.38 feet; thence South 115.53 feet; thence West 100.28 feet to the point of beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Utah code county Utah code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Craig M. Call, Preservation Consultant November 13, 1979

organization Historic Utah, Inc. date

street & number P.O. Box 231, #13 East Center, Rm 304 telephone 375-5344

city or town Provo, Utah 84601 state

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Melvin T. Smith

title Melvin T. Smith State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) date December 18, 1979

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

Carol O. Skelton date 2-14-80
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: William H. Bralham date Feb. 12, 1980
 Chief of Registration