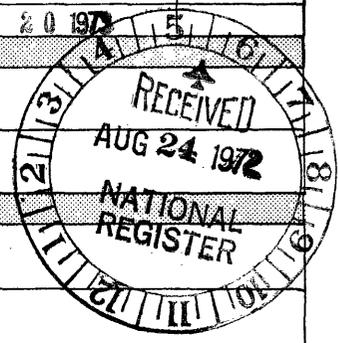


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Utah</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Sanpete</b>	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON: **Ephraim United Order Cooperative Building**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Ephraim United Order Cooperative Building**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Corner Main Street and 1st North**

CITY OR TOWN: **Ephraim**

STATE: **Utah** CODE: **49** COUNTY: **Sanpete** CODE: **039**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<b>vacant</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: **Sanpete Development Corporation**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Ephraim** STATE: **Utah** CODE: **49**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Recorder's Office, Sanpete County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER: **160 North Main**

CITY OR TOWN: **Manti** STATE: **Utah** CODE: **49**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

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

DATE OF SURVEY: **1971**  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)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

An enclosed photograph shows the building as it was originally. Because of insensitive owners throughout the years, the building has deteriorated in appearance and condition. Some remodelling has taken place on the interior and at rear of main building. Front windows have been bricked in. Some structural damage has occurred at the front gable. The color, texture and most essential elements of the building remain to facilitate a relatively simple restoration.



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**8. 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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In the late 1860's Mormon communities were faced with the challenge of an ever increasing number of "gentile merchants" settling in Zion. The coming of the railroad in 1869 threatened to enslave the Mormons with an economic bondage that had not been possible before. In response to these challenges church officials developed plans which culminated in the co-operative movement. The basic philosophy of this movement was that Latter-day Saints should not trade with "outsiders" but instead with local cooperative establishments which would be supplied by a "Parent Institution."

The first step in the cooperative movement was the organization of the Parent Store in Salt Lake City, Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution, on October 24, 1868. Within the next ten years more than 150 local cooperatives were founded.

Perhaps the best remaining example of a local cooperative store is the old Ephraim United Order Co-operative Building. Construction on the building began in 1871 and was completed in 1872. The building was constructed of Sanpete oolitic limestone and its front had two distinguishing features which branded it as a co-op store. The name "Ephraim U. O. Mercantile Institution" and a beehive incircled by the words, "Holiness to the Lord." Signs for the parent establishment in Salt Lake City contained the inscription "Holiness to the Lord." Nearly all of the local co-op stores used the name "Cooperative Mercantile Institution" in association with the name of the location.

The cooperative movement, as symbolized by the Ephraim Cooperative Building, was an important part of the Mormon story. According to Leonard Arrington, prominent Mormon historian, "Cooperation, it was believed, would increase production, cut down costs, and make possible a superior organization of resources. It was also calculated to heighten the spirit of unity and 'temporal oneness' of the Saints and promote the kind of brotherhood without which the Kingdom could not be built." (Leonard Arrington, Great Basin Kingdom, p. 309.)

The cooperative store occupied the first floor of the two-story structure. The second floor was constructed as a recreation hall and as a Relief Society meeting hall. Dances and parties were held in the second story. The building became not only an economic but also a social center for the community.

In 1888 plans were made for the establishment of the Sanpete Stake Academy. Funds were not available for the construction of a building and so the Relief Society Hall above the Co-op store was secured. Furniture (see continuation sheet)

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Arrington, Leonard. Great Basin Kingdom. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1958.  
 Daughters of Utah Pioneers. These . . . Our Fathers, A Centennial History of Sanpete County, 1849 to 1947. Springville, Utah: Art City Publishing Company, 1947.  
 Jensen, Andrew. "Ephraim Ward History." Manuscript: Church Historian's Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Nelson, Lowry. The Mormon Settlement. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1952.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Kent Powell, Preservation Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **Utah State Historical Society**      DATE: **August 2, 1972**

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*  
**Milton L. Weilenmann**  
 Utah State Liaison Officer

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date August 2, 1972

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

*Robert M. Utley*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/20/73

ATTEST: *W. J. [Signature]*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-13-73

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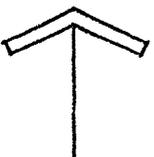
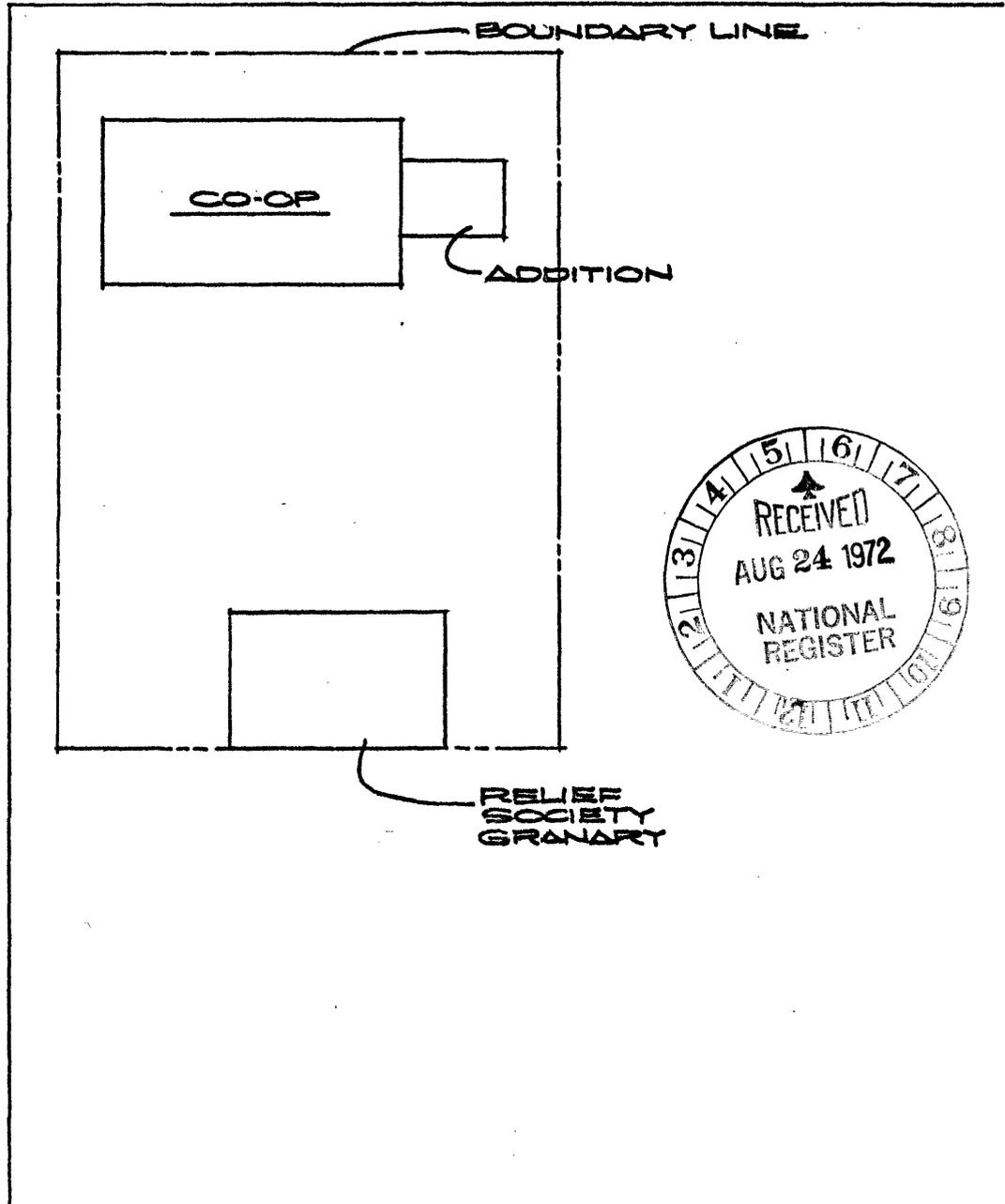
and equipment were purchased and on November 5, 1888 the Sanpete Stake Academy was opened. The hall was used by the Sanpete Stake Academy until about 1900. In 1902 the name Sanpete Stake Academy was changed to the Snow Academy. This was in turn changed to Snow Normal College in 1917. As the first home of the school which became Snow College, the old Co-operative Building is also of important historical significance.

The building is presently owned by the Sanpete Development Corporation which was initially founded to preserve the structure. Since its establishment the corporation has become interested in other historic sites in the area.



FIRST NORTH STREET

MAIN STREET



EPHRAIM UNITED ORDER COOPERATIVE BLDG.  
MAIN ST AT FIRST NORTH  
EPHRAIM, UTAH

LATITUDE : 39° - 21' - 41"  
LONGITUDE : 111° - 35' - 8"

SCALE : 1" = 40'  
JULY 1972

3692 (NW WALES)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



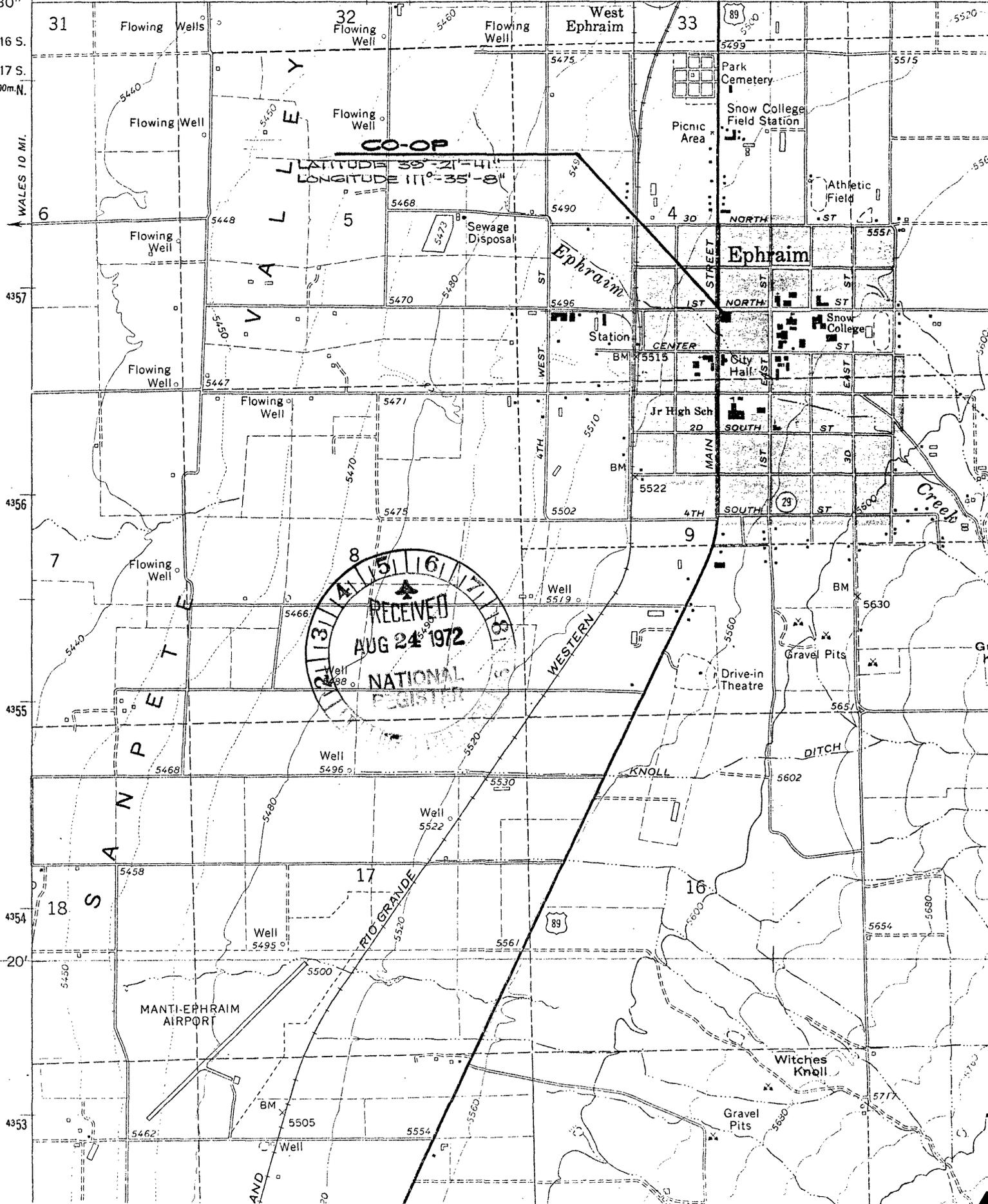
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