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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 PLEASANT GROVE TOWN HALL

and or common

2. Location

street & number 107 S. 100 East _____ not for publication

city, town Pleasant Grove _____ vicinity of

state Utah code 049 county Utah code 049

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name Pleasant Grove City Corporation

street & number 35 S. Main P. O. Box 515

city, town Pleasant Grove _____ vicinity of state Utah 84062

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Utah County Courthouse

street & number University Avenue and Center Street

city, town Provo _____ state Utah

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pleasant Grove Block Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1984 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Utah State Historical Society

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The outside appearance of the Pleasant Grove Town Hall is virtually unchanged from the time of its construction. Although the building's overall character is vernacular, it exhibits a number of classical features typical of most Greek Revival nineteenth century public buildings in Utah. Classical features include pedimented window heads, classical porches, and a symmetrical temple form facade. Unlike most temple form buildings, however, this building has a hip roof rather than a gable roof.

The main entrance is on the west end and has a small raised porch with a gable roof supported by Tuscan columns. A small rectangular wing with a hip roof projects from the east or rear wall. On the north side of the rear wing there is a small window flanked by an entry porch similar to but smaller than that of the main entrance. Exterior walls are of coursed, handhewn tuffa, or "soft rock," with raised mortar joints. There are three double hung sash windows with two-over-two lights on the north and south side walls of the main portion. The main entry is flanked by two windows which are identical to those of the side walls. A brick chimney at the rear of the main portion is no longer in use.

Most of the alterations to the building have been made on the interior, and all are relatively minor. The ceiling has been lowered somewhat and florescent lighting added. A gas furnace and central heating system have been installed, and the floors have been covered with linoleum. The front door has been made smaller, with transom and sidelights added. The basic floor plan remains unchanged, and the shelves and other fixtures installed for library use are not permanent. Alterations to the exterior include concrete facing on the foundation and replacement of the original porch with one of concrete (n.d.).

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 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1887

Builder/Architect N.P. Poulson, Sr./Andrew F. Sundberg

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Pleasant Grove Town Hall, constructed in 1887, is historically significant as the oldest remaining town hall of three constructed in the community since its incorporation in 1855. It is also the second oldest and best preserved public building of any kind remaining in Pleasant Grove. The town hall is architecturally significant as one of the best preserved examples of the "soft rock" architecture characteristic to this locality. The locally quarried stone, or tufa, was soft enough to be shaped with an ordinary axe and was commonly used in pioneer buildings of Pleasant Grove, giving the town a distinctive character. The stone is easily weathered, however, and many of the early examples of soft rock construction have consequently been covered with stucco or siding. The Pleasant Grove Town Hall is one of approximately a dozen well preserved soft rock structures remaining in the community.

The two-room stone building was constructed in 1887 by Pleasant Grove City for use as its town hall. It replaced the city's first town hall, a one-room log structure with a jail in the cellar, which had been built on the site shortly the community's incorporation in 1855. According to city records of the time, plans for the second town hall were drafted by Andrew F. Sundberg, a Pleasant Grove carpenter and contractor, while the tufa rock was purchased from William Wadley for the sum of \$60.00. Building materials such as lime, lumber and nails were purchased from the Pleasant Grove Co-op for \$312.04. Construction of the town hall was supervised by City Alderman James O. Bullock. Local stonemason N.P. Poulson, Sr., laid the stone for the building, while local tradesmen hired by Mr. Sundberg assisted in the carpentry work. In addition, a number of local townspeople volunteered their labors to the project.

Originally, the small room at the rear of the building served as the City Council chambers, while the main room housed the city court and the civic center which was used for political rallies, public meeting, elections, socials, and dances. A detached red-brick jail, now demolished, was built to the rear of the town hall several years later. During the year of 1910-11 a sixth grade class was taught in the town hall to alleviate overcrowding at the Pleasant Grove Central School.

Following completion in 1940 of the third and present city hall at 35 S. Main Street, the old town hall came to be used as a lunch center for the Pleasant Grove High School. The building was in use for this purpose until 1949 when a new high school cafeteria was completed. The town hall subsequently housed the Pleasant Grove First Baptist Church between 1955 and 1960. In 1961 city officials decided to move the Pleasant Grove Public Library, then housed in a room of the new City Hall, into the old town hall. Following renovation and remodeling of the town hall building, the library was opened there in March, 1962.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Pleasant Grove Review (Pleasant Grove, Utah). March 15, 1962, p. 1; March 22, 1962, p. 2.
Memories That Live. Provo, Utah (?): Daughters of Utah Pioneers, 1947, p. 173.

"Special Histories and Pioneer Biographies," unpublished typescript, Camp Pleasant Grove,
Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Vol. 1, p. 75-76. Available in National Register File, Utah

State Historical Society.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Orem

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

All of Lot 3 Block 20 Plat A Pleasant Grove Townsite Survey.

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

state N/A code county N/A code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kent D. Johnson

organization

date March 1985

street & number 1327 Kensington Avenue

telephone 801-467-1450

city or town Salt Lake City

state Utah

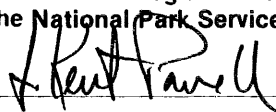
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 National Park Service.

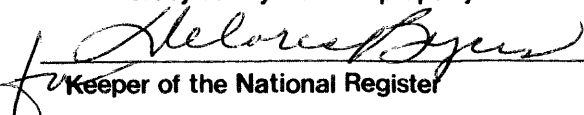
State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title A, Kent Powell, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date May 3, 1985

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


Keeper of the National Register

date

6-27-85

Signature of the Keeper of the National Register

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History (Continued):

Remodeling work had revealed the old structure to be remarkably intact, with few cracks visible in the 24-inch thick soft-rock walls, and the floors and joists still solid, with "no signs of dry rot, termite damage or other deterioration." Landscaping of the grounds was performed concomitant to renovation of the building. However, the four large pine trees which frame the facade possibly date back to the town hall's construction in 1887. The building continues to be used as the public library, although library needs have now outgrown the capacity of the building and various options for relocating the library are currently being considered.