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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printer in 12 pitch, using an 85 space line and a 10 space left margin. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name FARNSWORTH APARTMENTS
other names/site number (Site #10) Robins Apartments

2. Location

street & number 2539 Jefferson Avenue N/A not for publication
city, town Ogden N/A vicinity
state Utah code UT county Weber code 057 zip code 84401

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Three-story Apartment Buildings in Ogden,
1908-1928

No. of contributing resources
previously listed in the
National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. ___ See continuation sheet.

Mary E. ...

November 4, 1987

Signature of certifying official

Date

Utah State Historical Society

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
___ See continuation sheet

Linda McClelland 12/31/87

___ 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

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

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7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19th AND EARLY 20th CENTURY
AMERICAN MOVEMENTS

foundation concrete
walls brick (multi-colored)
roof unknown
other concrete
wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Built in 1922, the Farnsworth Apartments is a three-story brick building with a flat roof, raised basement, concrete foundation, and simple utilitarian design. Minor alterations on the exterior and interior do not significantly affect the original integrity of the building.

The Farnsworth is one of the more straightforward, utilitarian examples of the kind of three-story apartment buildings constructed in Ogden prior to the Depression. The building is a rectangular block with a square facade emphasis and virtually no stylistic ornamentation. The exterior features include a center entrance and various sizes of flat arched window openings trimmed with cast concrete lintels and sills. The projecting deep, flat cornice is made of wood. The brick is multi-colored and extremely striated and textured. The original windows have been replaced in recent years by metal frame windows, but the openings have not been altered.

The interior of the building contains 16 one-bedroom units, four on each floor opening off a central double-loaded corridor. The interior was renovated in recent years as the building was converted into condominiums. New tile, oak trim, carpeting and casements were installed at that time. Despite these changes on the interior and the minor alterations on the exterior the building retains its original integrity.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally

Applicable National Register Criteria X A ___ B X C ___ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1922-28

Significant Dates

1922

Community Development

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown/Taylor Building Company

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Built in 1922, the Farnsworth Apartments is one of 21 apartment buildings included in the multiple property study "Three-story Apartment Buildings in Ogden, 1908-1928." These buildings are architecturally significant as examples of a distinct type of multi-family dwelling that was constructed in Ogden during the first three decades of the twentieth century. Characteristic features are their their multi-story height, brick construction, flat roofs, and self-contained apartment units on the interior. These apartment buildings are also historically significant, representing an attempt to accommodate the rapid population growth that Ogden experienced during its economic boom period of the early twentieth century. The expanding railroad industry and the introduction of major manufacturing plants and governmental facilities sparked the transformation of Ogden into an important urban center. Apartment buildings were constructed in response to the increased demand for housing, rising land values, and the appeal of apartments as a new and modern type of urban housing

The Farnsworth Apartments were constructed by Taylor Building Company, a major developer of apartments during the pre-depression era. The company consisted of four brothers--Fred S., an engineer; Henry E., a carpenter; H. Lewis, manager of Eccles Lumber Co.; and John A., a carpenter. Following a pattern quite popular at the time, the Taylors purchased land, constructed apartments through their own company, then sold the building shortly after completion. This kind of low-risk investment enterprise (due to the high demand for housing) was attractive to buyers such as J. W. and Flora F. Farnsworth, who purchased the income-producing project in 1923. The Taylors similarly built the Barnhart and Flowers Apartments in a similar fashion. These apartments were also architecturally modest.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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(Farnsworth Apartments, Weber County, Utah)

The city directories for 1925 and 1930 provide a general profile of the occupants of the Farnsworth during the 1920s. The Farnsworth housed a remarkable percentage of professional women and couples. Two female school principals and several teachers, practitioners, a school superintendent, and business managers were living side by side. One woman ran a massage practice from her apartment. The rest, male residents, were largely managers or officers of businesses. Two occupants, James Farnsworth and Edith Light, remained in the building for a number of years while the other occupants changed frequently.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Polk Directories for Ogden City.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Ogden City.

Weber County Recorder and Assessor Records, Ogden, Utah.

___ See continuation sheet

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

X State Historic Preservation Office

___ Other State agency

___ Federal agency

___ Local government

___ University

___ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property less than one acre

UTM References

A	<u>1/2</u>	<u>4/1/9/1/2/0</u>	<u>4/5/6/3/3/8/0</u>	B	<u>/</u>	<u>/ / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<u>/</u>	<u>/ / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>	D	<u>/</u>	<u>/ / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>
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___ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: (tax no. 01-014-0046)

Part of Lots 9 and 10, Block 16, Plat A, Ogden City Survey; Beginning at a point 16 rods S of the NE corner of said Block 16, thence S 4 rods, W 10 rods, N 4 rods, E 10 rods to the place of beginning.

___ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary is based on the legal description of the property that has historically been associated with the building. ___ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

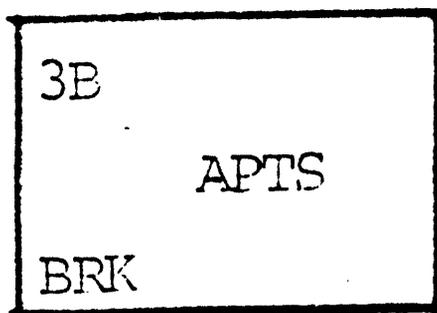
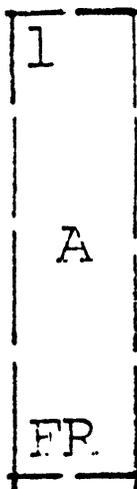
name/title Allen D. Roberts/architect; Linda Ostler, researcher

organization Cooper/Roberts Architects, AIA date August 1987

street & number 202 West 300 North telephone (801) 355-5915

city or town Salt Lake City state Utah zip code 84103

10. Farnsworth



(Street)

Key to Abbreviated Notations

Street = Street(s) the building faces

1,2,3 (inside building) = # of stories

B = Basement

A = Automobile garage

BRK = Brick construction

FR = Frame "

M = Metal "

ST = Stone "

CONC = Concrete "

APTS = Apartments

 = Former structure, now razed

NOTES: North is always at the top of the page; information is taken from Ogden Sanborn Map, 1906 updated through 1951; all buildings are drawn at 1" = 25 feet scale.