



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.

*Wayne F. ...*

Signature of certifying official  
Utah State Historical Society  
State or Federal agency and bureau

November 4, 1987  
Date

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

\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet

\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register.

\_\_\_ removed from the National Register.

\_\_\_ other, (explain:)

*Jenna McClellan 12/21/87*

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

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

other: early 20th century vernacular

other: double-loaded corridor plan

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Materials

(enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick

concrete (cast stone)

roof unknown

other terra cotta

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Completed in 1921, the Avelan Apartments is a rectangular, three-story brick building with a flat roof and concrete foundation. The building is virtually unaltered on the exterior.

The Avelan is an unusually long rectangular building with its narrow end facing the street. It has a central, double-loaded corridor and contains 60 three-room, one-bedroom units. Its exterior has iron oxide and painted regular brick. It is trimmed with a flat, deep wood cornice, raised brick around the flat-arched casement windows, and a dark brick band or "wainscot" around the building's base. Minor decorative elements include leaded glass in the windows on the facade and the ornamental metal canopy over the entrance. Overall the facade is generally of simple, non-descript, early 20th-century vernacular design.

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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)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

1921-28

1921

Community Development

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown/probably William J. Stephens

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

Completed in 1921, the Avelan 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 Avelan and its next-door twin, the LaFrantz, were the two largest apartments erected between 1908 and 1928, the period of three-story apartment construction in Ogden. The Avelan is named for one of the three sons of William J. Stephens and Lulu Brown Stephens, the original owners of the building. William was a contractor and probably was responsible for the construction of both the Avelan and La Frantz apartments. The La Frantz was completed first, as indicated by its listing in the city directory in 1921; the Avelan was not listed until 1922. William and Lulu Stephens lived in the La Frantz Apartments for a number of years and managed both buildings. The building has been known as the Western Apartments since 1928.

The city directories for 1925 and 1930 provide a general profile of the

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occupants of the Avelan during the 1920s. Early in the Avelan's occupancy there was a mixture of couples and single, unemployed women, although single men dominated. Occupations included salespeople, railroad workers, dressmakers, bookkeepers, barbers, chauffeurs, life insurance agents, and practioners of "drugless healing methods and Palmer chiropractic methods."

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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:

State Historic Preservation Office

\_\_\_ Other State agency

\_\_\_ Federal agency

\_\_\_ Local government

\_\_\_ University

\_\_\_ Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre

UTM References

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<u>/</u>	<u>/ / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>	D	<u>/</u>	<u>/ / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>
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Verbal Boundary Description: (tax no. 01-003-0017)

The W 83 feet of lots 7 & 8, Block 3, Plat A, Ogden City Survey; more particularly described as beginning at the NW corner of Lot 7, thence S 264 feet, E 83 feet, N 264 feet, W 83 feet 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

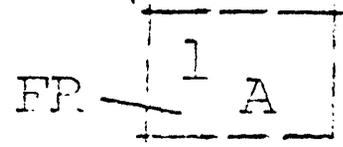
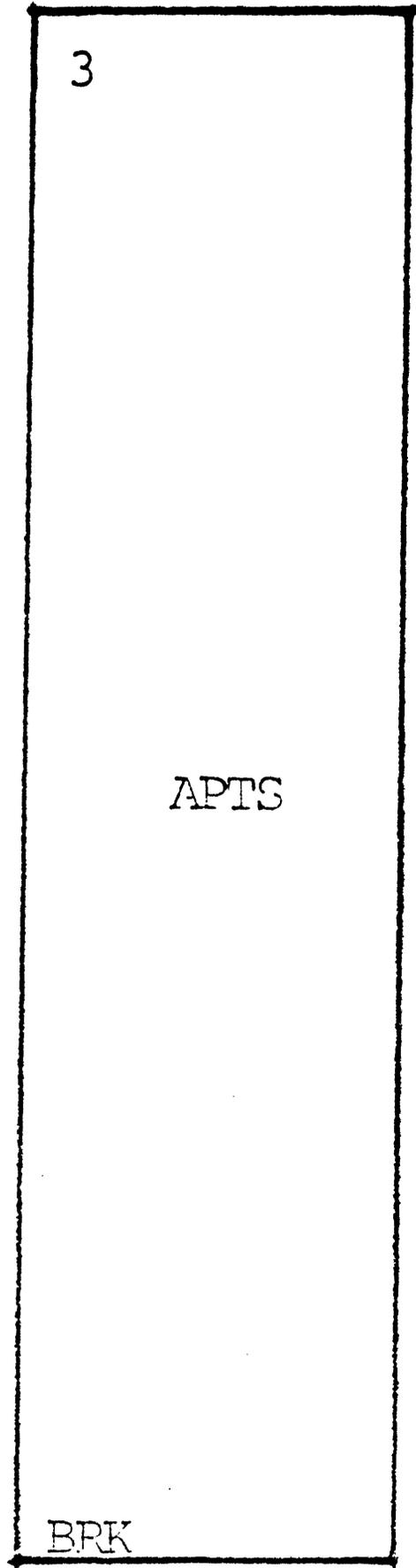
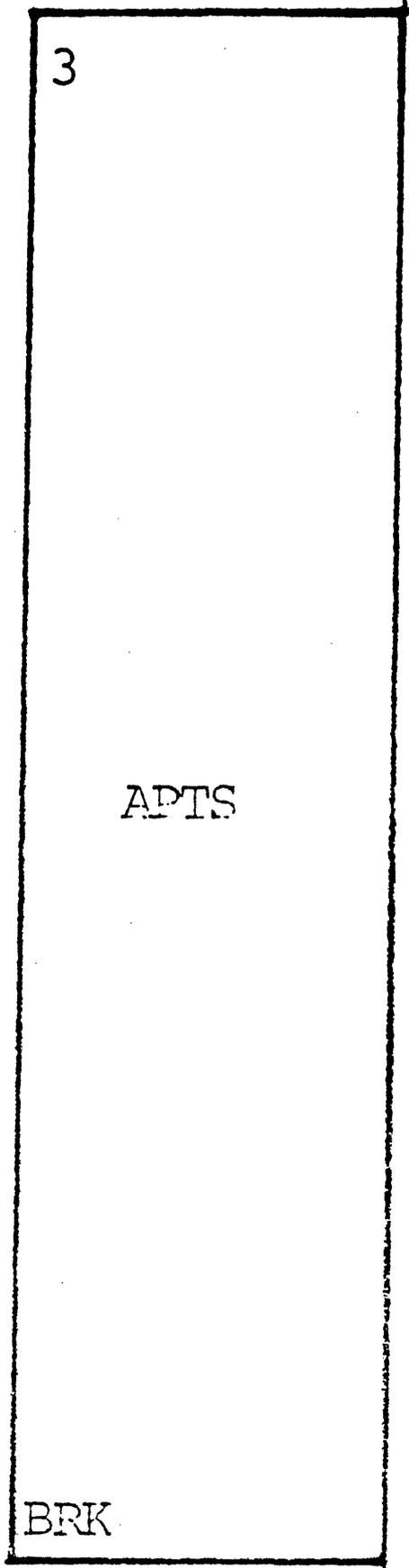
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city or town Salt Lake City state Utah zip code 84103

(Street)

16. Avelan

15. La Frantz



### 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

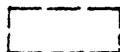
FR = Frame "

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.