

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

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

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Wellsville Tabernacle

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 75 South 100 East _____ not for publication

city, town Wellsville _____ vicinity of congressional district \

state Utah code 049 county Cache code 005

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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

street & number 50 East North Temple

city, town Salt Lake City _____ vicinity of state Utah 84130

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cache County Courthouse

street & number 179 North Main

city, town Logan state Utah

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Utah Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date May 30, 1973 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Utah State Historical Society

city, town Salt Lake City state Utah

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 Wellsville Tabernacle stands on the southeast corner of the Wellsville town square. Built from 1902 to 1908, it is in the Gothic Revival style reminiscent of the late nineteenth century ecclesiastical work of Richard Upjohn and others who popularized the style. The building is 65 by 115 feet, with a cross gable on the north side projecting slightly. A tower at the southeast corner dominates the main facades.

The gabled roofs emphasizes the building's verticality. Buttresses at the corners and at the windows on three facades are capped with short octagonal pinnacles. The tower includes pinnacles at the corners, pierced by blind pointed arches.

The main entrance is centered under the large window on the east wall. Three of the four facades include a gabled roof framing a large Gothic window with corbeled pointed arches.

Built on a raised, rusticated sandstone foundation, the brick of the building has been painted white. After a fire in 1959, the tower was lowered and the central spire reduced in size. A one story, one room extension has been built on the north wall of the building.

The interior of the tabernacle includes a floor plan unusual in Mormon churches. The main vaulted space has the pulpit in the northwest corner. The main aisle extends on a diagonal from the entrance under the corner tower. Pews are arranged in semicircular rows facing the pulpit in the corner. Behind the pulpit on the west wall is a semicircular apse for the choir and organ. A new pipe organ was installed in 1928. Balconies on the east and south walls of the chapel are well lit by the pointed arch windows. A few of the original slatted pews remain in the balconies. A 1928 remodeling included new, more elaborate oak pews.

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

Specific dates 1902-1908 **Builder/Architect** C. T. Barrett

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Wellsville Tabernacle is one of two tabernacles in Cache Valley, and dominates the south end of the valley. Built during the years 1902 to 1908, it demonstrates the persistence of the Mormon village form, based on cooperative idealism. In spite of alterations, primarily to the tower, the architectural form and imposing scale make the tabernacle one of the four major landmarks in the Mormon settlements of northern Utah.

Plans for the Wellsville Tabernacle were prepared by the architect C.T. Barrett under the direction of Bishop Evan R. Owen. Ground was broken in 1902 by former Bishop William H. Maughn who had served as bishop for forty years. The cornerstones were laid by Apostle Owen Woodruff and President Seymour B. Young in 1903. It was dedicated June 28, 1908 by Anton H. Lund of the Mormon Church's First Presidency.

All the materials came from local sources. A rock quarry, a lime kiln and a brickyard were operated by local men. William S. Poppleton supervised the stone work, quarried in nearby Sardine Canyon. Job Miller Sr. made the red brick, which was laid by Fred Douglas and Co. Alex Hill provided the rough lumber from his sawmill in Blacksmith Fork Canyon. Thomas Thorpe Sr. directed the plaster work and the Brenchley Brothers did the iron work. Daniel and William Walters and Francis O. Gunnell were responsible for the carpentry work. Professor Emil Hansed, a landscape gardener, supervised the planting of the lawn, shrubs, and trees. The total cost of the building was \$65,000.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Russell, Melvin R., "The Wellsville Tabernacle," Class project for Cache Valley History, 1978, Microfilm, U.S.U. Special Collections.
2. The Herald Journal, Sunday March 25, 1956, p. 5.
3. The Logan Journal, Tuesday June 30, 1908, p. 1 & 5.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 2.5 acres

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Quadrangle name Wellsville, Utah

Scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	2	4	2	2	3	7	0	4	6	0	9	7	4	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting			Northing		

C

Zone		Easting			Northing		

D

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F

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G

Zone		Easting			Northing		

H

Zone		Easting			Northing		

Verbal boundary description and justification

The southeast quarter of Block 15 Plat A, Wellsville Survey

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization

date November 15, 1979

street & number 30 South 100 East Box 247

telephone 245-6742

city or town Wellsville

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Melvin T. Smith

title Melvin T. Smith, State Historic Preservation Officer

date September 19, 1980

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

Forrest W. Ray
Forrest W. Ray
Keeper of the National Register

date

11/26/80

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration