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Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 97001324

Date Listed: 11/17/97

Young Men's Hall--Tingey House  
Property Name

Davis  
County

UT  
State

Centerville MPS  
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
Signature of the Keeper

12/11/97  
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

**8. Statement of Significance: Criteria Considerations**

Criteria exception A applies because the area of significance for Religion is justified.

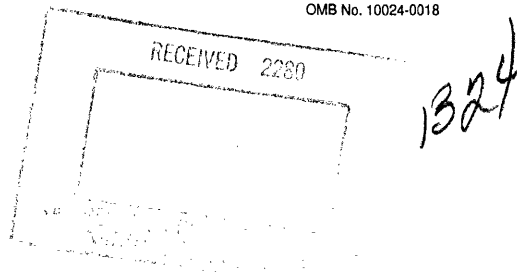
This information was confirmed with UTSHPO staff by telephone.

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- Nominating Authority (without attachment)

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Young Men's Hall/Tingey House

other names/site number Y.M.M.I.A.

### 2. Location

street & number 85 South 300 East N/A not for publication

city or town Centerville N/A vicinity

state Utah code UT county Davis code 011 zip code 84 014

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 Xmeets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide Xlocally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 9/15/57  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Utah Division of State History, Office of Historic Preservation  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. 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:)

[Signature] 11/17/97  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Young Men's Hall/Tingey House  
Name of Property

Centerville, Davis County, Utah  
City, County, and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>3</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Resources of Centerville

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

- SOCIAL: Meeting Hall
- EDUCATION: Library
- DOMESTIC: Single dwelling
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

- DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

- Mid-19th CENTURY / Other:
- Classical
- OTHER: Vernacular
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

- foundation STONE
- walls STONE
- WOOD / Weather Board
- roof ASPHALT
- other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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## Narrative Description

The Young Men's Hall/Tingey House was constructed c.1872 as a mid-nineteenth century Classical style, one-story, one-room stone building. It was turned into a residence c.1920 at which time the hip roof and large front porch were added, and the windows were changed. It has a c.1930s wood frame novelty sided addition on the rear and north side. The building is located near the center of town across the street from the L.D.S. First Ward Meetinghouse. It is fully landscaped with lawns and mature trees. There are two historic outbuildings on the site, a garage and an agricultural building, both built c.1920s.

The original building was a rectangular plan with a gable roof.<sup>1</sup> The hip roof was probably added c.1920 when the building was converted for use as a private residence. There is an inscription in the west wall (formerly gable end) of the building that reads:

Y.M.M.I.A.  
A.D. 1877

The high hipped roof with asphalt shingles extends over the full-length front porch which has a concrete slab floor, two plain square wood columns, wide eaves with narrow tongue-and-groove soffit, and a simply designed wood fascia. The front door is centrally located on the porch and framed in white stucco. The walls of the stone building are of uncoursed field stones of random dimensions. There are roughly squared stone quoins on both the southwest and northwest corners of the stone building. The window openings of the stone building on the south elevation have wood lintels. The windows themselves have been replaced by single fixed panes but the openings remain the same. The one-story frame addition was probably built in the 1930s, when it became owner-occupied.

The gable-roofed one-car garage has drop siding and appears to have been built in the 1920s. It has a wood shingle roof and a small, less than full width, lean-to rear addition. The agricultural building is constructed of cinder block with high casement windows and a saltbox roof. It was presumably built in the 1920s as well. All buildings on this site retain their original fabric and form and contribute to the historic qualities of Centerville.

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<sup>1</sup> An 1890 photo shows the original pitched gable roof.

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Name of Property

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City, County, and State

### 8. Statement of Significance

#### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" on one or more lines for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

#### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" on all that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

#### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

#### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL HISTORY

RELIGION

#### Period of Significance

c.1873-1940s

#### Significant Dates

c.1873-77, 1920

#### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

#### Cultural Affiliation

N/A

#### Architect/Builder

Charles E. Duncan and Sons, Masons

Name of repository:  
\_\_\_\_\_

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

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## Narrative Statement of Significance

The Young Men's Hall/Tingey House, built c.1873-77, made into a residence c.1920s, and enlarged, c.1930s, is significant for its association with the establishment of Centerville. The town was established by order of the president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (L.D.S. or Mormon), Brigham Young, to be a Mormon based, self-reliant community. The former religious building, now residence, describes the importance of the LDS Church's presence in Centerville. The individuals who began construction of this structure did so to use it as a place for debating various subjects, including philosophy and religion. It then became place for the newly formed LDS-sponsored Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association (YMMIA), as the church's dominance continued to influence the growth of Centerville. The building's continued use as a home by church members after the YMMIA no longer needed the building, describes a close connection between Centerville residents and the LDS Church. After it was converted to a residence in the 1920s, the Gilbert and Ruth Tingey family became permanent residents in the 1930s and used this building during a period when Centerville was growing into a 20<sup>th</sup> century city. The Tingey's participation in the community through church and Gilbert's work in the banking industry and Ruth's work as a teacher, reflect this period of change. This house retains its historic integrity, contributes to the historic qualities of Centerville, and is being nominated as part of the Multiple Property Submission, Historic Resources of Centerville.

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### Centerville History:

The first Mormon exploration of Davis County began in August 1847 when the area was determined to be ideal for stock raising and farming. The first houses were built of readily available materials, such as logs, adobe bricks, and field stone and were usually intended to be temporary or subsistence-level structures to be used only until the settlers were able to establish a dependable livelihood and could afford to construct larger and more permanent homes. In the autumn of 1849 the area was surveyed and the town was named Centerville, as the location was roughly half way between Farmington and Bountiful. The center of town was laid out in a pattern loosely based on Plat of the City of Zion with a grid pattern of 20 blocks and outlying farmsteads as well as outlying fields.

The pioneers were eager and industrious and developed small scale enterprises to meet the basic needs of their community, and as encouraged by Brigham Young, to strive toward self-sufficiency in every aspect of daily life. Among the settlers of Centerville, primarily emigrants from other countries, were proficient carpenters and builders as well as farmers. The LDS Church was the organizing force behind Centerville's settlement and growth.

When grasshoppers destroyed most of the farmers' crops in 1868, many people went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad (UPR). Several lines were built between Ogden and Salt Lake City, with the Bamberger Line becoming the principle means of transportation for produce as well as passengers between Salt Lake City and Ogden.

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The early architecture displays a visible pattern of building permanent, large, residences of indigenous stone and brick simply reflects the desire of the residents to display the permanence of the establishment of Centerville, ultimately giving it a distinctive visual quality. It does not portray any visible effort to build residences specifically for polygamous marriages even though it was widely practiced throughout the city. The balance of using traditional American building techniques and styles within the framework of a strong Mormon community has given the city's architecture a unique quality that describes simplicity, permanence, and provides Centerville with a geographic identity. The building of substantial but modest homes continued and new styles and types of residences were introduced to a growing city.

City improvements and services began to appear in the 1910s. Transportation and water systems were being developed to better meet the needs of the residents. Electricity was introduced and street lamps were installed. Problems associated with city living were typical. Other problems, associated with agriculture, were not as typical. In 1923 and 1930 canyon floods caused a great deal of damage. After determining that grazing on the mountain side was the cause, cattle and sheep were prohibited from grazing in the foothills.

The city continued to grow and city parks were built, trees were planted, and streets were cleaned on a regular basis. Civic pride was a constant in the development of Centerville. Organizations were formed that helped the city prosper. Although Centerville was located between Bountiful and Farmington, the town managed to remain independent and maintain its own identity, displaying a strong sense of civic pride. The city of Centerville was developed around a religious core--ideally and physically--the LDS Church. Many descendants of the early settlers continue to live in Centerville and the sense of family and community remains a constant.

### Young Men's Hall History:

In 1872 a literary association called the Young Men's Club was organized by James Baird to discuss issues of philosophy, religion and other intellectually challenging and inspiring topics, and to accumulate a library of books on these topics. Early members of the club included: James Baird, Samuel Parrish, Jr., Nathan Cheney, Aaron Porter, Orin Randall, John E. Woolley, Lorin Woolley, Melvin Randall, and Brigham H. Roberts.<sup>2</sup> Originally the club met in private homes but the club desired a permanent place for meeting and to store their growing library. To accommodate their needs, the club built this small rock building c.1873-77<sup>3</sup> with the help of the skilled stonemasons, Charles

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<sup>2</sup> Carr, Annie Call, Ed. Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, Davis County Company. East of Antelope Island. Salt Lake City, Utah: Publishers Press, 1961.

<sup>3</sup> Smoot, p. 163.

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Duncan's sons<sup>4</sup> to serve as a meeting place and library. It was built at a cost of \$700.<sup>5</sup> Local timber was used in the construction of the roof. The original furnishings were sparse with a table and a few benches. A large divided cupboard was built by Samuel Capener and painted by John Coles, to hold the books they acquired on a regular basis for their library.<sup>6</sup> Reportedly there were fees for joining the club and weekly meetings were held in which books were discussed. Not attending a meeting, or not being prepared to discuss the contents of the books, was grounds for being charged a fine. Those fines were collected and used to purchase additional books.<sup>7</sup>

Towards the end of Utah's pioneer period (1847-1869), Brigham Young, was concerned about outside influences, such as bars and gambling which were beginning to find their way to Utah, and about the effect these practices might have on the youth of the L.D.S. Church. To help counteract what were considered to be new and negative forces, President Young commissioned Junius F. Wells to organize a worldwide church youth program for young men. Such a program, initially called the Mutual Improvement Association (M.I.A.), was established throughout the existing Mormon communities.<sup>8</sup>

Junius Wells visited the Young Men's Club and, after lengthy debate, the club changed its name to the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, or Y.M.M.I.A., and became a part of the L.D.S. M.I.A. movement, reflecting President Young's vision.<sup>9</sup> B.H. Roberts was elected as the first president of the local organization.<sup>10</sup> At this time the Young Men's Club became the Y.M.M.I.A. and continued to meet in the stone building,<sup>11</sup> now under the auspices of the L.D.S. church.

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<sup>4</sup> Madsen, Truman G. Defender of the Faith: the B.H. Roberts Story. Salt Lake City, Utah: Bookcraft, 1980, p. 82.

<sup>5</sup> Deseret News, April 6, 1883.

<sup>6</sup> Notes by Rosabella Guymon based on an unpublished paper by Anne Streeper.

<sup>7</sup> Madsen, p.82.

<sup>8</sup> Mary Ellen Wood Smoot and Marilyn Fullmer Sheriff. The City In-Between: History of Centerville, Utah including Biographies and Autobiographies of some of its original settlers. Bountiful, Utah: Carr Printing Company, 1975, p. 163.

<sup>9</sup> No date is given for the vote to become a branch of the Y.M.M.I.A.. A plaque saying "Y.M.M.I.A., 1877" was found above the ceiling by Gilbert and Ruth Tingey while doing work on the electrical system.

<sup>10</sup> Walton, Amelia P. and Edna May and Janet Thompson. A History of the Young Men's Hall, 1873-1967. Unpublished manuscript, 1967. Copy at Utah State Historic Preservation Office.

<sup>11</sup> The stone building is believed to have been under construction beginning c.1873. There are conflicting reports as to the date of its construction. B.H. Roberts and the Duncan brothers, young men under the age of 20 at the time, were reportedly responsible for building this structure. Because the building is believed to have been used by the Young Men's Club before the YMMIA was founded, it seems that the building was in use prior to 1877. However, there is an inscription on the interior of the west wall (gable end) of the building that reads: Y.M.M.I.A., A.D. 1877. The inscription was found above the ceiling by Gilbert and Ruth Tingey while doing work on the electrical system.



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In 1876 the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Association (Y.L.M.I.A.) was organized in Centerville and Caroline Dalrymple was elected president.<sup>12</sup> After 1877 they also used this stone building for their meetings. Additionally the building was used for meetings of the L.D.S. Primary Association, after its founding in 1880. Rebecca C. Porter was the first president and Caroline Dalrymple and Frankie B. Randall were its first counselors. These three women held their offices for twenty years.<sup>13</sup>

The property began in the ownership of Andrew Dalrymple, one of the early pioneer settlers of Centerville. Andrew owned the land from 1873 to 1882 when it was sold to the Young Men's Association of the L.D.S. Church. The property remained in the possession of the Centerville Corporation of the L.D.S. Church for thirty five years. The Church then sold the property to Newel Whitney Smith in 1917. In 1920 the Y.M.M.I.A. building was converted into a dwelling. It remained in the Smith family until 1930 when it reverted to the Contract Finance Corporation. It passed that same year to a business known as the Finance Company, who owned the house until 1936 when it was sold to Gilbert Randall and Ruth Parkin Tingey.

The Tingey family lived in the house for 58 years, raising three children there (Elwyn Parkin, David Thomas, and Carol Walton). Gilbert was born in Centerville in 1901 to Thomas and Thurza Randall Tingey. He was a bishop of the Centerville First Ward, served as mission president for the Samoan Mission, and also as a Councilman on the Centerville town board. He worked for the ZCMI Credit Union. Gilbert and Ruth were married in 1927.<sup>14</sup> Ruth taught school for many years in the Davis County School District.<sup>15</sup> She also served as a Relief Society homemaking teacher. Gilbert here until his death in 1966. The house was sold in 1994 to the current owners, Scott and Mary Cheney.

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<sup>12</sup> Carr, p. 67.

<sup>13</sup> | bid.

<sup>14</sup> Obituary notice, 1966, on file at the Utah State Historic Preservation Office.

<sup>15</sup> Newspaper clipping on file at the Utah State Historic Preservation Office.

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### 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of property less than one acre

#### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A 1/2 4/2/6/5/3/0 4/5/2/9/6/4/0 B 1 ////// //////  
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

C 1 ////// ////// D 1 ////// //////

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Beginning at the South West corner of lot 2 Block 25 Plat A Centerville Township Survey which point is North 89°50'43", East 33 feet along the center line and North to ^05'01", East 25 feet, from the center line of the intersection.

         See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

#### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those that were historically and continue to be associated with the building.

         See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title USHPO staff; Lisa M. Miller / Preservation Research Consultant  
organization \_\_\_\_\_ date March 1997  
street & number 166 T Street telephone (801) 355-8611  
city or town Salt Lake City state UT zip code 84103-4152

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and/or properties having large acreage or numerous resources.
- **Photographs:** Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.
- **Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

### Property Owner

name Scott D. & Mary Cheney  
street & number 85 South 300 East telephone (801) 296-2967  
city or town Centerville state UT zip code 84014

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**Common Label Information:**

1. Young Men's Hall/Tingey House
2. Centerville, Davis County, Utah
3. Photographer: Lisa M. Miller
4. Date: June 1995
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

**Photo No. 1:**

6. West elevation of building. Camera facing East.

**Photo No. 2:**

6. South elevation of building. Camera facing north.

**Photo No. 3:**

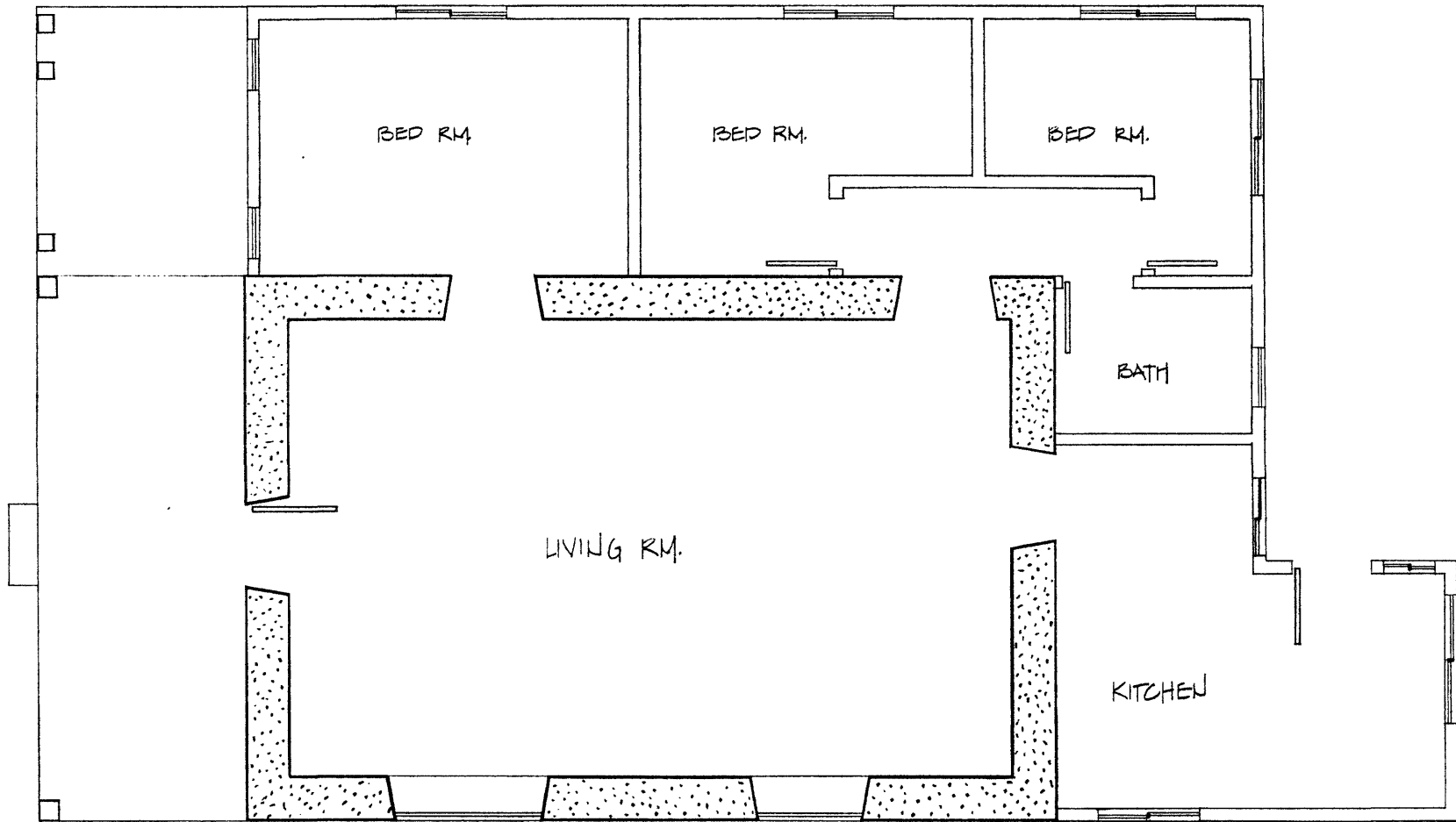
6. Northeast elevation of building. Camera facing southwest.

**Photo No. 4:**

6. Southwest elevation of garage. Camera facing northeast.

**Photo No. 5:**

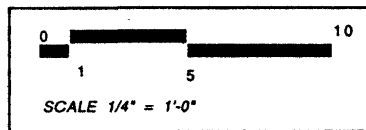
6. Southwest elevation of outbuilding. Camera facing northeast.



YOUNG MENS HALL

85 SOUTH 300 EAST  
CENTERVILLE, UTAH

SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"



 ROCK b. 1977

 WOOD FRAME ca. 1952