

**Structure/Site Information Form**

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 60 West Main Street  
Minersville, Beaver County, Utah

UTM: 12 331550 4231300

Name of Structure: Minersville City Hall

T. R. S.

Present Owner: City of Minersville

Owner Address: 60 West Main Street  
Minersville, Utah 84752

Year Built (Tax Record):

Effective Age:

Tax #: MV-42-B

Legal Description

Kind of Building:

Commencing SE corner Lot 2, Block 12, Minersville City Survey; thence N 157 feet, W 67 feet, S 57 feet, W 50 feet, S 100 feet, E 117 feet to beginning. Less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: City of Minersville

Construction Date: 1935

Demolition Date:

Original Use: government--city hall

Present Use: government--city hall

Building Condition:

Integrity:

Preliminary Evaluation:

Final Register Status:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> Site  | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant | <input type="checkbox"/> Not of the | <input type="checkbox"/> National Landmark | <input type="checkbox"/> District       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributory           | Historic Period                     | <input type="checkbox"/> National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated    |                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Alterations            | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Contributory       |                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> State Register    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic       |

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography:

Date of Slides: 1983

Slide No.:

Date of Photographs: 1983

Photo No.:

Views:  Front  Side  Rear  Other

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Research Sources:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers         | <input type="checkbox"/> U of U Library |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plat Records / Map | <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah State Historical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> BYU Library    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Card & Photo   | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias         | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews           | <input type="checkbox"/> USU Library    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permit               | <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index                     | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Church Archives           | <input type="checkbox"/> SLC Library    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Permit                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County & City Histories | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Genealogical Society      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other          |

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

The Beaver Press, 1934-36.  
Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Monuments to Courage: A History of Beaver County. Beaver, Utah: The Beaver Printing Co., 1974.  
Works Progress Administration. A Report of the Works Division: Utah Emergency Relief Administration, April 15, 1934-October 31, 1935. Salt Lake City: Works Progress Administration, 1936.

Architect/Builder: unknown

Building Materials: unknown

Building Type/Style: Romanesque Revival

## Description of physical appearance &amp; significant architectural features:

(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

This small, flat-roofed structure is unusual for WPA-inspired buildings because it displays distinctively Romanesque Revival stylistic features rather than those of the more generally encountered Art Moderne style. The 1-story building has a rock-faced stone wall surface and there is a low projecting cornice consisting of 2 stone courses. The most prominent visual elements are the wide round arches over the openings on the symmetrical 3 bay principal facade. There are no significant alterations.

## Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1935

Built in 1935, the Minersville City Hall is part of the Public Works Buildings Thematic Resources nomination and is significant because it helps document the impact of New Deal programs in Utah, which was one of the states that the Great Depression of the 1930s most severely affected. In 1933 Utah had an unemployment rate of 36 percent, the fourth highest in the country, and for the period 1932-1940 Utah's unemployment rate averaged 25 percent. Because the depression hit Utah so hard, federal programs were extensive in the state. Overall, per capita federal spending in Utah during the 1930s was 9th among the 48 states, and the percentage of workers on federal work projects was far above the national average. Building programs were of great importance. During the 1930s virtually every public building constructed in Utah, including county courthouses, city halls, fire stations, national guard armories, public school buildings, and a variety of others, were built under federal programs by one of several agencies, including the Civil Works Administration (CWA), the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA), the National Youth Administration (NYA), the Works Progress Administration (WPA), or the Public Works Administration (PWA), and almost without exception none of the buildings would have been built when they were without the assistance of the federal government.

The Minersville City Hall is one of 233 public works buildings identified in Utah that were built during the 1930s and early 1940s. Only 130 of the 233 buildings are known to remain today and retain their historic integrity. Of the 233 buildings, 23 were city halls, 18 of which remain. In Beaver County, 7 buildings were constructed and 5 of them are still standing. Of those 7 buildings, 2 were city halls.

The Minersville City Hall was built in 1935 by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA). Following its completion it housed the  
(See Continuation Sheet)

## Minersville City Hall

History continued:

Minersville Post Office, the Minersville Library, the Minersville Camp of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, as well as town council chambers and town offices. Stone from the Murdock Academy in Beaver was used in constructing the City Hall. The academy had been built in 1908 by the Mormon church. It ceased operation in 1922, and in 1935 the building was demolished.