

Rock Schoolhouse  
NE corner First West and First South Sts.  
Fillmore  
Millard County  
Utah

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## ROCK SCHOOLHOUSE

Location: Northeast corner First West and First South  
Streets, Fillmore, Millard County, Utah.  
Latitude: 38° 58' 2" N Longitude: 112° 19' 33" W

Present Owner: City of Fillmore

Present Occupant: Daughters of Utah Pioneers

Present Use: Museum

Statement of  
Significance: This is the last remaining of three small school  
buildings erected in 1867, the first buildings  
financed by the taxpayers of Fillmore.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

## 1. Original and subsequent owners:

Fillmore School District  
City of Fillmore

## 2. Date of erection: 1867

## 3. Architect: Unknown

4. Builders: Chandler Holbrook, Dellie Webb, Ova  
Peterson.

## B. Historical Events and Persons Associated with the Building:

The town of Fillmore was settled as a fort in 1851. Before the close of the first year the pioneers had erected a log school room inside the fort. In 1854 an adobe church was built which also served as a school. In 1867 Fillmore was divided into three school districts and three small school buildings were erected; the first buildings financed by the taxpayers of the town. This one, located on the southwest corner of the town square on which also stands Utah's first Territorial Capitol building, is the only one of the remaining original three. It is a one-story, one-room building built of red sandstone quarried from the hills east of Fillmore. It was built under the direction of Chandler Holbrook. Contractors were Dellie Webb and Ova Peterson.

Stone masons were Horace Owens, James Owens, Nat Baldwin, Lewis Tarbuck, John Ashman, James and Ralph Rowley. Carpenters were Hans Christian Hanson and John Powell. Edward Partridge and Francis M. Lyman were school trustees, and Eddie Webb was the first teacher. Forty students could be accommodated. The building housed all grades of readers up to "Fifth Readers". After the fifth reader was mastered the pupils were promoted to another school. The building was restored by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, but is in danger of being removed to make way for a new elementary school to be built on this site in the near future.

C. Sources of Information

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Prepared by John L. Giusti, AIA  
September 5, 1967

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural interest: One of the oldest schools in Utah. It epitomizes the vanishing one-room school.
2. Condition of fabric: Excellent.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: The building is a simple, one-story, gabled rectangle 25' 11 1/2" x 36' 2".
2. Foundations: Red sandstone.

3. Wall construction: Red sandstone coursed rubble.
4. Structural system, framing: Masonry bearing wall - wood framed roof.
5. Stoops: Only one of the two front doors now has a stoop, a single red sandstone block - 17" x 49" x 6".
6. Chimney: At either end of gable - red brick with ornamental brick cap - probably replaced earlier stone chimney or chomneys - only the one at the east shows on the interior as a thickened part of the upper wall.
7. Openings: Flat stone lintels span the heads of all doors and windows. Doors have two nearly equal panels and 3-light transoms. Ten double hung windows six-over-six.
8. Roof:
  - a. Shape, covering: Gable covered with wood shingles.
  - b. Cornice: Cornice has interesting turned quarter round mould (astragal).

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: One simple rectangular room with two doors at the west end, two windows at the east and four windows in each side.
2. Flooring: Modern concrete floor and base.
3. Wall and ceiling finish: Sand finish plaster.
4. Doorways and window openings are splayed and paneled on the interior.
5. Decorative features and trim: The ceiling is an elliptical vault. Cornices on long sides of the room have two turned quarter round mouldings (astragals).
6. Lighting: Two modern electrified wagon wheels represent a questionable approach to restoration.
7. Heating: A stove at the east end.

D. Site:

1. Orientation: The school faces First West Street 43' 10 1/2" to the west. First South Street is 49' to the south.
2. Landscaping: The honey locusts south of the building were set out in 1901.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This record is part of a Utah Survey conducted in the summers of 1967 and 1968 under joint sponsorship of the Historic American Buildings Survey of the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation of the National Park Service and the Utah Heritage Foundation.

Field work, historic research and record drawings were done under the direction of Project Supervisor Paul Goeldner, AIA (Texas Tech University) assisted by Project Historian John Giusti, AIA (University of Utah). Photographs were made by P. Kent Fairbanks of Salt Lake City.

Student Assistant Architects on the 1967 team were Robert M. Swanson and Charles W. Barrow, (University of Texas) and Kenneth L. Lambert and Keith Sorenson, (University of Utah). 1968 Student Assistant Architects were Keith Sorenson, Charles D. Harker and Robert Schriever, (University of Utah) and Donald G. Prycer (Texas A. & M. University).