

Albert Fisher Carriage House  
Rear of 1206 West Second South Street  
Salt Lake City  
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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Rear of 1206 West Second South Street, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah  
Latitude: 40° 45' 56" N Longitude: 111° 55' 30" W

Present Owner: Alice E. Davidson

Present Occupant: Missionary Sisters

Present Use: Garage and Storage

Statement of Significance: This is one of the few remaining carriage houses in Salt Lake City, and one of the better designed structures of its type. The mansion, still intact, was the residence of one of Utah's pioneer brewers, founder of the Fisher Brewing Company.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

## 1. Original and subsequent owners:

James Alma Cunningham (by patent) pre-1871  
Joseph R. Walker & Mary A. Walker June 22, 1871  
Albert Fisher & Aaron Keyser October 28, 1892  
Albert Fisher November 4, 1892  
Alma Fisher July 2, 1917  
Alice E. Davidson March 3, 1928

## 2. Date of erection: 1893

## 3. Architect: Richard K. A. Kletting, Salt Lake City

## 4. Builder, suppliers, etc.: Not known

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

This carriage house is part of the estate of Albert Fisher, pioneer brewer and founder of the Fisher Brewing Company of Salt Lake City, Fisher established the brewery in 1884, immediately to the east of his estate. The plant still exists and is operating today. Albert Fisher married Alma Youngberg on June 29, 1882. They had four children: Frank A. Fisher (died August 31, 1965), Albert B. Fisher (died May 25, 1944), Carl A. Fisher & Mrs. Fred A. Davidson. Mr. Fisher died on June 28, 1917 and Mrs. Fisher died in 1940.

This property was conveyed to daughter Alice E. Davidson in 1948 and is presently being used as a residence for the Missionary Sisters, an order of Catholic nuns.

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C. Sources of Information:

1. Primary and unpublished:

Salt Lake County Abstracts of Title, City & County Building., Salt Lake City, Utah.

2. Bibliography:

Sanborn Maps of Salt Lake City, 1898, University of Utah Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Salt Lake City Directory, 1890.

Salt Lake Telegram, May 22, 1940.

Prepared by John L. Giusti, AIA  
August 20, 1968

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural interest: A minor work of Richard K. A. Kletting, architect of the Utah State Capitol.
2. Condition of fabric: Much settling at northwest corner. Broken windows.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: This two-story rectangular structure is 35' 8" x 41' 9" including a large projecting bay.
2. Foundations: Brick, Water table about two feet above grade.
3. Wall construction, finish, and color: Gray-red brick. Stone sills and lintels.
4. Structural system, framing: Masonry bearing wall. Wood framed roof.
5. Porches: Recessed carriage entrance.
6. Chimneys: Brick original at southwest corner has ornamental roof brace and brick arched cap. Brick addition at northeast corner.

7. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: Swing-up garage door replaces original hinged carriage doors. Red sandstone sills. Large glazed hay doors at front and rear of second floor.
- b. Windows and shutters: Double-hung eight-over-eight, second floor. Two-over-two, first floor. Fixed ten-light dormer windows.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Hip with hipped dormers, ornamental curved eave above hay door and cupola vent at peak. Original wood shingles covered with red composition shingles.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Modified modillion cornice with built-in gutter.
- c. Dormers and cupolas: Hipped dormer on each side with sides sloped and shingled to match roof. Roof pitch steepens at top and louvers set in to form cupola.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: The first floor has the carriage room at the east, the stables in the large northwest room. A tackroom at the southwest is separated from the stables by the stairs to the second floor. The north half of the second floor is an unfinished hay loft. The south half is divided into two finished rooms.
2. Stairway: With winders. Open rail at second floor.
3. Flooring: Concrete, first floor; tongue and groove.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Exposed joists and masonry. Tongue and groove partitions, first floor. Lath and plaster, second floor.
5. Doorways and doors: Hinged doors: five-panel, two vertical panels above and below central horizontal panel. Sliding doors built up of vertical boards with 'X' bracing. Rectangular frames in segmental arches.
6. Heating: Stoves have been removed.

D. Site and Surroundings:

1. Orientation: Faces south. Jordan River runs along west side.

2. Outbuildings: Carriage House is behind the Albert Fisher House (1893).
3. Landscaping and walks, enclosures: Orchard trees and lawn to east. Drive and parking at south.

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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).