

HISTORIC SITE FORM

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1 IDENTIFICATION

Name of Property: **Bunnell, Maeser & Maxine, House**

Address: 3283 E. Bengal Boulevard

Township: 2 S Range: 1 E Section: 26

City, County: Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake County, Utah 84121 UTM: 12T 432198 4495807

Current Owner Name: Ryan P. Taggart & Mary E. Johnson

USGS Map Name & Date:
Draper, Utah Quad, 2011

Current Owner Address: 3283 E. Bengal Boulevard
Salt Lake City, Utah 84121

Tax Number: 22-26-451-021

Legal Description (include acreage): COM 1650 FT W FR SE COR SEC 26, T 2S, R 1E, SL MER, N 429 FT; E 220 FT; S 187.1 FT; S 89°56'20" W 212 FT; S 241.9 FT; W 8 FT TO BEG. 0.99 AC.

2 STATUS/USE

Property Category

☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Evaluation

☒ eligible/contributing
☐ ineligible/non-contributing
☐ out-of-period

Use

Original Use: Single Dwelling
Current Use: Single Dwelling

3 DOCUMENTATION

Photos: Dates

☐ slides:
☒ prints: 2016
☒ historic: 1951

Research Sources (check all sources consulted, whether useful or not)

☒ abstract of title
☒ tax card & photo
☐ building permit
☐ sewer permit
☐ Sanborn Maps
☐ obituary index
☒ city directories/gazetteers
☒ census records
☐ biographical encyclopedias
☒ newspapers
☒ city/county histories
☐ personal interviews
☒ USHS Library
☐ USHS Preservation Files
☐ USHS Architects File
☒ LDS Family History Library
☐ local library:
☐ university library(ies):

Drawings and Plans

☒ measured floor plans 1951 (tax card)
☒ site sketch map aerial photograph
☐ Historic American Bldg. Survey
☐ original plans available at:
☐ other:

Bibliographical References (books, articles, interviews, etc.)

Attach copies of all research notes, title searches, obituaries, and so forth.

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Researcher/Organization: Preservation Documentation Resource/prepared for Cottonwood Heights City

Date: 2022

Building Style/Type: Early Ranch / Early Ranch House No. Stories: 1½

Foundation Material: Concrete Wall Material(s): Striated Brick

Additions: X none minor major (describe below) Alterations: none X minor major (describe below)

Number of associated outbuildings 2 and/or structures .

Briefly describe the principal building, additions or alterations and their dates, and associated outbuildings and structures.
Use continuation sheets as necessary.

The *Bunnell, Maeser and Maxine, House*, located at 3283 E. Bengal Boulevard in Cottonwood Heights, Utah, is an unusual Early Ranch-style brick house, built in 1951. The house is distinctive for its massing and setting. The house is built on a high raised concrete, making it nearly two stories in height. On the west elevation, the house has a raised concrete patio deck with a two-car garage below. There are two sheds, one contributing (circa 1952) and one non-contributing (2011). The house is located at the end of a long unnamed private lane that isolates it from the surrounding streets, development, and the adjacent cemetery. The main level walls are faced with tapestry brick. The brickwork also includes a brick chimney with an elaborate corbeled taper. The house has been modified with some replacement windows, but retains good integrity in the qualities of location, setting, design, workmanship, materials, and feeling.

The footprint of the includes three elements: a main block measuring 37 by 38 feet, a projecting south wing measuring 12 by 16 feet and the attached garage with patio measuring 21 by 26 feet. The façade is the south elevation with a covered porch tucked into the notch where the south wing is located. Concrete steps and a sidewalk lead to the front porch from the garage [Figure 1]. The concrete foundation features several basement windows in places where the garage is not connected. The south elevation of the basement has a non-historic greenhouse-style window. The tapestry (or rough textured) brick is red to orange in color. The masonry is laid in a running bond with raked mortar joints. The full-height chimneystack is on the west elevation. The clay pots at the top appear to be a minor alterations. The brick stack is tapered and features seven courses of corbelled brick near the eaves of the roof. A bar tile roof was installed in 1954. The current roof features intersecting gables sheathed in gray asphalt shingles.

The house has large picture windows facing south and west [Photograph 1]. Awnings on the west windows have been removed. There is a pair of French doors leading onto the concrete patio [Figure 2]. The patio deck is fenced with chain link. There is a back door on the north (rear) elevation. The Early Ranch-style details are seen in the gable end of the two wings. On the interior the house has 1,154 square feet of space on the main floor and the same amount in the mostly finished basement. Two of the basement rooms were finished during the original construction. The living room features a mantel. There are three bedrooms and one bathroom.

The *Bunnell, Maeser and Maxine, House* is located in the former east Butler area of Cottonwood Heights. The straight section of Bengal Boulevard was known as 7800 South until recently when it was named for the mascot at the local high school located further west on Bengal Blvd. The 0.99-acre parcel is an usually large remnant of the original parcel. The house was originally setback from the street by approximately 300 feet. Bengal Boulevard has been widened. In 1962, the parcel was divided and a second house was built south of the Bunnell house along the lane. Later in 2011, the south property was divided and two duplexes were built along the Bengal Boulevard frontage. The Bunnell house is still isolated on its lot. It is surrounded by mature trees. The two sheds are located on the north property line: the older contributing shed (circa 1952) is to the east and the newer 2011 shed is to the west. A neighboring house with a deep lot is along the east property line. The west and north property lines are shared with the Mountain View Memorial Estates, a private cemetery. A section of the historic Salt Lake City Aqueduct runs through the cemetery property near to the house, but it is no longer visible on the landscape.

Architect/Builder: Unknown Date of Construction: 1951

Historic Themes: Mark themes related to this property with "S" or "C" (S = significant, C = contributing).
(see instructions for details)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/ Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social History
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration/ Settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning & Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Maritime History	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> Military	
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Write a chronological history of the property, focusing primarily on the original or principal owners & significant events. Explain and justify any significant themes marked above. Use continuation sheets as necessary.

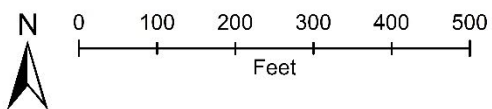
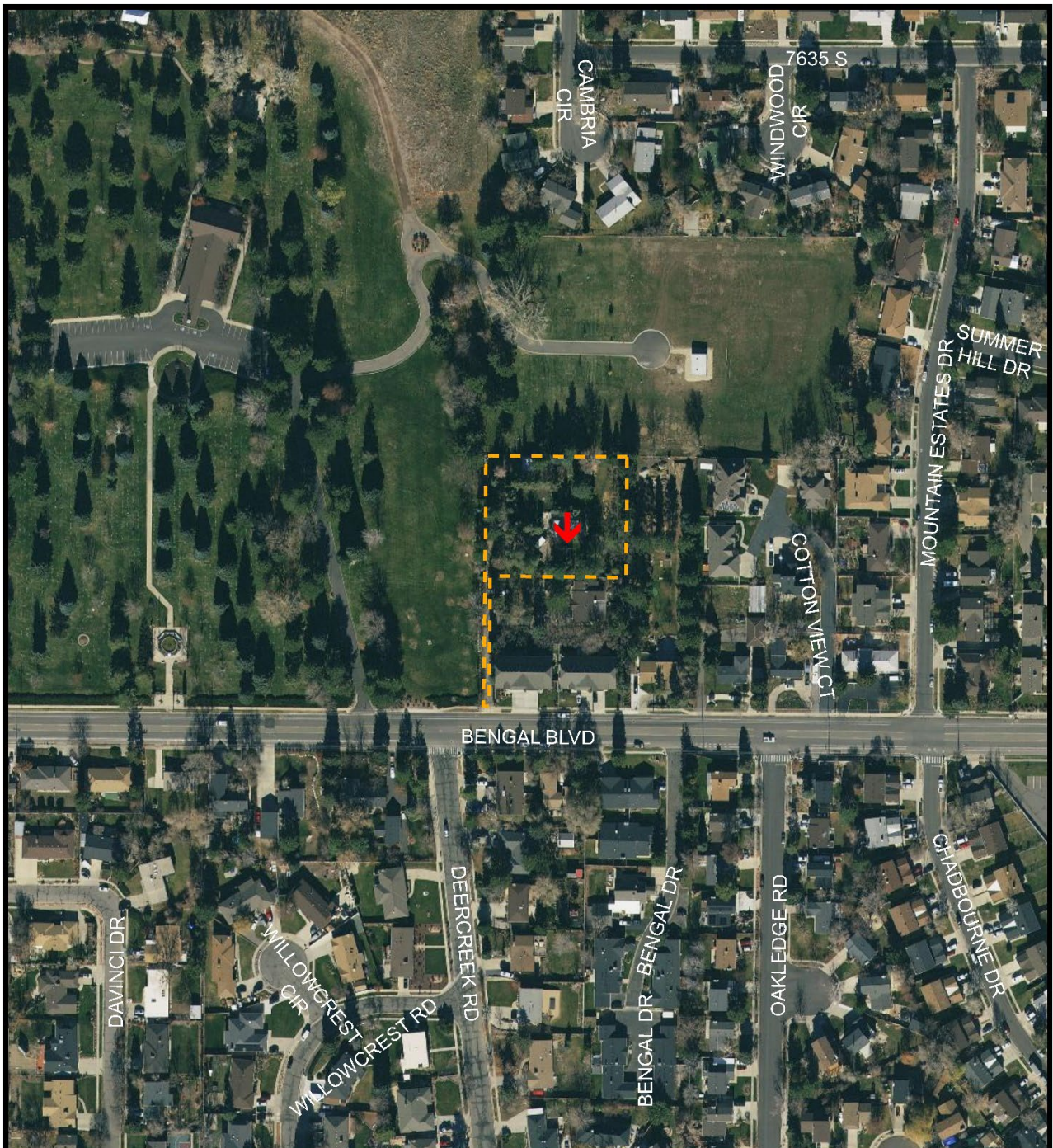
The *Bunnell, Maeser and Maxine, House* locally significant under Criterion C in the area of Architecture as an unusual example of an Early Ranch-style house on a raised basement making it appear to be two stories in height. The architecture has two notable features: an elaborate tapered and corbeled brick chimneystack and a flat roof two-car garage that also serves as a patio. The Early Ranch-style was popular in Utah in the late 1940s to early 1950s. The style represents a transition from the Minimal Traditional cottages promoted by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) to increase home ownership during the depression and the full Ranch-style houses that became popular approximately ten years after the end of World War II. The Bunnell house is not a tract house. It was individually designed in a secluded setting with view of the Salt Lake Valley (to the west) and the Wasatch Mountains (to the east).

Maxine Carol Staker was born near in Cottonwood Heights on January 1, 1919. Her parents were William Henry Staker and Mabel Hilton Staker. Mabel Hilton was the daughter of early Butler settlers, who purchased the Philander Butler homestead. William Henry Staker became manager of the Big Cottonwood Canyon chlorination station on year after Maxine's birth. Maxine was the middle child of the family. Her older brother was D. Hilton and her younger sister was Margaret. For forty years, Henry and Mabel lived in a house behind the station. Maxine married Kendall Bunnell on August 15, 1936. Maeser Kendall Bunnell was born in Spring City, Utah, on January 25, 1908. Mr. Bunnell was an educator who began his career teaching in the North Sanpete School District. In 1946, he began working for the Jordan School District. He worked for the Jordan School District until his death in 1967.

In March 1950, Maser and Maxine bought the property on Bengal Boulevard from Maxine's parents, William Henry and Mabel H. Staker. They took out an initial mortgage for \$800 and in 1951 a \$9,800 mortgage from the Prudential Savings & Loan Association for the construction of the house. The couple had two children: Henry Kendall (born 1937), and Judith "Judy" Mae (born 1939). Maxine was a teacher for the Jordan School District during World War II and later had a career in retail. The Bunnell house was "considered a big brick home." Historic Gayle Conger noted that "Judy's father was the principal of Granite elementary school. This was a very prestigious job at the time, and they seemed very wealthy compared to the rest of us."¹

Around 1965, Kendall and Maxine deeded the south part of their property to their daughter Judy Draper and her husband, David V. Draper, who built a new home on the property. After her husband's death in 1967, Maxine married George LeMont Hamilton. George Hamilton was born in Wyoming. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. George had a thirty-year career for Wheeler Machinery. Maxine and George lived in her house on Bengal Boulevard until 1974 when they sold the property to property to Donald D. and Diana L. Taggart. They moved to a house not far from Bengal Boulevard. Maxine Carol Staker Bunnell Hamilton died on October 12, 1988. Don and Diana Taggart owned the house and property between 1974 and 2021 when it was transferred from the Donald D. and Diana L. Taggart Trust to the current owners, Ryan P. Taggart and Mary E. Johnson.

¹ Gayle Conger, "Danish Town": p. 9.

**MAP #1 - Neighborhood Map**

↓ Latitude: 40.610302° Longitude: -111.801478°

Bunnell, Maeser & Maxine, House

3283 E. Fort Union Boulevard
Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake County, Utah

GIS Data Courtesy Utah AGRC & Cottonwood Heights City





Photograph 1

West and south elevations of house. Camera facing northeast.

**FIGURE 1**

3283 E. Bengal Boulevard
Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake County, Utah

circa 1965 tax assessor's photograph
courtesy Salt Lake County Archives

**FIGURE 2**

3283 E. Bengal Boulevard
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Maxine Bunnell with siblings and father on patio
photographed circa 1975
courtesy Bunnell Family Photograph Collection