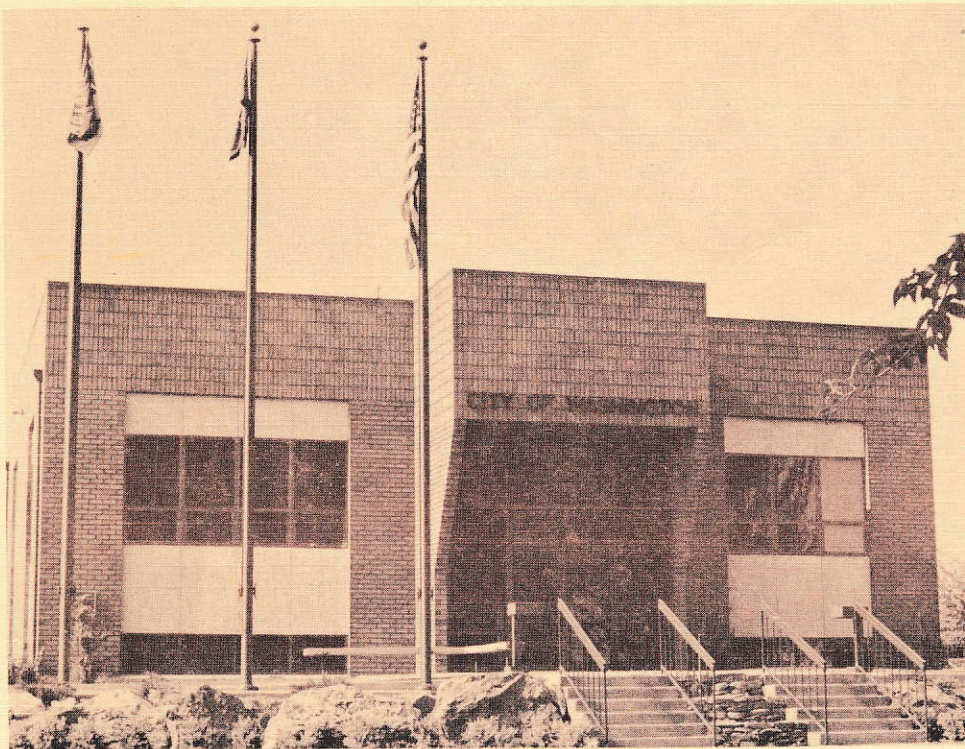
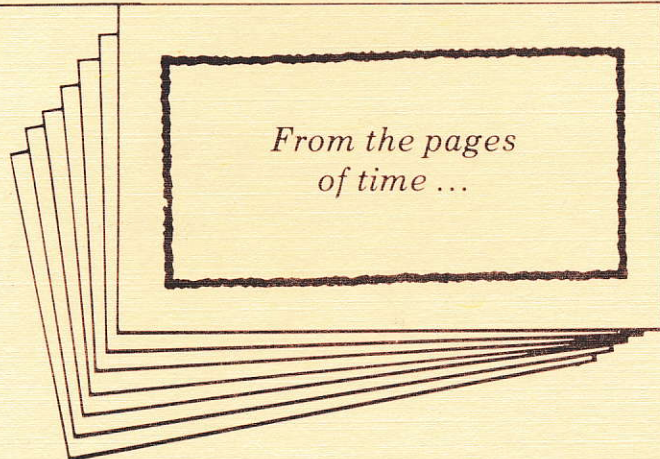


Washington City Homecoming July 2, 3, 4, 1983



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of time ...*

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WELCOME TO WASHINGTON CITY'S HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

On behalf of the City of Washington we would like to extend a warm welcome to you as you help us celebrate our great Washington City Homecoming. The activities, programs and memories that we will be sharing this Independence Day weekend are the results of a great deal of time and talent that has been willingly donated by many of our dedicated citizens.

The idea of a homecoming emerged last fall when we finally, after negotiating for many months, finalized an agreement with the Washington County School District that permits Washington City to purchase the Old Washington Elementary School and the City Park. Both the school and the park occupy important places in the hearts and the memories of both former and current residents of this community. Washington people have many fond memories of their school days here in Washington and of their schoolmates, teachers, and principals who have made lasting impressions.

The City Park also will always hold a warm place in the hearts of the people of Washington. Many of their memories are of the city picnics, the races and the many other activities which were conducted in the park.

This community is proud of its people, its pioneer heritage and its quality of life. The values and standards that were so important to the valiant and dedicated people who settled this community over a century ago remain a part of the people who live here now. Hard work, pride in the community and close family ties still play an important part in the lives of our people today.

We are proud to welcome back and to honor past students, teachers and other residents of Washington City. We hope that these few days will be happy and memorable ones and that you leave us with an assurance that those who live here now are maintaining the values, traditions and other qualities that have become a part of our heritage. We also extend a hearty welcome to all others who are visiting our community. We hope that your time spent here will be well spent and that you will enjoy the activities that you attend. We are proud of our beautiful little community and of our people who are responsible for the quality of life found here.

Sincerely Yours,

Robert A. Slack

Robert A. Slack
Mayor

Oscar E. Bluth

Oscar Bluth
Councilman

Orson Brown

Orson Brown
Councilman

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WASHINGTON CITY MAYORS and TERMS

(compiled Mrs. Cuba H. Lyle and
donated June 1982).

Thomas Jefferson Jones	1878 thru 1881	Bert Hall	1928 and 1930
Marcus Funk	1881 and 1882		1944 and 1945
Samuel Connell	1883 and 1884	Frank Staheli	1928 and 1937
David Paxman	1887 and 1888*		1944 and 1945
Andrew Sproul, Sr.	1897 and 1898*	Victor Iverson	1938 thru 1943
Edmond Van Orden	1903 and 1904*	Woodrow Staheli	1948 and 1949
Arthur A. Paxman	1908 and 1909*	Quentin Nisson	1950 thru 1964
	1914 and 1915	Ben Jolley	1964 thru 1969
Lewis H. Bastain	1910 and 1911	Willard Pectol	1970 thru 1973
Cornelius McReavy	1911 thru 1913	Byron Thulin	1974 thru 1977
Israel Neilson, Jr.	1916 thru 1919	Walter C. Watters	1978 and 1979
Willard O. Nisson	1920 and 1921	Frank H. Staheli	1979 and 1980
Edward F. Nisson	1922 and 1923	Robert A. Slack	1981 thru 1982

(Robert Slack is still in office in 1983).

Those terms marked * could be longer than shown, as the material from which they were taken is that of family histories. There are gaps in the terms, and no other information is available at the present time due to incomplete and missing records. The following names and terms served are in question:

Samuel Goold

James Richie

WASHINGTON CITY TREASURERS and TERMS

Israel Nielson, Sr.	1908 thru 1911	Willard O. Nisson	1938 thru 1957
Herman Tegan	1912 thru 1918	Mrs. Rosa Waters	1957 thru 1961
Mrs. Julia C. Thayne	1919 thru 1929	Mrs. Florence Jolley	1962 and 1963
Mrs. Lydia Stephens	1930 thru 1932	Mrs. Erlene Dewey	1964 thru 1969
Calvin Hall	1933	Mrs. Janet Jolley	1970 and 1971
Mrs. Jennie Hall	1934 and 1935	Mrs. Leda Johnson	1972 and 1973
John Tanner	1936	Mrs. Carla Mitchell	1973 thru 1982
Mrs. Katherine Larson	1937		

(Mrs. Mitchell is still in office in 1983).

WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS and TERMS

(compiled and donated June 1982
by Mrs. Cuba H. Lyle).

Miller Iverson	1908 and 1909	Bert Hall	1924 and 1925
	1911 thru 1915		1941 thru 1943
	1922 and 1923		1948 thru 1950
	1928 and 1929	James E. Hall	1926 thru 1929
Herman Tegan	1908 thru 1912	Levi Neilson	1928 thru 1943
Willard O. Nisson	1908 thru 1911		1948 and 1949
	1916 thru 1919	Antone Neilson	1928 thru 1931
Frank Staheli	1908 thru 1911		1946 and 1947
LaMar Pearce	1908	Joseph Hannig	1928 and 1929
O.A. Hamilton	1909	Wallace Iverson	1930 thru 1933
James Wilkins	1910 and 1911		1944 thru 1947
Edward F. Nisson	1911 and 1912	Archie Tobler	1930 and 1931
	1942 thru 1947	Erastus Cooper	1932 and 1933
George Hall, Sr.	1912 and 1913	Herman Schmutz	1934 and 1935
	1918 thru 1921	Haven Paxman	1934 and 1935
Calvin Hall	1914 and 1915		1948 thru 1951
	1934 thru 1939	Victor Iverson	1936 and 1937
William Tobler	1914 and 1915		1944 thru 1955
	1930 thru 1935	Glen Tobler	1938 thru 1940
Walter H. Iverson	1915	John Adams	1938 thru 1943
	1924 thru 1927		1948 and 1949
	1936 thru 1941	Israel Neilson, Jr.	1940 thru 1943
Henry Schlappi	1915	Wayne Sandberg	1943 thru 1945
John E. Tanner	1919 and 1917	Bert A. Dewey	1944 and 1945
John T. Neilson	1916 and 1917	Alton Jones	1946
Joseph C. Judd	1916	Woodrow W. Staheli	1946 and 1947
	1921	Lamond Wilkins	1950 thru 1952
James H. Larson	1916 and 1917	Ike Robinson	1950 thru 1964
	1922 and 1923	Charlie Averett	1951 thru 1955
Ormon Wilkins	1916 and 1917	Ernest Tobler	1952
	1936 and 1937	Clayton Williams	1952 and 1953
William Pearce	1918 thru 1920	Ernest Tanner	1952 thru 1963
Sherman Cooper	1918	Clark Tobler	1954 thru 1961
Willard Neilson	1918 thru 1921	Rhaldo Turner	1956 thru 1963
Elijah Averett	1918 thru 1927		1980 thru 1982
Robert Connell	1920	Hugh Gibson	1956 thru 1963
Washington L. Jolley	1920 and 1921	Ben Jolley	1962 thru 1964
John Jolley	1922 thru 1927	Bruce Dewey	1964 thru 1967
Walter A. Schmutz	1922 and 1923		

COUNCIL MEMBERS, continued

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Kenneth Jolley	1964 thru 1967	Jerry Keyes	1974 thru 1977
	1972 thru 1975	Robert Riding	1976 thru 1979
Milton Knight	1964 and 1965	Richard Fillmore	1978 thru 1981
Franklin H. Staheli	1965 thru 1970	Ariel Michie	1978 thru 1982
	1972 thru 1979	George Abel	1980 4 months
William Sandberg	1964 thru 1969	Gene Hirschi	1980 6 months
Ferd Neilson	1964 thru 1973	Mrs. Cuba H. Lyle	1980 and 1981
	1975 thru 1977	Robert Slack	1980 and 1981
Finley Bayles	1968 thru 1971	Larry Jolley	1982
William Olsen	1968 thru 1971	Orson Brown	1982
Fred Van Wagoner	1970 thru 1973	Oscar Bluth	1982
Dewane Adams	1970 and 1971		
LaMar Miller	1972 thru 1979		
Gene Bennett	1974 and 1975		

(All 5 councilmen still in office in 1983).

WASHINGTON CITY RECORDERS and TERMS

William A. Westover	1908 thru 1913	Leonard Christensen	1971
Lewis H. Bastian	1914	Shirl W. Hendrix	1971 thru 1973
Frank Staheli	1915 thru 1922	Blair Mitchell	1973 thru 1975
Amasa Ruby	1922 and 1923	D. Eccles Johnson	1975
Victor Iverson	1924 thru 1926	Blair Mitchell	1975 and 1976
Mrs. Mina Larson	1927 thru 1933	Gene Hirschi	1976 thru 1978
Mrs. Sylvia Jolley	1934 and 1935	Blair Mitchell	1978
Bert A. Dewey	1936 thru 1940	Norman Finlinson	1979
Glen Tobler	1940 thru 1965	Mrs. Janet LaBass	1979
Mrs. Grace Bailey	1965	Blair Mitchell	1980
Verdun Hannig	1966 thru 1968	Vance Bishop	1980
George Midgley	1968 thru 1970	Mrs. Jean Beal	1980 thru 1982

(Mrs. Beal is still in office in 1983).

WASHINGTON CITY EARLIEST JUSTICES of PEACE

William Slade	1857	James D. McCullough	??	(next one)
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"HISTORIC WASHINGTON"

The following material was given at the dedication of the new City Hall on June 25, 1982 by Mrs. Cuba H. Lyle:

"My assignment to-day is to bring you bits and pieces of the early history of our area. Most of my material is documented thru Washington City and County records.

There is no way that Church and State could be separated in those early times.

In the fall of 1847 after those pioneers had made the long trek into the Salt Lake Valley, the Jefferson Hunt party was sent on down thru this area and on to the coast to search out places for new colonization. In December of 1849 the Parley P. Pratt company was sent just to this area, and later, in 1852, John Doyle Lee came this way. He wrote such glowing accounts to Salt Lake about the cotton that could be raised here to make the Church more self-sustaining, and all the other crops that could not be cultivated in the cold climate of northern Utah, that the Church officials decided to send members to the south to colonize.

The first attempt to organize counties in the *Provisional State of Deseret* was made by the General Assembly January 31, 1850. There were six counties already colonized, so they were the first ones. This State of Deseret did at the time include a tremendous amount of territory, including Utah, Nevada, California, parts of Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

In 1854, Jacob Hamblin's Party arrived in Santa Clara. They were sent down as the first of the Cotton Mission.

Parowan was already settled at this time, but some of their people broke away to settle New Harmony (Fort Harmony). They made the mistake of starting their settlement in a flood plain and were pretty well washed out. Indians were bothering, too, so these early settlers went back to the Cedar City encampment and stayed there until the next spring, when President Brigham Young came south and helped them choose a new site which was near where the present town of New Harmony is located. Not much later, the settlements of Pine Valley and Toquerville took place, as there wasn't actually enough land to provide a living for all the Saints in Harmony. Washington was settled about this time, but our local pioneers were not here yet when the county was formed Feb. 16, 1856.

In the Washington County archives, on the first page of the first land book of the Recorder is a statement signed by John Doyle Lee, Probate Judge, stating that was the date the county came into existence.

The first group called to the Cotton Mission in Washington consisted of 10 families under Samuel Adair. They left Payson, Utah March 3, 1857, arriving here April 15, 1857. They camped in what is now known as the Sand Plot, south east of town. On the advice of Amasa Lyman who was returning to Salt Lake from San Bernadino, they moved back a little north into what became earliest Washington (probably because it was quite swampy all along the Mill Creek).

The second company left Salt Lake in early April 1857, and arrived May 5, 1857. They camped at what is known as the Sam Adair spring with Robert D. Covington in charge of the group.

By Jan. 11, 1859, Washington became the county seat, to remain so until Jan. 14, 1862. Fort Harmony had been the population center from Feb. 1856 to 1859, when Washington was the new center; then St. George out-numbered us and the location of the County seat changed again in 1862 and has remained there since. Prior to the settlement of St. George, the County towns were Pine Valley and Harmony on the north, and Santa Clara, Washington and Toquerville on the south.



*The building of the Washington Field Dam
Completed in 1891*

LAND CERTIFICATES of WASHINGTON RESIDENTS
issued by COUNTY SURVEYOR - 1862-65

Name	Block	Name	Block
Aagard, Neils	4	Jolley, Sarah	21
Adair, Samuel	24	Jolley, Washington L.	field and 21
Aldridge, William	17	Knodson, Yargon	34
Averett, Elijah	farm and 16	Larson, Andrew	field and 10
Averett, George	16	Lee, John Doyle	25 and 26
Boggs, Francis	farm, 21 and 22		37, 38 and 39
Brown, Abraham	23	Lloyd, Robert Lewis	24
Carson, Valentine	23	Lang, Issac	farm and 19
Collins, A.W.	25	Lyman, Amasa	24
Copper, W.D.	19 and 22	Mathew, William	26
Covington, John T.	24	McCullough, James D.	23
Covington, Robert D.	25	Moss, Stephanus	11
Crawford, William H.	26	Pectol, George	22
Cunningham, Samuel	farm --	Richey, James	14
Dix, Owen	farm and 32	Russell, James	field and 21
Ford, Charles	26 and 27	Salisbury, Oke	field and 10
Fream, William	26	School Trustees	17 and 18
Freeman, J.W.	26	Smith, John W.	17
Harper, Isabella	17	Smith, Joseph	field and farm
Herriman, Henry	6 and 23	Smith, Thomas W.	17
Harris, Charles	12	Smithson, Allen F.	17
Harris, Dennison L.	20	Smithson, William c.	17 and 18
Harris, John S.	18	Sorenson, Neils	field and 31
Haywood, Joseph L.	30	Thaxton, James	farm --
Hodges, James	farm and 1	Tyler, Daniel	31
Iverson, Hans P.	farm and 28	Tyler, Oscar	23
Iverson, Jeppa	14	Webb, Willis	field and 13
Jensen, Jens	14	Wilkins, James	23
Jolley, Francis M.	field, farm and 21	Winders, Thomas	32
Jolley, R.M.	farm --	Young, Kenneth	2
		Young, William	17

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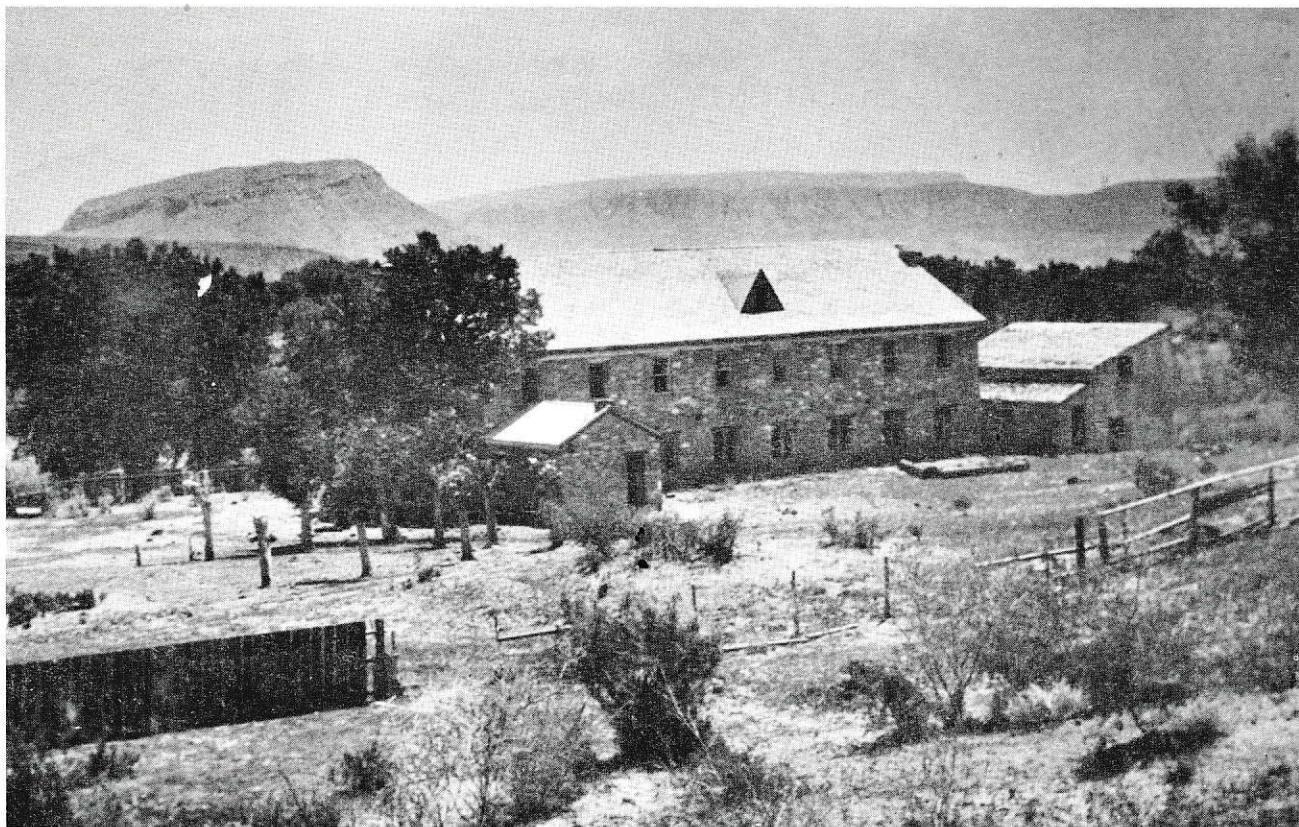
These block numbers will not match the block numbers of the present time, as there was a re-survey later (1873) when new certificates of actual ownership were issued through the PROBATE COURT.

LAND CERTIFICATES
(COUNTY SURVEYOR'S) - 1865-69

Name	Block	Name	Block
Snow, Erastus	3, 4, 13 and 14	Childestar, John M.	6
	15 and 16	Needham (Nathan?), David	23
Young, Brigham	4 and 15	Vance, John	17
Titt, William C.	5	(this was purchased from Isabella Harper of 1862 list)	

NOTE:

There were no surveyor's certificates issued to Washington residents in the latter part of 1869 and all of 1870. Probate court certificates came next in 1873.



WASHINGTON COTTON FACTORY

completed by 1869 and a crew in about 1899

Front row: Amanda Hannig, Minnie Crawford, Christie Bastian, Rose Turner, Mattie and Ida Crawford, Retta Bastian, Lou West. Middle row: Dave Morris, Athole Milne, Dick Griffith, Arthur Miles,

Mettie and Christie Ford, Hattie Griffith, Joe Judd, Sarah Marker, Claud Morris, C. McReavy. Back row: Al and Ras Bastian, Joe Mills.



To-day we have legal and usually recorded deeds for our lands. This was not true in those days. The first thing they did when they settled the towns was to draw lot numbers - a fair way. Then a Surveyor's certificate was issued - their proof of ownership community-wise. There are a few of those small scraps of paper in the Washington County archives. They look like small lined tablet sheets folded and torn into small pieces about 2" by 3", with date, owners name, block and lot# with signature of Israel Ivins, the county surveyor.

In 1867, after the Civil War, Congress realized that many people in the cities had not title to their land, so - they passed an act "for the relief of the inhabitants of the cities and towns." In 1869, the Territory of Utah passed a similar act. You see, those early pioneers were actually squatters. After this action, applications were made through the Probate Judge for land certificates.

The earliest map we have is the Washington town re-survey of 1873. We know there was one prior to that - the prefix "re" proves that. Also when I tried to fit the old surveyor's titles (certificates) on the re-survey they simply wouldn't fit. So many of our early records have disappeared or been burned!

In our original incorporation through the Territorial Legislature in February of 1879 we were given what is known as the 4 by 5 which meant four miles in one direction and five the other for our boundaries; the starting point to be at the northeast corner of St. George. Eight years later, in Feb. 1878, the Territorial Legislature reduced our size to 2½ miles square with the same point of beginning as in the original incorporation.

Six months later - August 1878 - our first Mayor was elected. He was Thomas Jefferson Jones who had been sent by the Church to Panaca to help those people with their new settlement. In a short time he was called to Washington (1875) to run the Cotton Factory. The factory was powered by the Mill Creek water, and the operation gave employment to many who had a great need for income. As the Civil War had ended and southern crops were being produced, plus the high cost of transportation, the competition became too great and the factory closed. This created a real problem for many families who had only their homes and lots that weren't large enough to provide a living, so many moved from the little town so dependant upon the cotton industry.

Speaking of mills; there were also several grist mills. One was built by John Doyle Lee, but flood waters in 1870 washed it on down the Mill creek. Another mill was built by Erastus Snow on the Mill Creek, and one more to the north of the present highway bridge.

Brigham Young also owned lots in that part of town but had no mill inspite of the fact that property was near the Mill Creek source of power.

Life was very different in those days for those people. Some of the pioneers lived in lean-tos when they first arrived, keeping supplies in their wagons; and when they moved into one room houses usually made of adobe, it was wonderful after the first primitive living.

Methods of raising cotton had to become very different from the ones they had used in the south where there was no irrigaton, and such different soil, With a climate so dry, it was a great adjustment for those Southerners who had been called here to raise cotton to help make the Church more self-sustaining.

As we think of the trials of those early day pioneers, far from homes, scarcity of food at times, deaths of so many small children from malaria, possibly some malnutrition; also two smallpox epidemics in as late as 1911 and 1922. No wonder some of the swampier places were drained to stop the toll from malaria.

In 1865 there was a terrible year of no rain! Food was at unbelievable prices. Flour at \$20.00 to \$25.00 per 100; wheat \$5.00 per bushel; molasses \$4.00 per gallon. One old pioneer farmer told that "many days he worked on parched corn for lunch, and everyone ate his share and more of greens".

I'd like to read an excerpt from a poem written about that time period.

"I feel so weak and hungry now,
I think I'm nearly dead;
Of carrot tops and lucern greens
we've had enough to eat-
But I'd like to change that diet off
for buckwheat cakes and meat.

I brought this old coat with me,
about two years ago,
And how I'll get another one,
I'm sure I do not know.
May providence protect me
against the cold and wet;
I think myself and Betsy,
these times we'll not forget.

My shirt is dyed with wild dockroot,
with greasewood for a set;
I fear the colors all will fade
when once it does get wet.
They said we could raise madder
and indigo so blue;
But that turned out a humbug-
the story was not true.

The hot winds whirl around me,
and take away my breath;
I've had the chills and fever,
till I nearly shook to death.
All earthly tribulations are but a moment here;
And, oh, if I prove faithful,
a righteous crown I'll wear.

My wagon's sold for sorghum seed,
to make a little bread,
And poor old Jim and Dolly, my dear horses,
long ago are dead."

To get into more recent events, you know we've been having a great deal of sand in our water system. Do you realize that our City has been settled 125 years and for the first 75 years of that we had "dip" water? If you'd lived here then you'd have been up every morning to get your buckets and dip from the irrigation ditches your supply of water and store it in barrels; because after 6:00 a.m. the animals were allowed to drink from the ditches. The two women who turned the water from one street to another received a whole \$4.00 per year each for getting up every morning to do this and were happy to make a little money.

In old Washington County News editions that I was checking to find more information on our early Mayors, I found an item on how terrible the roads were between Washington and St. George. Consequently, communication was very poor, and there are very few Washington City news items in the St. George newspapers, and, of course, we had no telephone until 1913 when we gave a franchise to The Peoples' Progressive Telephone Co. for 25 years.

On Jan. 18, 1930 an ordinance (7290) was passed on distribution of electricity through out the town. The minutes do not show a franchise being given, but in 1935 and 1938 bills were approved to pay Southern Utah Power \$10.80 annual fee for street lighting. In 1942 the city insisted on the power poles being moved back behind the irrigation ditch lines. Eight street lights were added along Highway #91 (Center street) in 1951, plus lighting on Main from 1st South to 1st North.

Street construction and maintenance were (and are) a problem. Volunteer labor was the only answer for many years. We've always been plagued by lack of funds, irrigation waters and flooding onto the streets; even streets were fenced by property owners at the outer edges of town on little used streets for pasturing their cattle. The Old Highway #91 designation did help us with Center street.

There seems to have been no City banked fire protection until in 1949 when there were negotiations

with St. George City on an annual fee plus a per service call. As early as 1946 St. George had offered protection, but the council minutes show no action taken. In Jan. of 1951, the St. George Fire Chief agreed to come here to "spot" a location for a fire hydrant to be installed immediately for the protection of the school. By July of that year, methods used in cooperation with St. George were changed, and in case of fire, Victor Iverson and the marshall were responsible to turning the irrigation water into the ditch nearest the fire. Mayor Quentin Nisson and L.P. Vincent were to meet the St. George fire truck at the Factory bridge to direct them to the fire. A rather primitive type of fire protection in comparison with present times.

An entry in the minutes of the Council in Dec. 1909, shows rent paid to Cornelius McReavy in the amount of \$6.00 for the year for the use of the jail. The only other mention of jails was made in 1939 when a motion was made to investigate the cost of construction of a jail. No action was ever taken.

Specific details on the City cemetery are lacking, but there's mention of a fence being built to keep cattle out of the graves; and in 1915 a search for more land needed. In 1918 the final payment was made to Thomas A. Sullivan on the graveyard land (question - was this for the additional or original?). In 1940-41 the cemetery was enlarged and leveled, and in the spring of 1946 a galvanized water pipe line was laid at a pipe cost of \$103.75. The need for water at the cemetery had been great, and willing hands provided the volunteer labor for the project. In 1955 new plats and streets were surveyed, and in 1957 a new cemetery book was purchased and plot map approved by the Council.

Pioneer Day (July 24th) celebrations have always been important in our history, as well as our patriotic ones on the Fourth of July. Minutes show a \$3.00 donation from the City on the 24th of July 1910, and in 1913 those on the 4th and 24th received \$2.50 each. By 1922 the City's contribution to the Fourth was \$20.00. On Memorial Day in 1922 a large "Homecoming" celebration was held here. In 1947 the City was a part of the State of Utah's Centennial events and in 1957 we held our own Centennial celebration of 100 years - many of them very difficult ones such as the struggle with the dams on the Virgin River and the closing of the Cotton Factory. In 1961 Washington City residents participated in St. George's Centennial celebration, and there was square dancing in our local streets as the caravan of 20 cars transformed into covered wagons stopped here on their re-enactment of the 1861 trek from Salt Lake City to St. George. A celebration of the Bi-centennial in connection with our entire Nation was held here May 8, 1976.

From our old Recorder's books from 1909 thru 1978, I'd like to give you a few little items.

Our speed law as late as 1934 was only 20 miles per hour on our streets.

The levy for 1909 was 5 mills, but in 1931 it became 10 mills because of the new culinary water system. They actually had a regular war over the water system, and two areas in town de-annexed (to the west upon the hill and to the SE part of Washington), all because they didn't want to pay on a \$9,000 debt for the system.

The budgets 1934 receipts were \$2,900, disbursements \$2,600. In 1943, we patriotically invested \$1875 in a War Bond which would mature at \$2500 in 10 years. In 1960, receipts were \$7,000, expenses \$6,200 with a balance of \$800. Our recent budget for 1982-83 is \$730,000 which includes our bonding of \$800. Our recent budget for 1982-83 is \$730,000 which includes our bonding payments. As to salaries, the Mayor and City Council received the handsome sum of \$5.00 per year until 1937, when they were raised to \$25.00 a year.

Our first City Manager received \$200.00 per month, but also had to do inspections as part of the employment.

I've made up lists and the terms of Mayors, Recorders, Treasurers, and City Council members which you'll find inside the City Hall. We'd like you to look at them, as well as at the photographic display of the Mayors. There are some gaps due to the fact that all our records were destroyed prior to 1909. Our earliest Mayor's terms are taken from historical sketches.

We do have the Mayor's bond for David Paxman dated March 1887 in which he has to give the maiden name of his wife, and swear that he is not living in bigamy or polygamy (there are two pages of the form used in those times).

I'd like to mention two things that I think should come to your attention:

1. Glen Tobler served as City Recorder for 25½ years, with a starting salary of \$30.00 per year - ending with \$75.00

2. Willard O. Nisson was City Treasurer for 20 years. He started and ended at \$50.00 a year (the replacement

was to receive \$75.00). When I think of how many, many people tracked mud into their house, and how many sat down to visit with Willard's wife, Ann, as they came to pay their water bills; I marvel at her patience. Those City people were truly dedicated!

In 75 years (1908-1982), Washington City has had a total of 76 Councilmen and 1 Councilwoman; 10 of the Council had a total of 127 years of service (nearly 13 each) with Levi Neilson the most - 18. Next is Ike Robinson with 15, then Victor Iverson and Frank H. Staheli (young Frank) 14 years each, Ferd Neilson had 13, Ernest Tanner 12, and Walter Iverson 11 (Levi Neilson and Walter Iverson are deceased). In the next bracket, 11 Councilmen served 8 years each. In other words, 21 served a total of 215 years, averaging 10 years each.

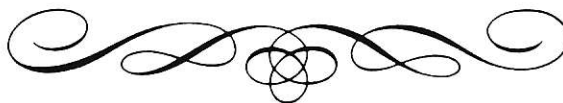
There's just one more thing I'd like to tell you, and that is about a dream that the Mayor and Council had back in 1935 about a plan for our future.

1. To build a City Hall and Jail
estimated cost \$4000.00
2. To improve the Cemetery
estimated cost \$2000.00
3. To drain the swamps
estimated cost \$2010.00
4. To improve the City Park, add lighting,
fencing, swimming pool,
dressing and rest rooms,
tables and seats. estimated cost \$10,000.00
5. Grading streets and fixing
sidewalks. estimated cost ?

Now - 47 years later:

We have our new city Hall, the Cemetery is very much improved; we don't have enough water at the present time to be drained; the City Park has all but the swimming pool and rest rooms; and part of our streets and walks are in order.

People - my greatest wish is that we can continue on in such a way that the struggles and sacrifices of those early pioneers will have not been in vain!



WASHINGTON CITY HOMECOMING

July 1, through July 4, 1983

FRIDAY, JULY 1

7:00-9:00 p.m.

9:00-12:00 p.m.

9:00-11:00 p.m.

Youth Variety Show
Youth Dance
Western Dance Cecil Peterson
and KCLG Band

1st Ward Chapel
Old Elementary
L.D.S. Stake Center

SATURDAY, JULY 2

7:00-10:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

12:00-4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

4:30-7:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

9:00-11:00 p.m.

Community Breakfast
Folk Life Film
Lynne Clark Pioneer
Photo Show
Arts and Crafts Bazaar
Horseshoe Tournament 1st-Round
Softball Game: Police vs Firemen
Open House and Reception
Candy Drop and Sky Divers
Community Bareque
Beard Judging
Horsehshoe Tournament Championship
Scout Pie-Eating Contest
Old Elementary Memorial Program
Community Dance, Quentin Nisson Band
Crowning of King and Queen
Entertainment and Refreshments

1st Ward Chapel
Old Elementary
Old Elementary

Old Elementary
City Park
Ball Park
City Office Bldg.
City Park
City Park
City Park
City Park
City Park
1st Ward Chapel
L.D.S. Stake Center

SUNDAY, JULY 3

8:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Adult Speaker: Antone Nisson
Youth Speakers: Dixie College
Forensics Dept.

L.D.S. Stake Center
1st Ward Chapel

MONDAY, JULY 4

6:00 a.m.

7:00 a.m.

7:00-10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Under the Direction of City Lions Club
Sunrise Band Serenade
Scout Flag Ceremony
Community Breakfast
Flea Market
Booths and Concessions
Lynne Clark Pioneer Photo Show
Arts and Crafts Bazaar
Folk Life Film
Auction
Quilt Drawing
Races

Throughout City
City Office Bldg.
1st Ward Chapel
Old Elementary
City Park
Old Elementary
Old Elementary
Old Elementary
City Park
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City Park

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
HELP US CELEBRATE OUR GREATEST HOMECOMING
IN HISTORY!

HIGHLIGHTS of Early Education in Washington

Upon the arrival of the pioneers in Washington in 1857, their interest in education for their children was very evident. In accordance with methods of the times a school district was formed with trustees, and a claim made to the west half of block 27 (the present location of the Chapel and Old School), which are lots 3 and 2 respectively. They received a County Surveyor's certificate for title in 1873, and in 1875 a title and land certificate were issued by Probate Judge Wm. Snow. This was actually the first legal title available through Acts of Congress and the Utah Territorial Legislature.

The diaries of John Doyle Lee tell of his building a house for the school teacher, Thomas A. Dowell, in Jan. and Feb. of 1861. No other information can be found as to the length of his teaching career or the location of the building mentioned, unless it was the building used by Mrs. Martha Heywood who is usually given credit for being the first teacher in Washington, and was located at the south west corner of the intersection of Center and 200 East.

According to local authors, the first school classes of brief terms were held in the Bowery on the School District property about where the present Chapel is located on north Main (there is no documentation of the teachers). In 1863, in place of Mrs. Heywood's house, a larger adobe school was built on the south part of the school property near where the Old School now stands. John E. Pace was the instructor for the upper grades and Mrs. Heywood for the beginners. The building was also used for all public meetings. There were no other funds available, so the building was done through donation (labor, etc.).

There is no record of other early teachers for this time period, but pioneers who were capable of teaching were William H. Crawford, Harrison Pearce, George Spencer, and James S. McCullough. In the next time period, probably teachers were Addie Wilkins, Joseph Heywood, William Gott, Lottie Johnson, Chapman Duncan and Joseph Crawford.

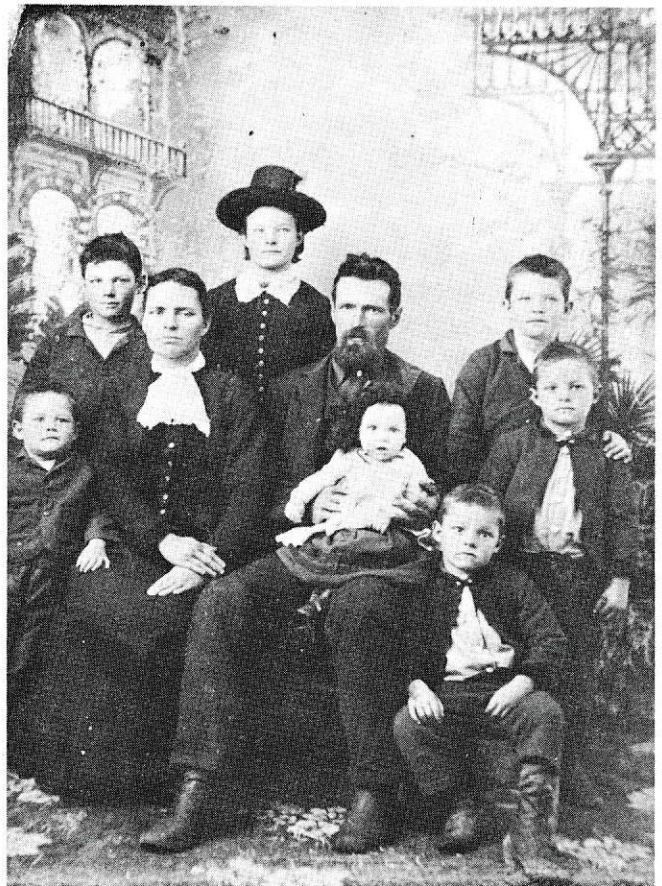
The Washington County Superintendent of Schools, George A. Burgon, in his report letters in Oct. 1864 to the Territorial Supt. in Salt Lake City, states that "there are only 12 districts in the county, with an enrollment of 673 of 1044 eligible students. More school houses are needed as many children are being taught in private homes, and there is a scarcity of books. There are 2 private schools in Washington and 5 in St. George. School teachers throughout the area generally charge by the scholar and collect their own bills in the form of grain, peaches, and other commodities as very little cash changes hands."

In 1864 of children ages 4-16, there were 29 males enrolled of possible 58, and 31 females of 60 (6 months term in Washington). In 1866, from 53 males and 38 females enrolled during a year of crop failures, the number dropped in 1868 to 28 males of possible 92, and 33 females of 98 which was only 31%. In 1870 just 25 males of 99, and 28 females of 105 attended - probably for lack of ability to pay the teacher's charges. Supt. Burgon also reported "There's a great call for labor of children because of the scarcity of men to establish this Mission."

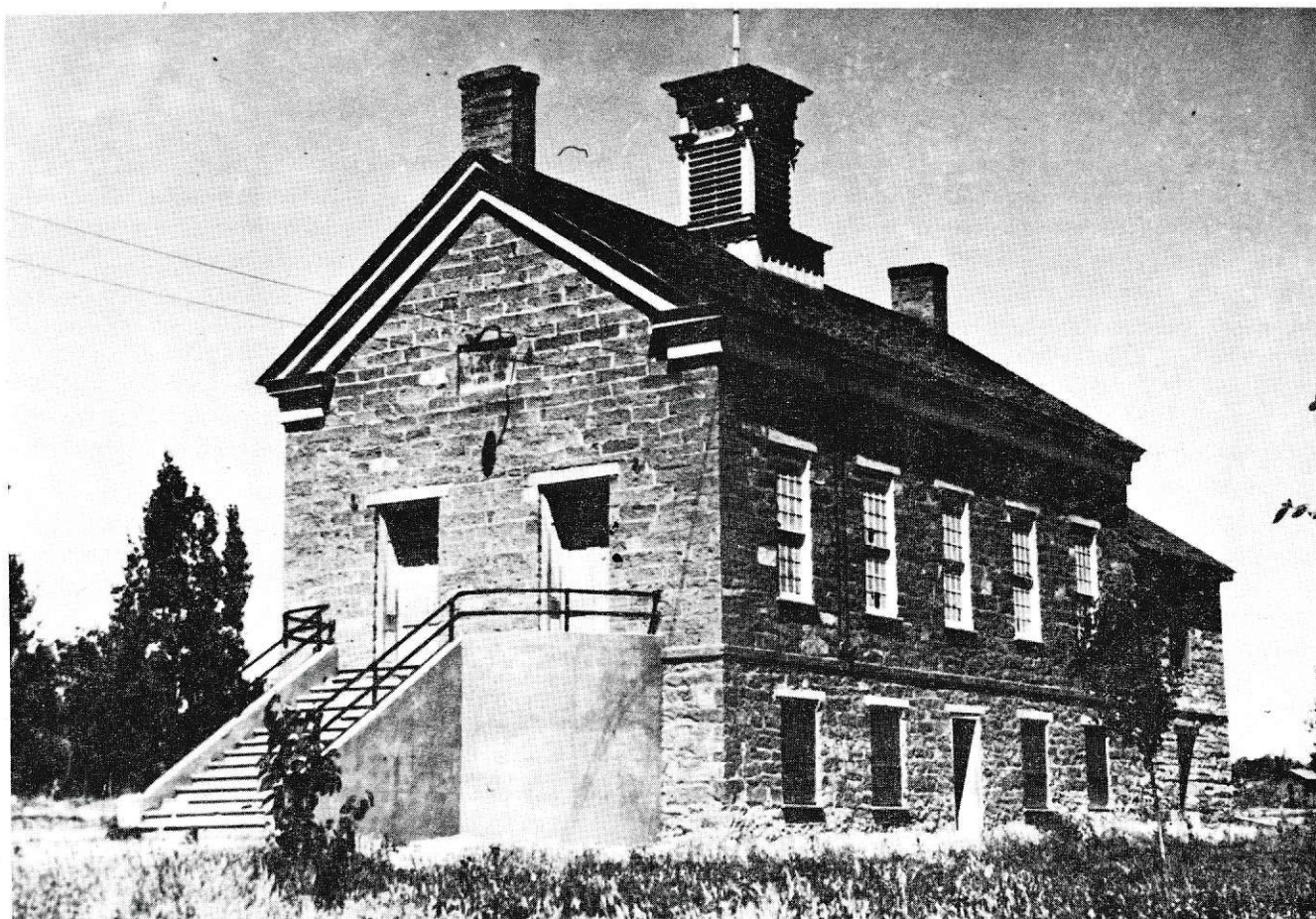
By 1871-73, conditions were improving and enrollment came back somewhat. The annual salaries increased from \$100.00 to \$118.00 for male teachers, and from \$80.00 to \$82.50 for female teachers in the 1871 school term.

By the following years, Utah Territorial appropriations were allocated to the Washington School District in these amounts:

1874 - \$73.00	1875 - \$74.00	1876 - \$110.00
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*A pioneer family of early 1888,
whose children all attended Washington school.*



THE NEW SCHOOL completed in 1877

(the original building had no front porch and the entrance was on the south side.)

Washington School District trustees reported in most of the 1870's, that there was need for a new school, so the above pictured building was the result. It was built on lot #3 which is the north west part of block #27, and on the school property claimed in 1873 and 1875. The Washington District retained title to the building and land until 1891 when the L.D.S. Ward obtained ownership through a deed signed by School Trustees - Andrew Sproul, Sr. and G.W.G. Averett to the Trustees of the Ward - Robert F. Goold and Andrew F. Larson for the sum of one hundred fifty dollars. (There was probably an agreement drawn up for the continued use by the School District, as the land and building were valued at \$4500 in 1887.)

In answer to a questionnaire sent out by County Supt. John T. Woodbury, Sr. in 1887, the following information was given: Seating capacity of 120.

Size of school grounds - 12 rods x 24 rods (solely owned and recored by Washington School Dist.)
size inside of school rooms 48' x 26' x 16' high
(upper level room)
46' x 24' x 12' high
(basement room)

The trustees also reported in the questionnaire that the building was used Sunday afternoons and the 1st Thursday morning of each month by the L.D.S. Ward, with their members doing the School janitor work for use fo the School.

In 1884, the Trustees' Annual Report states that teachers' salaries paid for the year totalled \$399.58, with tuition fees of \$223.97 collected to help offset the cost. There were 23 of 45 eligible males enrolled ages 6-18, and females 32 of 65. Average daily attendance for the 120 day school term was 38 - only 34.6%.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT CENSUS of 1871
(school ages 4 thru 16)

male:	born:	male:	born:
Averitt, Andrew	Feb 1865	Smithson, Charles	Apr 1856
Mathews, J.A.B.	1862	Smithson, Allen	Nov 1857
Ford, E.M.	Apr 1857	Smithson, D.R.	Sep 1863
Ford, J.M.	Nov 1860	Smithson, Henry	Nov 1866
Mangum, J.A.	Oct 1857	Averitt, G.W.	Nov 1854
Blazzard, Thomas	Aug 1857	Averitt, M.E.	Aug 1856
Carson, S.V.	Jul 1857	Averitt, Elisha	Jan 1860
Fertes, C.	May 1861	Averitt, J.W.	Mar 1862
Fertes, William M.	Aug 1862	Averitt, G.H.	Nov 1864
Fertes, G.A.	Sep 1864	Adair, J.M.	Mar 1858
Bastian, J.S.	Sep 1858	Larson, A.	Dec 1857
Bastian, G.S.	Jul 1860	Larson, J.W.	Aug 1860
Knudsen, C.M.	Oct 1856	Nelson, P.	Dec 1856
Knudsen, J.E.	Sep 1860	Clark, Owen	---1862
West, J.W.	Feb 1859	Sandberg, Neils	---1860
Cook, J.	May 1857	Wickland, Jacob	Oct 1856
Cook, Joseph	Aug 1859	Sorenson, Isaac	Dec 1858
Cook, D.	Aug 1865	Sorenson, A.	Feb 1861
Freeman, J.A.	Apr 1859	Sorenson, Olif	Feb 1861
Covington, Thomas	Jan 1860	Gould, Charles	Nov 1863
Tayton, ---?	May 1857	Clark, A.L.	May 1866
Lloyd, M.	Nov 1859	Harmon, L.	Mar 1857
Lloyd, W.	Apr 1866	Harmon, O.J.	Mar 1859
Alexander, T.M.	Jan 1865	Harmon, M.M.	Apr 1861
Richey, J.B.	Aug 1855	Greenhalgh, Thomas	Apr 1857
Tylor, F.M.	Aug 1860	Greenhalgh, William	Mar 1861
Tylor, N.S.	Aug 1865	Black, J.	Nov 1856
Adair, C.	Jan 1865	Black, J.E.	Dec 1858
Yenson, (J?), J.	Jan 1858	Black, D.H.	Mar 1861
Yenson (J?), Joseph	Aug 1864	Black, William	Jan 1857
Yenson (J?), N.O.	Jan 1866	Black, B.D.	Jul 1859
Hanson, Hans	Aug 1862	Black, C.T.	Mar 1864
Dodge, William	Jan 1861	Black, Joseph	Sep 1861
Jolley, W.L.	Nov 1860	Black, O.M.	Jul 1864
Jolley, R.J.	Feb 1866	Lace, J.O.	Arp 1858
Chidester, M.A.	Mar 1862	Smith, Thomas	Jan 1855
Titt, G.P.	Aug 1866	Smith, G.A.	Jan 1860
Goubler, G.M.	Jul 1864	Handcock, L.	--- ---
Cooper, Joseph	May 1860	Handcock, E.T.	--- ---
Iverson, Heber M.	Mar 1862	Jolley, H.A.	Nov 1857
Iverson, E.	Jan 1856	Jolley, J.A.	Apr 1864
Crawford, Ray	Dec 1863	Ronnow, C.C.	Jul 1864
Crawford, B.F.	Jan 1866	Smithson, J.P.	Apr 1866
Smith, R.A.	Nov 1864	Nichols, Alexander	--- ---
Whitehead, G.	---1863	Kelsey, Samuel	Nov 1856
Whitehead, A.	---1867	Kelsey, Edwin	Jul 1865

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT CENSUS of 1871
(school ages 4 thru 16)

female:	born:	female:	born:
Sanders, Mary A.	Sep 1861	Ford, Rachel	Nov 1863
Cooper, Lydia E.	May 1863	Mangum, Deliah A.	May 1860
Cooper, Harriet A.	Feb 1866	Mangum, Mary Jane	Jan 1864
Iverson, Rosanna	Dec 1864	Mangum, Emily A.	Mar 1866
Dewey, Lois E.	Dec 1858	Boggs, Nancy O.	Mar 1859
Dewey, Sarah E.	Mar 1863	Ford, Hannah	Oct 1865
Crawford, Ellen P.	Apr 1857	Carson, Ann	May 1863
Crawford, Susan M.	Apr 1859	Carson, Mary E.	Jan 1865
Smith, Mary	Aug 1866	Searls, Rebecca J.	Apr 1857
Smith, Nancy	Apr 1864	Searls, Sarah C.	May 1858
Smithson, Elizabeth	Apr 1861	Bastion, Lawra	Nov 1862
Smithson, Margret	May 1866	Bastion, Catherine M.	Feb 1863
Adair, Eliza	Sep 1860	Knudsen, Anna	Sep 1858
Adiar, Margret	May 1863	Knudsen, Betsey M.	Apr 1860
Clark, Eveline	--- 1859	West, Mariah	--- 1861
Clark, Josephine	--- 1856	West, Christina	--- 1865
Clark, Susan	--- 1865	Cook, Barbra E.	Dec 1861
Sandberg, Nella	--- 1862	Cook, Anna	Mar 1866
Iverson, C.	Oct 1860	Alexander, Ann	Oct 1858
Iverson, T.	Nov 1862	Alexander, Bertha	Mar 1860
Iverson, E.	Dec 1864	Freeman, Nancy A.	Dec 1863
Sorenson, Emma	Jan 1858	Freeman, Susan J.	Mar 1866
Sorenson, Ellen	Mar 1866	Lee, Malvina	Jun 1856
Gould, Emma M.	Nov 1855	Covington, Pheba	Nov 1857
Gould, Emily	Sep 1858	Alexander, Merza M.	Dec 1864
Gould, Anny	Sep 1866	Johnson, Christiana	Nov 1855
Greenhalgh, Margret	Nov 1859	Johnson, Frances A.	Aug 1860
Greenhalgh, Rilla	Jun 1866	Johnson, Julia H.	Sep 1862
Black, Mary A.	Oct 1861	Taylor, Harriet	Oct 1858
Black, Eva (or Evva)	Aug 1866	Taylor, Mary A.	Dec 1861
Black, Rachel	Mar 1863	Taylor, Julia E.	Feb 1864
Pace, Emma M.	Oct 1857	Taylor, Amanda E.	Aug 1866
Pace, Margret	Feb 1860	Taylor, Annie	Apr 1858
Pace, Adalaid	Jun 1862	Herriman, Mary	Feb 1856
Pace, Mary C.	Sep 1864	Lloyd, Amelia	Jan 1856
Smith, Leah P.	Jun 1857	Lloyd, Christiana	Apr 1862
Jolley, Serepta	Oct 1859	Herriman, Olivie H.	Aug 1859
Jolley, Bartha L.	Feb 1862	Herriman, Eliza A.	Sep 1865
Jolley, Nancy C.	Aug 1866	Richey, Ruth	Oct 1857
Jolley, Emily A.	Aug 1866	Richey, Emily	Sep 1860
Poler, Artemesia Minerva	Feb 1865	Richey, Ellen	Aug 1865
Poler, Sarah A.	Nov 1866	Tyler, Virginia	Aug 1857
Parker, Ellen	Feb 1859	Yenson (J?), Mary	Oct 1860
Parker, Caroline	Apr 1861	Hanson, Anna	Dec 1860
Nichols, Elizabeth	--- 1857	Jolley, Sarah E.	Mar 1856
Nichols, Julia	--- 1863	Jolley, Mary E.	May 1858
Kelsey, Zephyr	Oct 1858	Jolley, Malvina	Sep 1864
Ashworth, Mary Jane	Aug 1861	Chidester, Susan E.	Dec 1857
Ashworth, Grace	Aug 1863	Chidester, Lodima E.	Sep 1859
Jakaway, Mary Ann Eveline	Mar 1865	Foy, Sarah Ann	Oct 1862
		Gubler, Caroline	Jan 1863

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT CENSUS of 1881
(school ages between 6 and 18)

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WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT CENSUS of 1881 continued

female:	born:	female:	born:
Stark, Isabelle	5 Dec 1864	Taylor, Manda M.	11 Aug 1866
Prince, Sarah E.	29 Jan 1875	Riggs, Chrizade	23 Dec 1867
Goold, Annie	4 Sep 1866	Hogges, Mary E.	14 Jan 1870
Crawford, Julia E.	9 Aug 1870	Hogges, Amelia A.	9 Aug 1872
Peterson, Mariah	4 May 1864	Johnson, Minnie	13 Dec 1872
Averett, Nancy	6 Jul 1868	Kelly, Mary	2 Nov 1873
Averett, Mary C.	26 Jan 1873	Sproul, Mary	25 Dec 1870
Jackson, Mary E.	29 Oct 1869	Sproul, Adaline	25 Dec 1872
Jackson, Margarelleck--(?)	23 May 1872	Palmer, Laura	6 May 1875
Barron, Isabelle	21 Jun 1868	Pearson, Elvina H.	15 May 1868
Mathews, Grace E.	8 Feb 1872	Peterson, Mattie M.	4 May 1864
Mathews, Elleanor	20 Sep 1874	Neilson, Karen	15 May 1874
Funk, Eliza J.	20 Aug 1869	Pace, Mary A.	9 Jun 1870
Funk, Matilda M.	18 Jan 1872	Pace, Sarah E.	12 Mar 1872
Thompson, Malinda C.	23 May 1872	Baumon, Annie	14 Sep 1865
Alexander, Martha E.	30 Sep 1864	Alexander, Myrza M.	25 Dec 1864
Alexander, Margaretta T.	28 Mar 1871	Alexander, Lois A.	23 Dec 1870
Alexander, Nellie	29 Nov 1874	Alexander, Mary E.	21 Dec 1874
Mills, Martha	30 Jan 1871	Jones, Annie E.	26 Mar 1867
Barron, Margarette T.	16 Nov 1865	Jones, Emma A.	29 Oct 1873
Barron, Myra A.	29 Apr 1870		

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES 1869 thru 1897 taken from bonds filed (incomplete)

Ford, Edwin	1869, 72	Mitchell, Henry	1876
Iverson, Hans P.	1869, 77, 78, 80	Duncan, Chapman	1877
Neilson, Peter	1872, 75	Chidester, John F.	1878, 80
Pace, John E.	1872, 77	Funk, Marcus	1878, 80
Averett, Geo. W.G.	1873, 90, 92	Paxman, David	1881, 82, 83, 86
Covington, Robert D.	1875	Connell, Samuel	1882, 86
Whitehead, A.R.	1875	Neilson, Israel, Sr.	1883, 86, 97
Nichols, Alexander	1875	Sproul, Andrew, Sr.	1890, 92, 93, 96
Gould, R.F.	1876	Larson, Andrew H.	1892, 93, 94, 96
Jones, Thomas J.	1876	Westover, Charles	1893
Prince, George	1876, 78	Van Orden, P.E.	1896
Hooper, Thomas	1876	Hall, Calvin	1897



WASHINGTON SCHOOL 1897-98

Trustees - Calvin Hall and Israel Neilson, Sr.
Teachers, Lewis Bastian, Annie Sproul, Addie Duffin

PRIMARY grade - Annie Sproul, Teacher

Arthur Paxman
Levi Neilson
Georgia Averett
Karlous Goubler
James Turner
Rupert Tegan
Parker Westover
Willard Larson
Lawrence Foy

Edgar Westover
William Unthank
Israel Neilson, Jr.
Rasmus Cooper
Charles Van Orden
Josephine Prisby
Sophia Prince
Emily Sandberg

Florence Thayne
Pearl Jones
Estella Hall
Eunice Childester
Evaline Stewart
Addie Boggs
Marhta Weaver
Genna Neilson

Elnora Goubler
Maggie Iverson
Amy Wilkins
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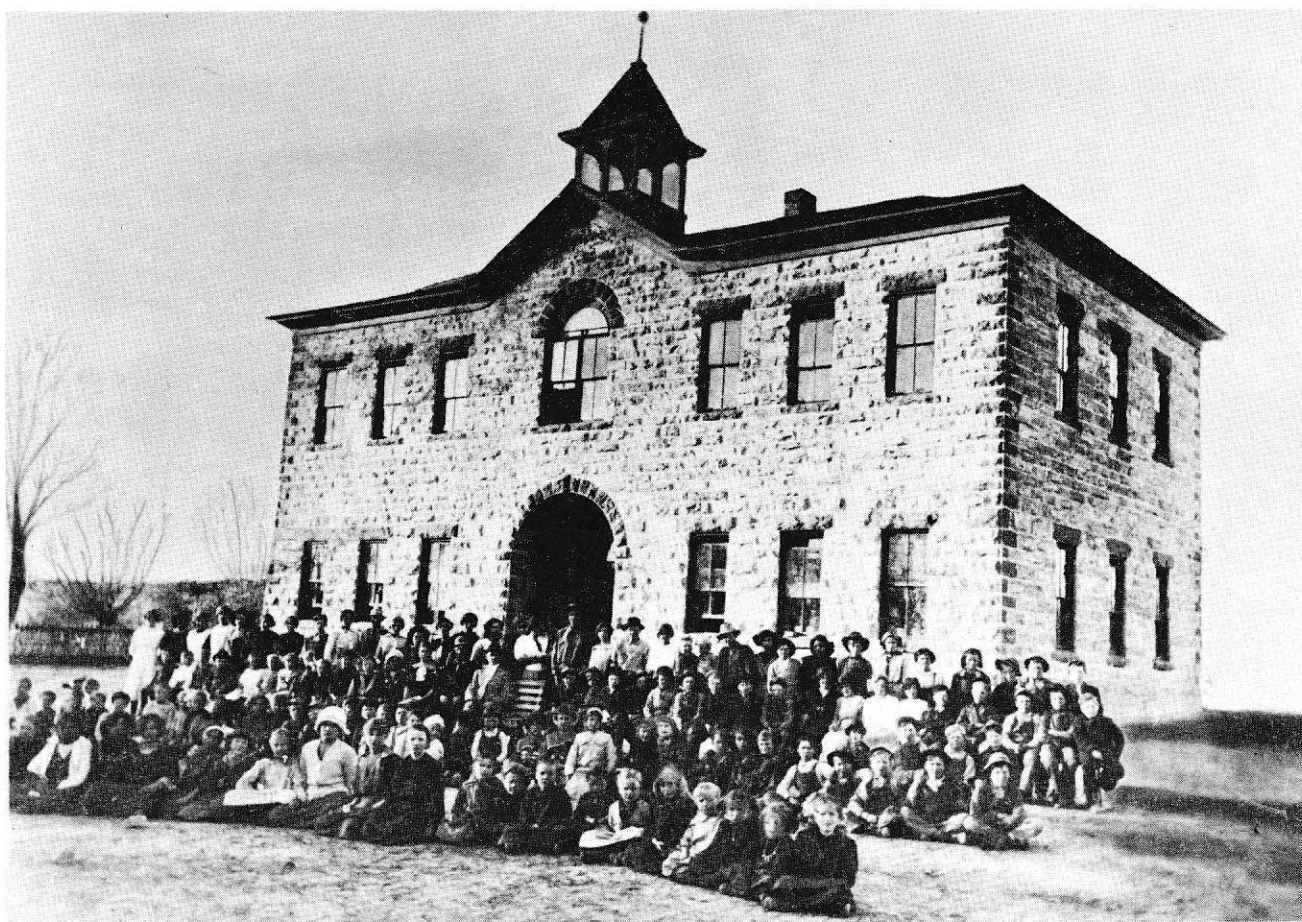
GRAMMAR grade - Addie Duffin, teacher

Elmer Sandberg
Clarence Neilson
Rupert Boggs
John Prince
Edward Nisson
Willie Sandberg
Willie Van Orden
William Chidester
Bertie Sorenson
Willard Neilson
Andrew Bastian
Joseph Hannig
William Pierce
Walter Iverson
James Larson

Elmer Chidester
Hans Bastian
Edmund Van Orden
Thomas Blazzard
James Prince
Joseph Prince
Wilford Bastian
LaMar Pearce
Willie Crawford
John Tanner
Willard Nisson
Israel Neilson
Willard Sorenson
Joseph Crawford
Mina Funk

Clara Alexander
Martha Averett
Stella Iverson
Annie Neilson
Louisa Jolley
Christa Bastian
Carrie Neilson
Ida Larson
Ethel Hall
Ida Crawford
Rhoda Jones
Alice Prince
Annie Larson
Matilda Neilson

Theresa Westover
Mary Prisby
Roetta Bastian
Edith Hall
Margia Crawford
Amanda Hannig
Jennie Ruby
Minnie Crawford
Annie Iverson
Pernilla Jones
Zaida Neilson
Edith Ruppe
Nancy Blazzard
Christa Ford
Mattie Crawford



“THE OLD SCHOOL”
completed in 1909

By 1907 or 1908, the New School (Chapel) was over crowded to the extent that the younger students were taught in what was called “the granary” located on the Jolley property (now 141 N. Main); so the decision was made to construct a new building which became known as the best school building in Washington County. It was built through donated labor and our town’s school district funds. The school was completed in the spring of 1909.

Rock was quarried by Julius Hannig and Charlie Hall from the quarry in the area south of the present new school on 300 East. Teams and wagons hauled the rocks to the school site where they were dressed by 10 to 15 of our local men.

The masons who laid the rock walls were Herman Tegan and Ira S. McMullin, with John Tanner doing most of the hod-carrying, although Neils Sandburg was a smaller part of that effort. When the heighth of the walls became too great, James (Shorty) Watters used

an “A” frame with a little sorrel mare for power to hoist the rocks to the necessary level - quite an achievement that high.

Carpenter work was contracted to Charles Stoney who had been principal for two years prior to this project. Some of the lumber he used was hauled by Elisha (Lishas) Iverson and could have come from any of several mills around here.

This building looks to-day much as it did at the time of completion, except for the gymnasium (recreation hall) which was added onto the orginal in 1924, by a joint 50-50 agreement with the Washington County School District which had been created through action of the State Legislature in 1915.

In the spring of 1910 as the first term taught in the school was ending, planting on the grounds were made. The above picture shows how bare the grounds were.

What an example this all was of *Community Effort in Action!!*



FIRST GRADUATING CLASS of the "OLD SCHOOL"

(spring of 1910)

front row: Lodema Ruby, Ina Neilson, Ella Barron, Lydia Larson, and Anna Blazzard. back row: Maude Prince, Willard Nisson (principal), Lillian Larson, and LaPrele Neilson (Delpha Jolley is missing, and no boys graduated).

PRINCIPALS of this SCHOOL and TERMS TAUGHT were as follows:

Willard O. Nisson Sep 1908, Sep 1909 (also County Supt. in 1909 and 1910)
Sep 1911, Sep 1912 and Sep 1916
thru 1920
Sep 1936, Sep 1937 and Sep 1938

His career in other schools included Kanarra, Bunkerville, Mesquite, Fredonia, Hurricane, Woodward Jr. High, and 1 year at Dixie Jr. College.

Leon M. Hickman Sep 1910 (son of Prof. Hickman of Beaver)

Israel Neilson, Jr. Sep 1913, Sep 1914, Sep 1915 and Sep 1921 thru Sep 1931

Other schools taught were Woodward Elementary, and St. George Elementary.

Laron S. Andrus Sep 1932, Sep 1933

Other areas taught - Marysville, Leeds, Hurricane,

A. Karl Larson Sep 1934, Sep 1935

His career includes Woodward Elementary, Hurricane High, and Dixie College.

Victor Iverson Sep 1924 thru Sep 1961 (became principal in Sep 1935)

Beginning year as a teacher was at Leeds.

Roger B. Brown Sep 1965, Sep 1966

Career includes Duchesne and Circleville; in Administration since 1967.

Ferd Neilson Sep 1959 thru Sep 1961 (teacher)

Sep 1962 thru Sep 1964 and Sep 1967 thru Sep 1975 (principal)

Others at Springville, St. George W. Elementary, our present Elementary.

WASHINGTON TEACHERS of EARLIST RECORDS

(documented)

McGuire, A.E.	fall of 1884	Pace, Lucinda E.	fall of 1884
Stewart, Samuel H.	fall of 1885 thru 1889		

WASHINGTON TEACHERS from MEMORIES of OLDER RESIDENTS of 1983

(newspaper documented shown*)

name	fall of term	name	fall of term
Thayne, Julia	1890 or 1891	Bryner, Annie	1900 and 1901
Duffin, Addie	1893 thru 1897*	Woodbury, Angus	1901*
Harmon, Levi	1893	Pearce, Vina	1901
Harmon, Melvin	1895	Woodbury, John T.	1902* and 1903*
Sproul, Annie	1897*	Sproul, Angus	1902* and 1903*
Bastian, Lewis	1897* and 1912*	Woodbury, Nellie	1902*
Sorenson, Effie	1898 thru 1891	Jarvis, Ella	1904
Sproul, Andrew, Jr.	1899 and 1900	Cottam, Maude	1905
	1903*	Sandberg, Josephine	1905
Cragun, Edna	1900 thru 1905	Stirling, Ruth	1905
Sainsbury, Robert	1900		

(The residents who furnished this material were born from 1883 thru 1900.)

WASHINGTON TEACHERS from DOCUMENTED RECORDS

(newspapers and Co. School District material)

name	fall of term	name	fall of term
Mickelson, Edward	1906	Foremaster, Florence	1918
Robinson, Lydia	1906 and 1907	Westover, Ruth	1918 and 1919
Stoney, Charles T.	1906 and 1907	Paxman, Hattie	1919
Cottam, Maggie	1907	Snow, Harold	1919
Nisson, Willard O.	1908 and 1909	Miller, Horton C.	1920
(also Co. Supt.)	1909 and 1910	McAllister, Clara	1920
	1911 and 1912	Milne, Alice	1920
	1916 thru 1920	Cottam, Milton	1921
	1936 thru 1938	Scott, DeLillie	1921
Funk, Mina	1909 thru 1914	Miles, Katherine	1921 and 1922
Paxman, Alice	1909 and 1910	Wittwer, Josephine	1922
Hickman, Leon	1910	Miles, Annie J.	1923
Connell, William	1911	Graff, Henry	1923
Neilson, Israel, Jr.	1913 thru 1915	Jolley, Ida	1923 thru 1925
	1921 thru 1931		1929 and 1930
Jolley, Lafe	1913		1953 thru 1955
Blizzard, Anna	1914 and 1915	Iverson, Victor	1924 thru 1961
Sandberg, Emily	1914 thru 1918	Larson, Linda	1924 and 1925
Hafen, H. Val	1915	(Co. Elementary Supervisor)	1952 thru 1968
Bentley, H. Roy	1916 and 1917	Moody, Helen	1926
	1922	Paxman, Minnie	1926 and 1927
Phillips, Leila	1916	Nelson, LaRue	1927 and 1928
Jolley, Lillian	1917		

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name	fall of term	name	fall of term
Olsen, Maggie	1928	Hughes, Evelyn	1/2 of 1956 thru 1961
Sorenson, Ruth	1929	Neilson, Ferd	1959 thru 1964
Webb, Melba	1930		1967 thru 1975
Nisson, Nina	1931	(In new elementary)	1976 thru 1982
Worthen, Clesta	1931 thru 1933	Robinson, Ruby	1962 thru 1965
Morrison, Lillian	1932 and 1933	Empey, Jerry	1962 thru 1975
Andrus, Laron S.	1932 and 1933		1977
Larson, A. Karl	1934 and 1935	Houston, Georgia L.	1964
Hopkins, Melissa	1934	Brown, Roger B.	1965 and 1966
Winsor, Ruth	1934 thru 1940	Pollock, Dyann	1966 and 1967
Sterling, Fay	1935 thru 1940	Limb, Berniece	1966 and 1967
Orton, Rulon D.	1939	Guymon, Merrilyn	1968
Nisson, Phyllis	1941 1/2 of 1942	Larson, Sandra	1968 and 1969
Jensen, Nellie	1941 and 1942	Johnson, Kayleen	1969
Walker, Aileen W.	1/2 of 1942 thru 1944	Harold, Deborah	1970 and 1971
Turner, Gwen	1945 thru 1945	Schneider, Judith L.	1970 thru 1975
Tobler, Adelia	1945 thru 1949	Taylor, Lucille	1972 thru 1975
Anderson, Deslie	1946 thru 1948	Wilson, Gene	1973
Mortenson, Verna	1949 thru 1954	Smith, Marsha	1974 and 1975
Worthen, Inez	1950	Palmer, Linda	1977 thru 1979
Greene, Rosanna	1951 and 1952	Barney, Bruce	1979
Ott, Virginia	1955 thru 1958	Wadsworth, Durward	1979
Woodbury, Jillyn	1/2 of 1956	Nay, Linda	2 mos. of 1980

Of the above named teachers - Ferd Neilson [*principal*], Jerry Empey, Gene Wilson, Durward Wadsworth, Bruce Barney, Linda Palmer and Linda Nay have continued in the New Elementary.

SCHOOL SIDELIGHTS Building of the Recreation Hall

In the early 1920's, need was felt for a building with supervised recreation for the young people, as they were slipping away from the Church, so; Mr. Charles Petty, our School Board member, was contacted by Bishop C. Hall and Arthur Paxman.

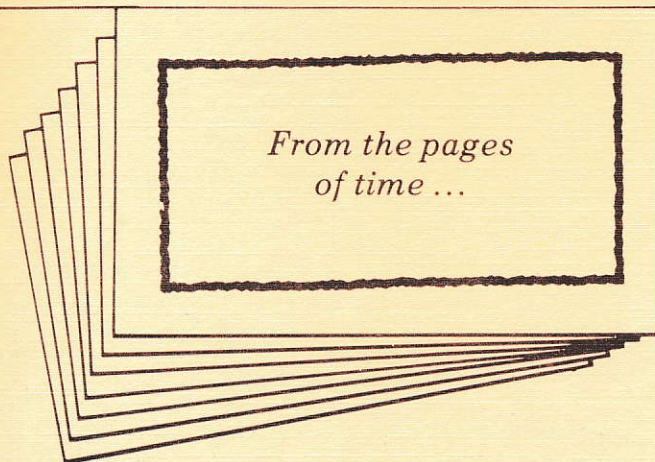
Every one thought there would be no problem, as Hurricane had a new building done on a 50-50 basis (50% cost to each - City and School District); so we requested the same type of agreement. We had also turned over our new school which was just 6 years old, plus 1/3 of block #27, and \$2,000 when the State Legislature consolidated all the small town districts into each County district in 1915.

Charles Petty contacted the other Board members, and had a difficult time convincing them; but after several

attempts, approval was given. Mr. Petty dashed madly to Washington in his model T ford, and with Bishop Calvin Hall, rang and rang the old Church bell to spread the good news. Arthur Paxman tramped the town, and took Victor Iverson with him to the surrounding mines to obtain pledges. When Arthur Paxman presented the cash and notes to the Board, they were refused because the bank would not guarantee the notes. Finally, a deal was made with the bank, for 3 responsible men with enough property to cover the debt, to sign a note - namely Bishop Hall, Arthur Paxman, and Miller Iverson who were gambling their all.

The Board had no choice but to accept, and the gym was built. A celebration dance was given by the School Board on Nov. 29, 1924 thru the contractor - Mr. Kemp.

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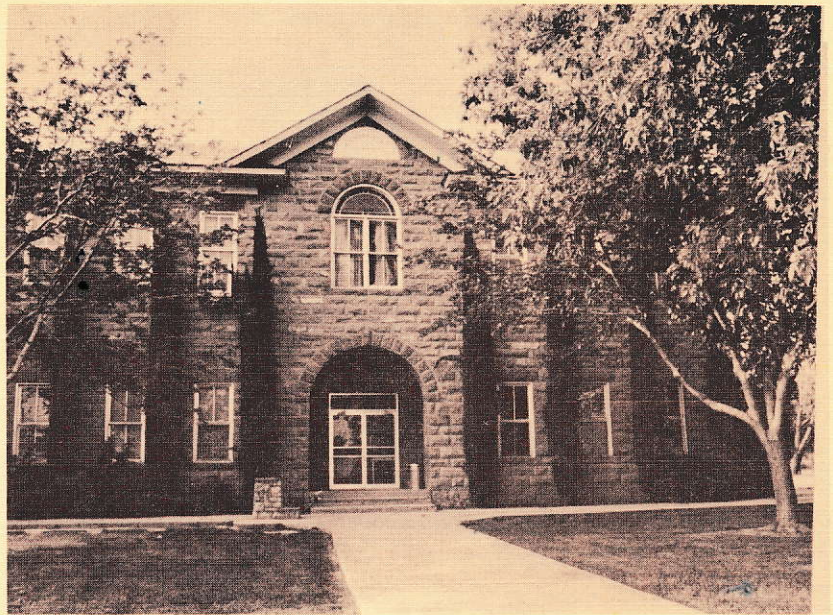
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Old School
Completed 1909
Added gymnasium 1924



New School
Completed 1976
Additions 1978 & 1980