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Niels Nisson (107 N Main St.).

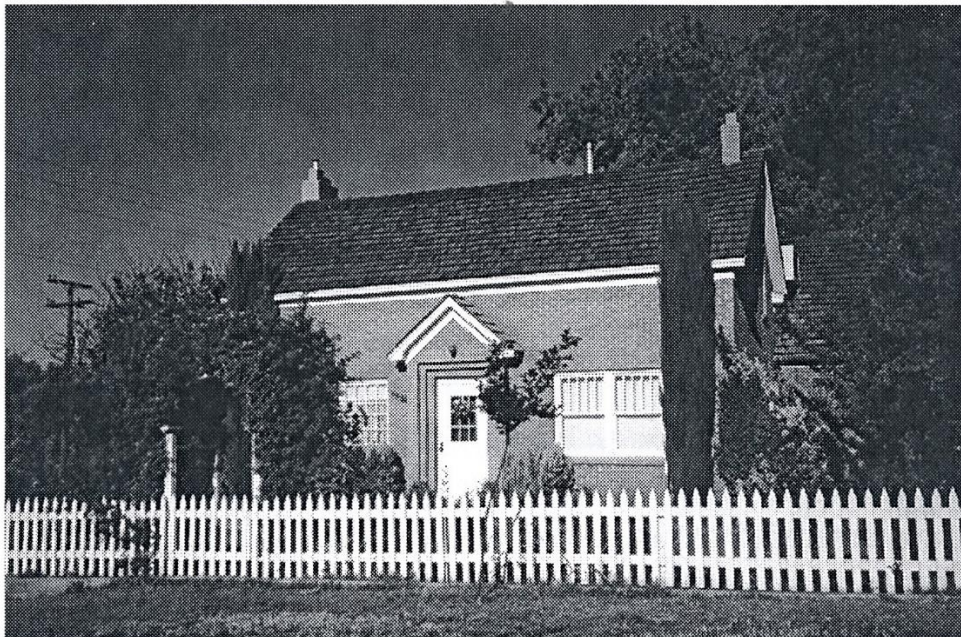
Before 1873 it is Block 22 lot 1, and after 1873 it is Block 33 lot 1. The record shows that in February 1863 W. D. Cooper received a certificate for lots 1, 2. There is no recorded sale of lots 1, 2 by Cooper. In February 1873 Lewis Allen receives a certificate for lots 1, 2 and the title in March 1876. Allen sold lots 1, 2 to Marcus Funk in March 1888 for \$400. In May 1889 Marcus and Magdalena Funk sold lots 1, 2 to Niels Nisson for \$400. Then they were sold to Levi Neilson by Neil's widow Pernella Nisson Sandberg in 1923. The fired brick were added to the home by Levi Neilson in the 1900s. It is felt that W. D. Cooper (William Darby Cooper) did not build on this spot because he built two other homes, Sites 8 and 14, in the '60s. If he had built, he would surely have kept ownership after receiving a surveyor's certificate in 1863.

The original home was probably built by Lewis Allen and could have been modified by Marcus Funk.

This is presently a seven-room home, and like many others it evolved from one room to two, then three, and so on up to seven.

Lewis Allen's name doesn't show up on any of the lists of '57 or '61 missionaries who came to Washington. He is shown to have lived around Orderville and Moccasin Springs, where he was known by the name of Lewis "Moccasin" Allen. The springs were named for him. All the records and diaries that tell about Moccasin Springs do not refer to it by any other name, so it appears that Allen must have been there very early—around 1860.

Neils Nisson owned a Studebaker Buggy, one of only four in the area. It was "hot stuff." The Studebaker company later made the Studebaker car.



P-53-1. Neils Nisson's home. The fired bricks were added in the 1920s.

Neils Nisson came to Washington in 1862 at the age of 20. He was born March 27, 1841, and died from exposure on January 3, 1917. He had a bad cold, but insisted on going irrigating. He no doubt died of pneumonia. He was married on May 1, 1869, to Pernella Sandberg, and they had eight children plus some adopted ones. He was christened Niels Nissen, but from the beginning the family has spelled it with an "o" as Nisson. His first name is also spelled Neils.