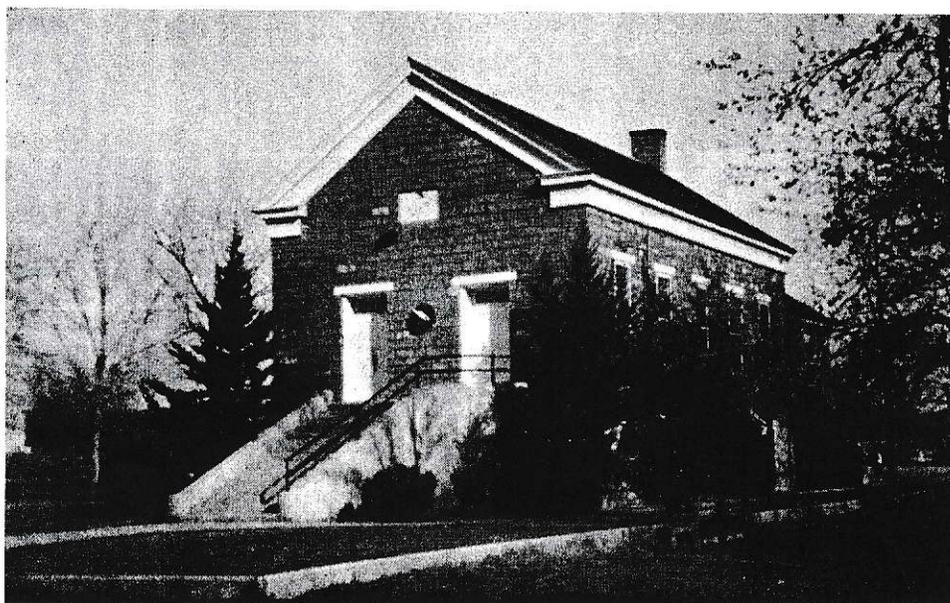


WASHINGTON WARD
WASHINGTON 2ND WARD



INSIDE OF CHAPEL



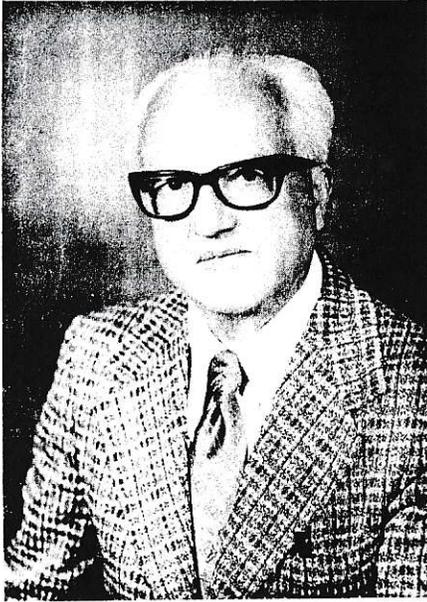
**NATIVE SANDSTONE CHAPEL
ERECTED IN YEAR 1877**

DEDICATION
OF THE
WASHINGTON WARD
AND
WASHINGTON 2ND WARD
CHAPEL

JUNE 2, 1974

WASHINGTON, UTAH

TRIBUTE



PRESIDENT THOMAS LAVOY ESPLIN
St. George, Utah, East Stake
PRESIDES AT DEDICATION

To the many who have sacrificed of their
worldly possessions,
To those whose hands, skilled or willing
have shaped this beautiful work,
To all who labored faithfully, week after
week, to raise the needed money,
To those who faithfully responded as help
was needed,
To those who put the work of the Lord first,
because their hearts lead them that way,
Yes, to these go the credit for doing an
unparalleled work and with it the
treasures of Heaven.

Presiding and delivering the Dedicatory Address and Prayer is President Thomas Lavoy Esplin, a dedicated worker in the Church during his entire lifetime, loved and respected by his fellow-workers both in and out of the Church.

He was born in Orderville, Utah on October 15, 1914; graduated from Dixie Junior College and then later from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He served in the Bishopric in Orderville for three years, in the Kanab Stake Presidency as Second Counselor and as First Counselor for a total of eleven years, member of the High Council in St. George East Stake and as a Bishop. For the past ten years he has been President of the Stake.

President Esplin married the former Phoebe Lytle, who is a native of St. George. There are five children, one son and four daughters.

He has been Superintendent of Schools for Washington County since 1958. Prior thereto he was Superintendent of Schools for eleven years in Kane County School District.

DEDICATION SERVICES

2.00 P.M.

ORGAN – PIANO PRELUDE -----DARLENE NEILSON, Organist
LOIS CALDWELL, Pianist

CONDUCTING-----BISHOP CHARLES L. JOLLEY

OPENING HYMN “How Firm A Foundation” Page 66 -----CONGREGATION
ChoristerANDREW JOLLEY

INVOCATION-----ALVIN LEE GENTRY

SACRAMENT HYMN “Behold the Great Redeemer Die” -----COMBINED WARD CHOIRS
Directed by ANDREW JOLLEY

SERVING OF THE SACRAMENT

REMARKS -----BISHOP CHARLES L. JOLLEY

REMARKS -----IDA MAE MYERS

“THE TABERNACLE OF GOD” -----COMBINED WARD CHOIRS
Directed by ANDREW JOLLEY

REMARKS -----BISHOP WILLARD D. PECTOL

REMARKS -----SISTER ADA NORDELL

“BLESS THIS HOUSE” -----COMBINED WARD CHOIRS
Directed by FERD. NEILSON
Accompanist KARYL EUSTICE

DEDICATORY ADDRESS AND PRAYER -----PRES. THOMAS LAVOY ESPLIN

CLOSING HYMN “The Spirit of God Like a Fire
is Burning” Page 213 -----CONGREGATION

BENEDICTION -----WALTER C. WATTERS

POSTLUDE MUSIC

HISTORICAL REVIEW

Washington Ward was first organized as a Branch in the year 1857. It became a full-fledged Ward in 1858 and the first Ward Chapel, built of native sandstone, was constructed in 1877. It served the Ward for the next 64 years and in 1941, under the direction of Bishop Wallace Iverson, who passed away last year, it was remodeled and new classrooms were added. The needs of the Ward were taken care of until 1955, when Bishop Quentin A. Nisson accepted the challenge of providing larger and better facilities for a growing community and congregation. In 1959, four years after efforts were started to raise the money required, the ground-breaking ceremonies took place and construction commenced in January of 1960. The old stone building was retained, the upper floor being used for the Junior Sunday School and the lower floor for classrooms. The new addition was dedicated on April 23, 1961, and stands today as lovely as any Chapel in this area. It has a most distinguishing feature — the sixty foot bell Campanile, also constructed of sandstone, which rises majestically in the form of a simulated cross. It houses the more than century old bell used for many years on the old chapel.

No one could have foreseen the great influx of new members arriving from California, Nevada, Idaho, Northern Utah, etc., who were drawn to this lovely and most desirable part of Zion by its natural attractions, including the mountains, the valleys, the weather, and the people who are the kind one would choose to be his neighbors. From a membership of approximately 475 in 1959, Washington Ward increased by 1971 to more than 800 members. However, Bishop Larry Jolley and his Counselors, Finley Bayles and Stanley A. Staheli, realizing the necessity of providing for future expansion, started a building fund campaign in early 1970.

On February 14, 1971, a memorable event took place. Washington Ward was divided and Washington 2nd Ward came into being with Willard D. Pectol becoming the new Bishop. His Counselors were Ferdinand A. Neilson and Lorel Wynn Turek. Bishop Larry Jolley remained as Bishop of Washington Ward, with Finley Bayles and David W. Smith as his Counselors. The creation of Washington 2nd Ward made it necessary to use one of the lower floor rooms in the old stone building for a Bishop's Office. It soon became evident, as rapid growth of both Wards continued, that additional space, including a new cultural hall and kitchen, would be urgently needed.

Each ward became busily engaged in money-raising activities, including Ward dinners, bake sales each Saturday, where thousands of pies were sold to patrons from Las Vegas, St. George, Bloomington, Cedar City, Hurricane and the local area, as well as to many tourists. The fame of our pies became widespread and one of the large motels in St. George ask if we would be interested in providing fifty pies each week for their use. Other projects were hauling garbage, compiling and selling a Ward Directory, making and selling popcorn balls, showing movies, feeding the Lions Club of Washington, conducting rummage and garage sales, obtaining and selling firewood and Christmas Trees, and sponsoring celebrations on July 24th and Labor Day. No one will ever know how much effort was expended in these projects. While considerable amounts were raised by these efforts, the major share was realized from voluntary contributions made regularly by faithful Church members, some of whom gave "until it hurt".

Finally, after raising the starting amount of \$55,000.00, ground-breaking took place on October 6, 1972. In order to provide room for the new Cultural Hall, Junior Sunday School and more classrooms, it became necessary to demolish the old sandstone building. Many eyes were wet when the first blow was struck. Construction was started November 5, 1972, on a temporary office for the Washington 2nd Ward, as well as temporary library. Both buildings were

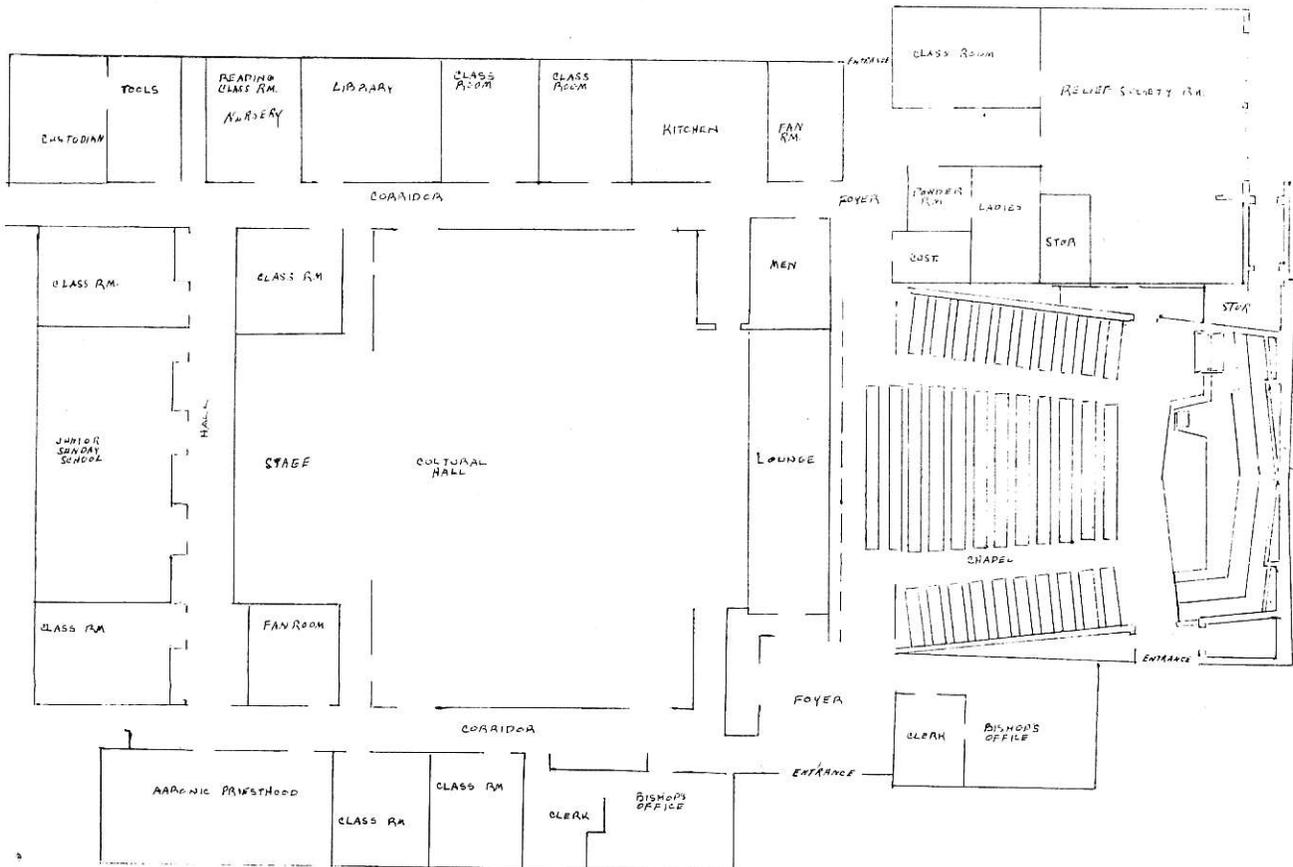
sold following completion of the new addition. Both of these one-room buildings were constructed with donated labor. Bishop Willard D. Pectol was Agent Bishop during the year 1973, when most of the construction work on the Chapel took place. The Architect was John S. Rowley and the building contractor Blackburn & Gower, Inc., both of Cedar City, Utah. The painting work was done by members of both Wards, under the direction of L. Parley Smith, of Washington 2nd Ward.

On January 14, 1973 it was announced by both Bishops that due to remodeling work on the Chapel, it would be necessary for the next few months to meet in the recreation hall of the school. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Washington County School District for their kindness. It was a great moment when on December 2, 1973, the first Sacrament Meeting was held in the renovated Chapel, although work was not yet finished.

While cold statistics do not describe the beauty of the building, inside and out, the grandeur of the cultural hall, which may be used for basketball, the unfamiliar air of convenience in the kitchen, classrooms and library, the new Bishop's office for Washington 2nd Ward and offices for Ward Clerks, the new heating and air-conditioning units, they do indicate that it takes much planning and considerable amounts of money to have the privilege of enjoying these things.

Furnished by Presiding Bishop's Office -----	\$271,135.00
Furnished by St. George, Ut. East Stake -----	58,100.00
Furnished by Washington Ward -----	29,050.00
Furnished by Washington 2nd Ward -----	<u>29,050.00</u>
Grand Total Cost -----	<u>\$387,335.00</u>

Floor Plan





Finley Bayles
1st Counselor

Bishop Charles L. Jolley
Washington Ward

David A. Smith
2nd Counselor



Ferdinand A. Neilson
1st Counselor

Bishop Willard D. Pectol
Washington 2nd Ward

L. Wynn Turek
2nd Counselor

Bishops of Washington Ward

Robert D. Covington -----1857-1858
(Branch President)
Robert D. Covington -----1858-1869
John W. Freeman -----1869-1877
Thomas J. Jones -----1877-1881
Marcus Funk -----1881-1888
Andrew Sproul, Sr. -----1888-1908
Calvin Hall -----1908-1924
Arthur A. Paxman -----1924-1925

Victor E. Iverson -----1925-1931
Willard O. Nisson -----1931-1934
Wallace J. Iverson -----1934-1943
Alton L. Jones -----1943-1946
Ernest Tobler -----1946-1950
Woodrow W. Staheli -----1950-1956
Quentin A. Nisson -----1956-1962
Archie Tobler -----1962-1964
Clarence A. Bundy -----1964-1968
Charles L. Jolley -----1968-

Bishop of Washington 2nd Ward

Willard D. Pectol -----1971-