Chapter I
HISTORIC HOUSES ON THE LOWER STREET (ASH CREEK DRIVE)

Orley DeWright Bliss & Miss Burke's Mission House
93 No. Ash Creek Drive

A son of Norman and Mary E. Bliss, Orley was born in Palermo, New York on July 25, 1839. His parents joined the Mormons and moved to Nauvoo where the parents separated. At the age of six, Orley accompanied his father on a mission to New York. The father married again and the family journeyed to Utah in 1848. Orley was a scout in the Mormon War of 1858.

He was called on a mission to Dixie in 1862 and in each of the years 1863, 1864 he was called as a teamster to go to the Missouri River "to gather the poor." Daily diary entries are short and concern work and weather, but he took great delight in attending dances, singing school, writing school, and spelling school. He married Harriet Josephine Lee.

Orley D. Bliss died May 9, 1930 at age 91.

Sequence of occupancy of Lots 3 and 4, Block 9, Plat "A" of Toquerville Townsite Survey.

O.M. Allen (Lot 4)	Nov. 25, 1865
By Pres. U.S. Grant to John Nebeker	Sept. 2, 1872
Estate of Elisha H. Groves (Lots 3&4)	Feb. 7, 1872
Lucy Groves (a Widow's Estate)	Sept. 3, 1878
Aquila Nebeker	Sept. 7, 1878
Orley D. & Harriet L. Bliss	April 15, 1882
Frances (Fannie) R. Burke	Feb. 23, 1888
Presbytery of Southern Utah	
or Rev. Charles H & Mary Hamilton	May 4, 1927
George D. & Fern H. Bringhurst	Dec. 26, 1944
Presbytery of Southern Utah	April, 1946
William H. & Elda R. Manning	June 29, 1946
Leon & Genevieve Bastow	
John & Louella Dodge Maxwell	1960
Albert J. & Virginia B. Shepherd	1970

Reference: Dairy of Orley Bliss, a notebook in ink 31 pp. B.Y.U. (MSS 615)