Dedicatorial Service

Lindon Ward Chapel

Sunday, March 23, 1952
To Preside

PRESIDENT JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH
OF THE QUORUM OF TWELVE APOSTLES
Dedicatorial Program

Opening Song "We Thank Thee O God For A Prophet" Congregation

Invocation ............................................. W. D. Chapman

Vocal Selection, "Oh My Father" ................. Lindon Ward Choir

Speaker .............................................. Bishop LeGrand Ercanbrack

Speaker .............................................. Bishop A. L. Cullimore

Speaker .............................................. Bishop D. B. Thorne

Vocal Duet, "Bless This House" ................. Eva Millet and Doris Johnson
                                          Accompanist Margaret Caldwell

Speaker .............................................. Bishop Charles J. Cobbledy

Speaker .............................................. Bishop Leonard S. Walker

Vocal Selection, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" Lindon Ward Choir

Speaker .............................................. Bishop Jesse K. Thorne

Speaker .............................................. Bishop Alroy Gillman

Speaker .............................................. President Merrill N. Warrick
                                          of the Timpanogos Stake

Vocal Selection "The Lord's Prayer" ............ Double Mixed Quartette
                                          Miriam Ash, Grace Winn, Audra Hooley,
                                          Burdene Walker, Truene Hardman, Earl
                                          Thompson, Reed Gillman, Leon Walker
                                          Accompanist Beulah Gillman

Dedicatorial Prayer .................................. President Joseph Fielding Smith
                                          of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles

Song, Housana Anthem ............................. Choir and Congregation

Benediction ......................................... Joseph H. Ash
Bishops

1890—1904
JAMES COBBLEY
Counselors:
ALFRED KEETCH
ROBERT THORNE
WM. CULLIMORE
Clerks:
JOSEPH W. ASH
D. B. THORNE

1904—1928
ALBERT L. CULLIMORE
Counselors:
JOHN C. COULAM
JOHN Y. WALKER
LESTER G. WEST
EZRA F. WALKER
ALBERT ANDERSON
CHARLES J. COBBLEY
Clerks:
JOSEPH G. ASH
D. B. THORNE

1928—1934
DAVID B. THORNE
Counselors:
CHARLES J. COBBLEY
ROBERT WALKER
JAMES WRIGHT
D. B. HARE
Clerks:
WILFORD ANDERSON
ALROY GILLMAN

1934—1937
CHARLES J. COBBLEY
Counselors:
LEONARD S. WALKER
WILLIAM DITTMORE
Clerks:
ROBERT WALKER
Bishops

1937—1941
LEONARD S. WALKER
Counselors:
WILLIAM DITTMORE
WRENNARD TOMLINSON
Clerks:
JESSE K. THORNE

1941—1944
JESSE K. THORNE
Counselors:
C. C. WRIGHT
RICHARD CULLIMORE
ALROY GILLMAN
LEON IVIE
Clerks:
WARREN ANDERSON
CLAUDE CROFT

1944—1949
ALROY GILLMAN
Counselors:
JOSEPH ASH
EDWIN OSCARSON
W. D. CHAPMAN
Clerks:
CLAUDE CROFT
VERLAND JOHNSON
CECIL BULLOCK
FRED HOFFMAN

1949—
LEGRAND ERCANBRACK
Counselors:
LEON WALKER
JOSEPH SWENSON
Clerks:
ANTHON G. ARMSTRONG
FRED HOFFMAN
Old Church House

DEDICATED 1891 BY APOSTLE REED SMOOT
DISASSEMBLED 1941

New Church House

GROUND BREAKING APRIL 6, 1949
DEDICATED, MARCH 23, 1952
First Stake Presidency

Seated: Right, PRESIDENT WILFORD WARNICK
Left, MARTIN S. CHRISTIANSEN
Standing: left, WILLIAM C. SMITH
Right, MILLEN D. RADMALL, Clerk

Present Stake Presidency

Seated: Center, PRESIDENT MERRILL N. WARNICK
Left, VLACE L. RADMALL
Right, LEWIS E. OLFIN
Rear: left, WESLEY JENSE, Stake Clerk when picture was taken
Right, Patriarch Lawrence M. Atwood
Appreciation

As we come to the concluding steps of construction and furnishing our beautiful church, it is the desire of our hearts to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the blessings of success and happiness in the construction and completion of this great building.

As Bishopric of the Ward, we desire to thank all the faithful men and women who have given so much of their time and labor during this period of construction. It is an inspiration to look back over the span of time and see the marvelous accomplishment by such a small group of people. We are sure that we must acknowledge the blessings of the Lord and know that He has done His part.

We are very grateful to the Building, Finance, Priesthood and Auxiliary Committees, and groups who have so faithfully labored in the spirit of unity and cooperation to keep the work of the Lord on the move.

We are thankful for the efforts and support of the membership of the Ward and to all those who have been members and moved or supported this program in any way. We know they have found satisfaction and the blessings of the Lord for their efforts.

We give thanks to the Business Firms here and in neighboring communities who have contributed to this cause so freely.

We are indeed grateful to the Authorities of the Lindon School who have permitted us to hold our Services in their building when we had no place to go.

And now at this time of the year when we near the anniversary date of the organization of the Church, we are reminded of the glorious Restored Gospel, and the understanding of life and salvation it gives us, and may we continue to unite our efforts to live and follow this great plan, is our desire.

Sincerely,

LeGrand Erckenbrack, Bishop
Leon Walker, First Counselor
Joseph A. Swenson, Second Counselor
Anthon G. Armstrong, Clerk
Fred H. Hoffman, Clerk

Seated: Right, BISHOP LEGRAND ERCKENBRACK
Left, JOSEPH SWENSON, Second Counselor
Standing: Left, LEON WALKER, First Counselor
Right, ANTHON G. ARMSTRONG, Ward Clerk
History of Lindon Ward

September 13, 1850 Pleasant Grove was settled. The land south of Pleasant Grove seemed at first worthless. There was very little vegetation except sagebrush and very little wildlife.

The people of Pleasant Grove used this section of land as a herd ground. A boy from the village was hired to drive the cows each morning to this pasture and at night they were returned to their owner. Sometimes these hired boys had exciting experiences with the Indians. That forms the background for Little Town that is now known as Lindon.

Thomas Nerdin, James Cullimore, James Henry Gillman, Fred Foulke, Riley Howard, Henry Brown and Brother Stout were some of the first men to settle along the highway. The people from Pleasant Grove nicknamed it "Stringtown" because the houses were strung along one road, which is now the State highway.

The first girl and boy to be born in Lindon were Elizabeth Cullimore Ash and James Gillman.

In 1871 the first school was held in a one room log cabin which was located about where Mrs. Nerdin's house now stands.

There were only six students when school started in Lindon. Two of them were Elizabeth Cullimore Ash and James H. Gillman. Joseph W. Ash was the first school teacher.

From that time on Lindon has grown in agriculture. About 1880 a Sunday School was organized in Lindon which was held in the schoolhouse. George Ash and Alfred Harper were the first leaders; while they still had to go to Pleasant Grove for their sacrament meetings.

In 1890 a new Ward was formed. It was known as Pleasant Grove Second Ward with James Fowler as Bishop, Alfred Keetch and Robert Thorne as counselors. Joseph W. Ash was ward clerk. The boundary lines of the Ward are as follows: North Boundary, Pleasant Grove City limits as it stands today, South Boundary, to Provo Canyon Road and west to Utah Lake.

Immediately they took steps to build a church. It was begun in April, after much discussion as to where the location would be.

The site selected was the west portion of the Joseph Ash property, Joseph W. Ash being the donor.

Every able-bodied man and boy participated in what ever he was able to do to help erect the building. The adobes were even made right on the grounds. By December the building was erected enough to hold a dance in. The proceeds of this dance went to the building fund.

The building was commenced in 1890 and completed in 1891. The dedicatory prayer being offered by Apostle Reed Smoot.

Alfred E. Culmer was the Architect of the building but before it's completion he died. His funeral was the first to be held in the church.

September 25, 1890 a petition was sent to the government to obtain a Post Office. The Town now had to have a name to obtain a Post Office, suggestions for names were submitted by a committee from Pleasant Grove Second Ward. The Government received the suggestions and selected Lindon as the name. It was named after the Lindon tree that was standing on the east side of the highway. Somehow the spelling was changed and now spell it Lindon. With a new name the Post Office Lindon was quite important.

In the fall of 1941 the Lindon church was condemned and was torn down. Plans were laid to build a new one. As a temporary meeting place was needed, the school board granted us the privilege of meeting in the school house. A building lot was purchased west of the school house May 31, 1947. The ground breaking ceremony was held April 6, 1949, with Ezra F. Walker and George Shoell, the two oldest residents of the community breaking the first ground. Raphael Rogers was there also to help, he being a resident of long standing in the ward. President Merrill N. Warnick and counselors were also in attendance, as were many others.

All of the ward members who could, have given of their time to help build the church. A contractor was hired to construct the building. Many men worked under his supervision.

The bishopric has done much sweating as to where the next thousand dollars was coming from, but little by little the faithful building committee was able to collect a little more and a little more until now the time has come through the leadership and cooperation of our Bishopric and all organizations of our Ward we are ready to dedicate our chapel March 23, 1952.
That God would grant us as a ward the desire to be worthy to worship in this, His Building.