

LINIXON CHURCH

1891-1911

Lindon was originally a sub-burb of Pleasant Grove, called Stringtown. In 1890 a new ward was organized and known as the Pleasant Grove Second Ward, with James Cobbley as Bishop, Alfred Keetch and Robert Thorne as councilors and Joseph W. Ash as ward clerk.

The boundry lines of the ward were North, Pleasant Grove City limits, South boundry, Provo Canyon Road, West, Utah Lake, East to the mountains.

While this church was being built, meetings were held in a small school house, located between 3rd and 4th South on 800 West in Lindon.

They immediately began plans for building a church house. After much discussion as to where it was to be built, the sight selected was the west portion of the Joseph W. Ash property. He donated the property. (It is where John Fugals house now stands.) The building was started in April 1890 under the direction of Alfred E. Culmer as Architect.

Every ablebodied man and boy participated in the errection of the building. The adobes for the walls were maderight on the church grounds, the clay was hauled from the foot hills by a team of horses. Fredrick W. Fage was in charge of this project, his team of horses pulled the mill that mixed the clay for the adobes.

By December of 1890 the church house was far enough completed, that dances were held and the proceeds given toward the finishing of the building.



It was completed in 1891. Reed Smoot of the Council of Twelve Apostles offered the dedicatory prayer.

Alfred E. Culmer, the Architect, died just before completion of the building. His funeral was the first to be held in the church.

The original part of the church had a balcony above the front door. Curtians were drawn to form class rooms. Two pot bellied stoves provided the heat and arched windows helped provide for light.

Later an adition was added, forming the building into the shape of a T, the stand had a pulpit, the floor sloped to form a place for the choir. On the East side was built a kindergarden class room, on the West side a Relief Society room. Underneath the addition was a basement with three class rooms, each room heated with small coal burning stoves.

Joseph W. Ash, who donated the ground planted a grove of trees at the back of the church, providing a place for outdoor recreation. He also planted pine trees and shurbs around the building. Many of these trees are still standing. A wrought iron fence was built in fornt of the church which added to its beauty.

On September 25, 1898 a petition was sent to the government requesting a post office. Word was recieved that the Community had to have a name. Suggestions for names were submitted by a committee from Pleasant Grove second ward. The Government selected Lindon as the name.

It was named after a Linden tree that seemed to be a ^{Land mark of this} particular aera. The spelling of the name being changed to LINDON. The ward and Church was thus known from then on.

In the fall of 1941 this Church house was condemned and torn down. Plans had been made to build a new one, but due to the outbreak of World War II, no building was allowed. Once again the

church house was back to the beginning as the benches were removed, dances were held to raise money for the new church. By permission of the school-board, The school house was used for church meetings.

Ground breaking for the new church house was held April 6, 1949.

Bishops who served in the original church house were:

James Cobbley	1890-1904
Albert Cullimore	1904-1928
David B. Thorne	1928-1934
Charles J. Cobbley	1934-1937
Leonard S. Walker	1937-1941
Jesse K. Thorne	1941-1944