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Wasatch Tabernacle

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**
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1. NAME
Common Name: Wasatch Stake Tabernacle and Heber Amusement Hall
AND/OR HISTORIC: Wasatch Stake Tabernacle and Heber Social Hall

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street @ 100 North Street and 100 West Street Corner
CITY OR TOWN: Heber City
STATE: Utah COUNTY: Wasatch CODE: 051

3. CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY (Check One):
 District Building Public Private Other
 Site Structure Park Public Acquisition In Progress Being Considered
 Other Being Considered
 STATUS: Outstanding Unreviewed Restricted Withdrawn
 Pending In Progress Other
 ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: Yes No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Applicable):
 Agricultural Government Park Residential Other
 Commercial Industrial Private Residence Religious Other
 Educational Military Religious Other
 Entertainment Museum Residential Other

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER OR CLUB: Heber City
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 E. 1st North
CITY OR TOWN: Heber City STATE: Utah CODE: 059

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
SOURCE: COUNTY OF DEED, ETC.: Wasatch County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER: Main and Center Streets
CITY OR TOWN: Heber City STATE: Utah CODE: 059

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY: Utah Historic American Buildings Survey
DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Utah Heritage Foundation
STREET AND NUMBER: 603 East South Temple
CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City STATE: Utah CODE: 77

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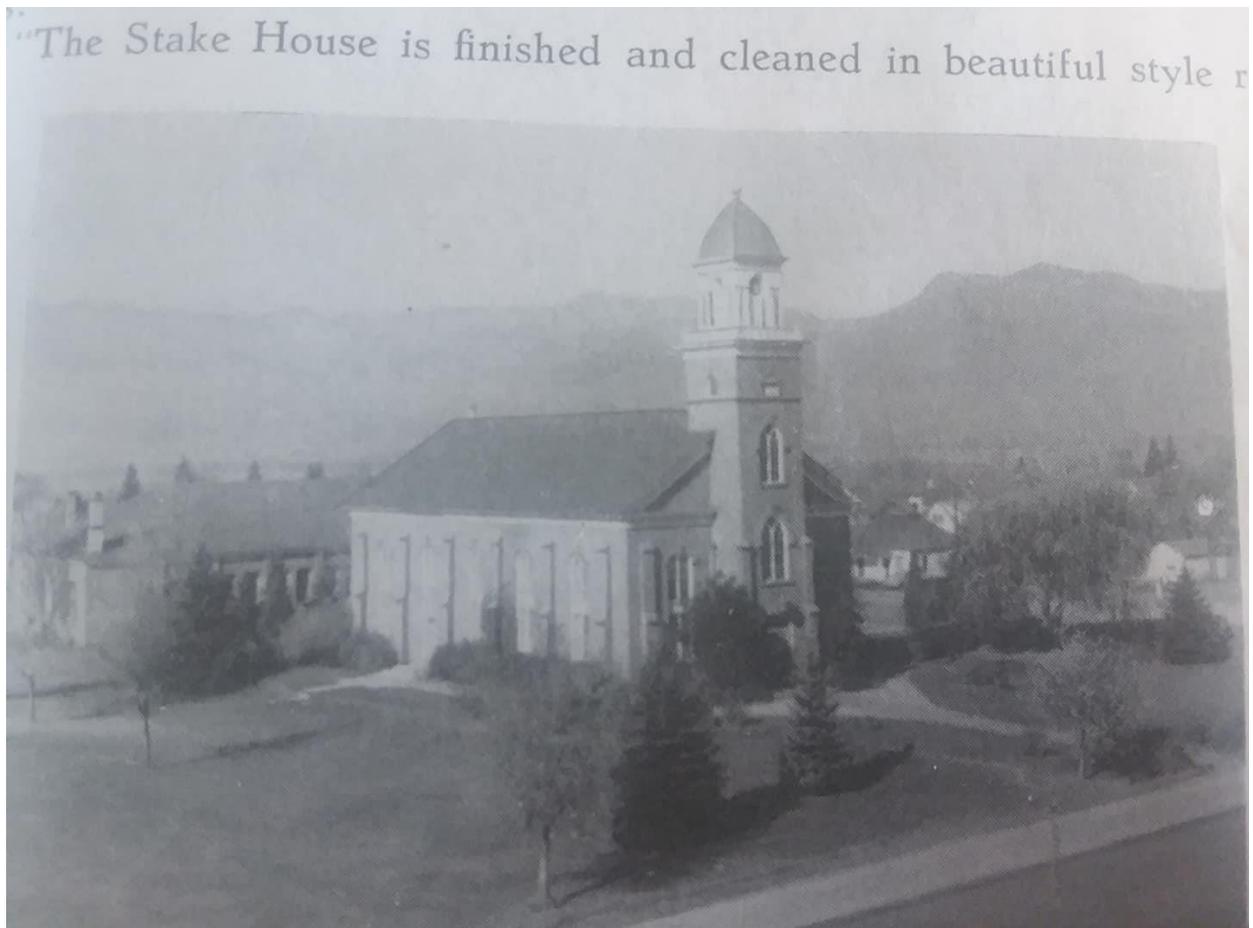
October 3, 2018 Facebook Post!

It's WASATCH WEDNESDAY! Featuring the Old Tabernacle, or the first Wasatch LDS Stake Center. It was built 1887-1889 It is now Heber City Justice Court and City Offices. (100 N and Main Street)

It is said that sometimes you can hear the pioneers singing in the building. People who have heard it says it is 'comforting' and not spooky!

It was added to the National Register of Historic Places December 2, 1970

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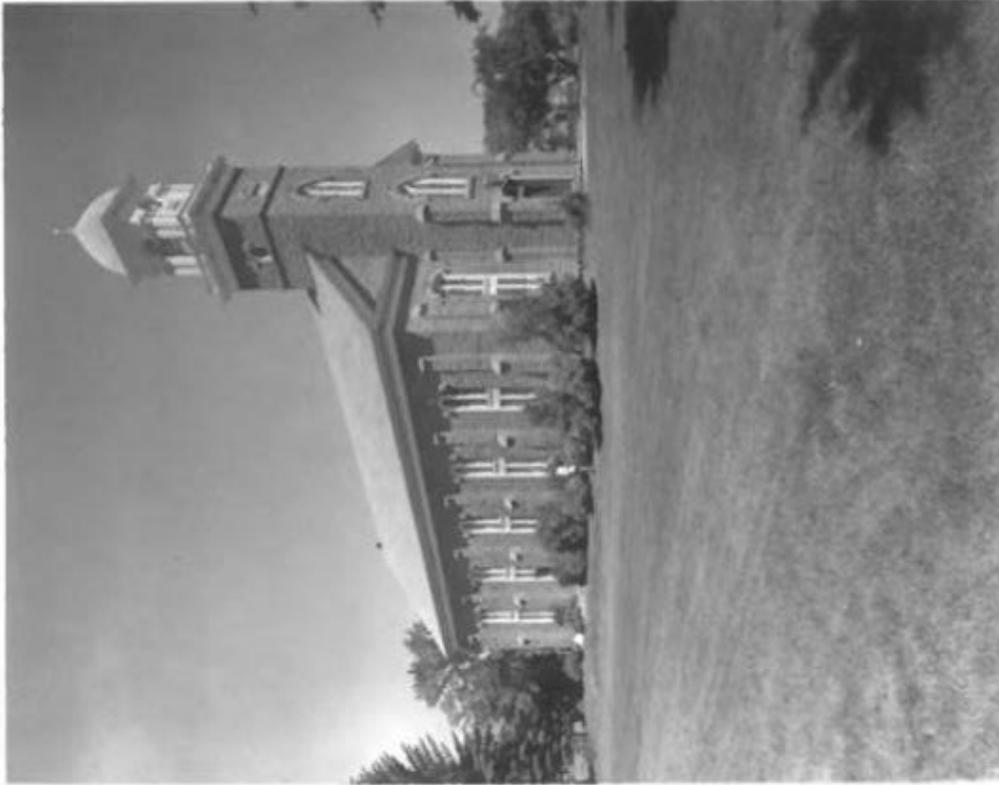


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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY Utah Historic American Buildings Survey		STATE Utah
7. DATE OF SURVEY 1967		STATE Utah
8. STREET AND NUMBER 603 East South Temple CITY OR TOWN Salt Lake City		STATE Utah
9. ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Public Accession <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		STATE Utah
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11. COMMENTS		STATE Utah

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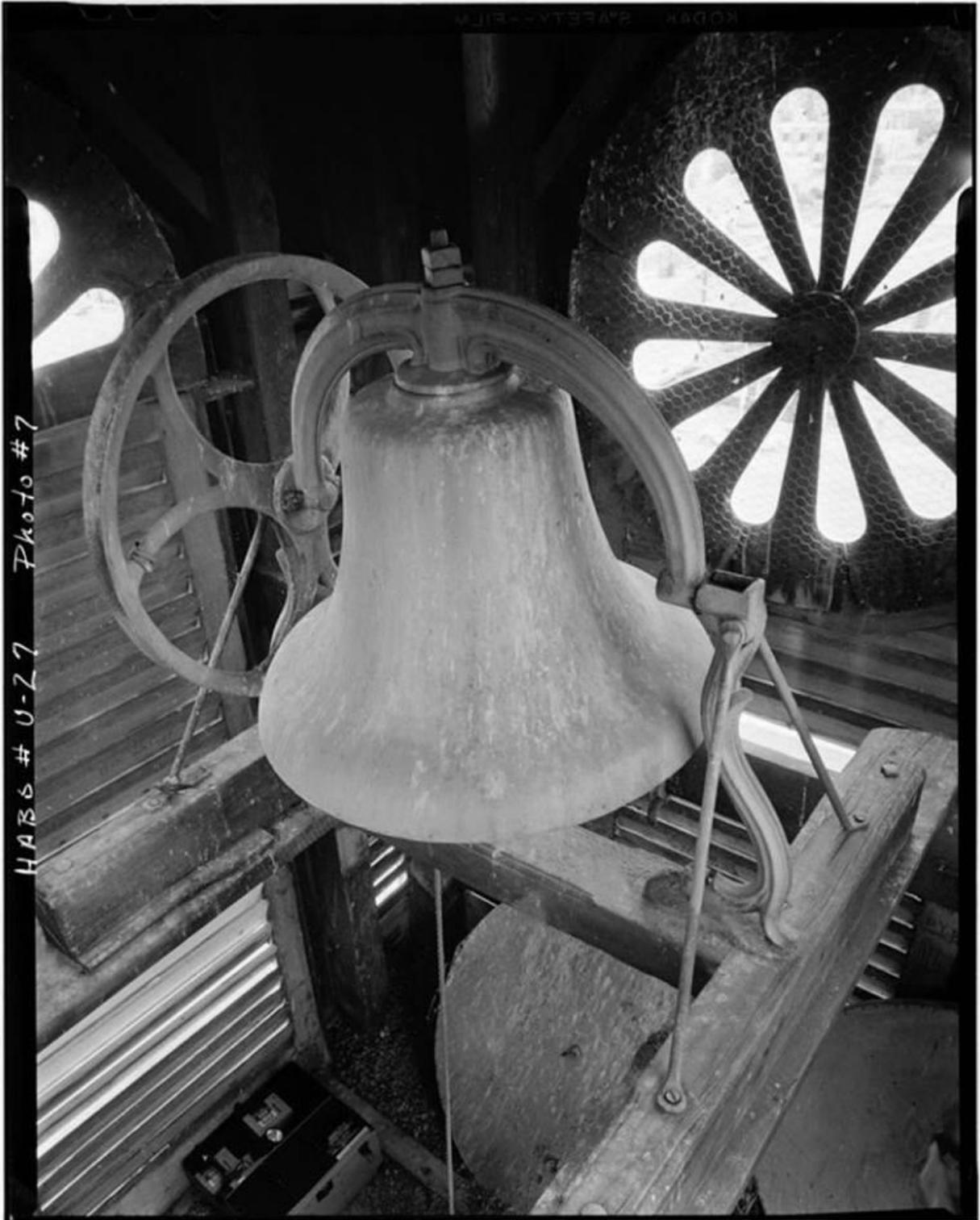


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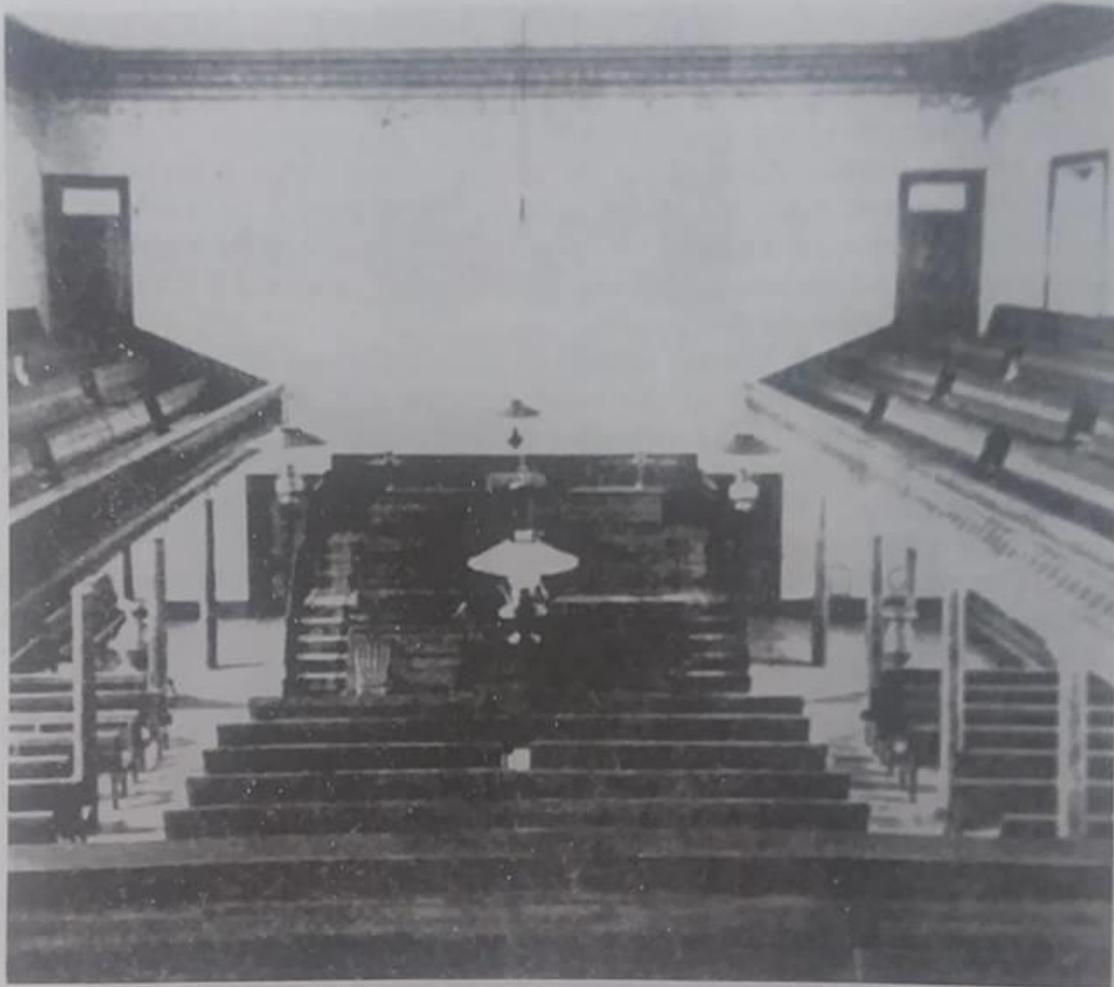
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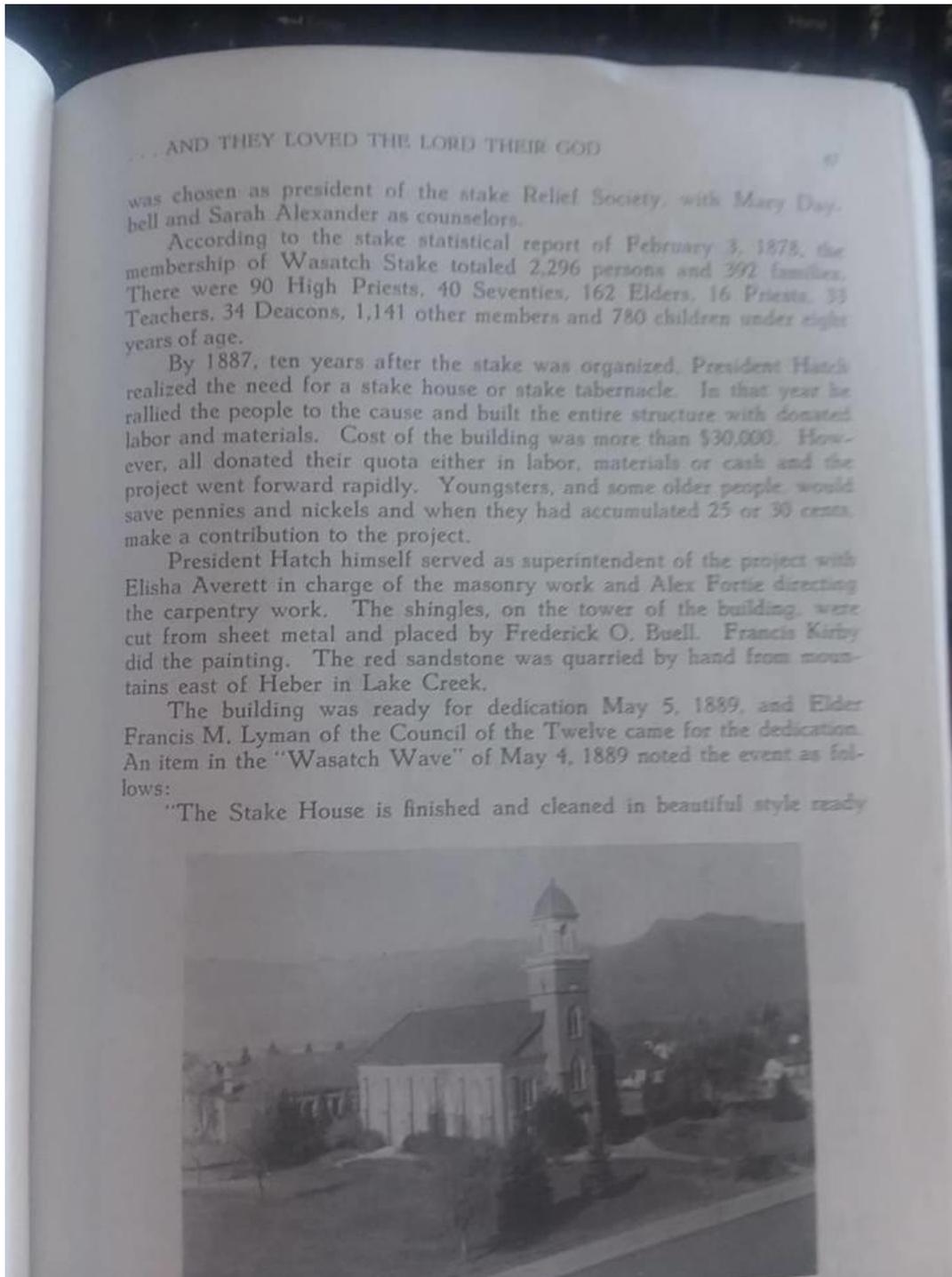
Then in the "Wave" issue of May 11, 1889, the following was reported:



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The Wasatch County Chapter of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. Available copy for check out 979.2236 Mor



By 1887, Ten years after the [Wasatch] stake was organized, President Hatch realized the need for a stake house or stake tabernacle. In that year he rallied the people to the cause and built the entire structure with donated labor and materials. Cost of the building was more than \$30,000 [About \$800,000 in today's money]. However, all donated their quota either in labor, material or cash and the project went forward rapidly. Youngsters and some older people would save pennies and nickels and when they accumulated 25 or 30 cents ,make a contribution to the project.

..... [...] The red sandstone was quarried by hand from the mountains east of Heber in Lake Creek.

The building was ready for dedication May 5, 1889 and Elder Francis M. Lyman of the Council of the Twelve (apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) came for the dedication. An item in the "Wasatch Wave" on May 4, 1889 noted the event as follows

"The stake House is finished and cleaned in beautiful style ready for dedication tomorrow. Conference visitors are expected to clean their feet before entering the building and leave their knives and pencils and tobacco at home. "

Taken From "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains" page pg 47-48, 1963 The Wasatch County chapter f the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers

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from "Pioneer" page 24 ,Vol 53, No 4, 2006

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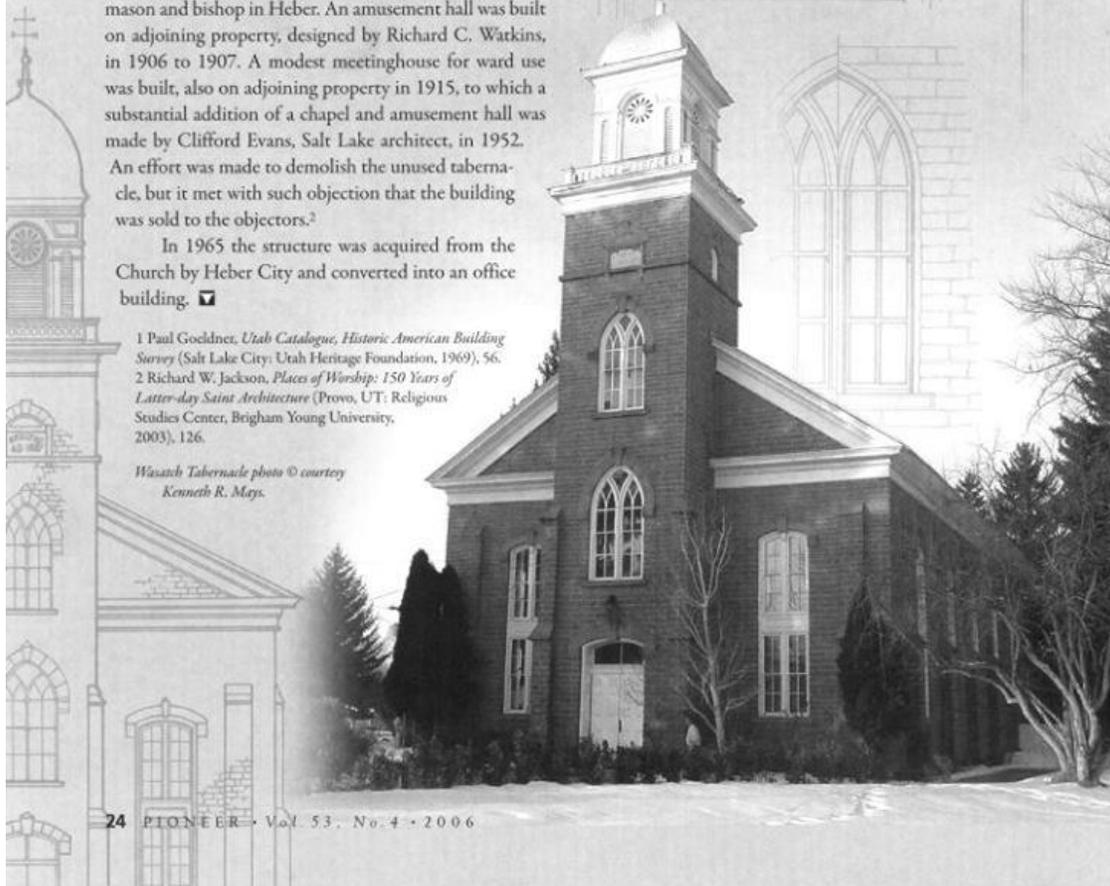
The tabernacle was built by Henry Clegg Jr., stonemason and bishop in Heber. An amusement hall was built on adjoining property, designed by Richard C. Watkins, in 1906 to 1907. A modest meetinghouse for ward use was built, also on adjoining property in 1915, to which a substantial addition of a chapel and amusement hall was made by Clifford Evans, Salt Lake architect, in 1952. An effort was made to demolish the unused tabernacle, but it met with such objection that the building was sold to the objectors.²

In 1965 the structure was acquired from the Church by Heber City and converted into an office building.

¹ Paul Goeldner, *Utah Catalogue, Historic American Building Survey* (Salt Lake City: Utah Heritage Foundation, 1969), 56.

² Richard W. Jackson, *Places of Worship: 150 Years of Latter-day Saint Architecture* (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 2003), 126.

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