

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

MOULTON WARD BISHOPRIC

RAFT RIVER STAKE

OAKLEY, IDAHO

Ephraim S. Miller	Stake President	William R. Babbitt	Bishop
Rawlins J. Harper	1st Counselor	J. Ray Firth	1st Counselor
Afton Nye	2nd Counselor	Vance O. Lind	2nd Counselor
Edwin H. Paskett	Stake Clerk	Philbert C. Lind	Ward Clerk

In commemoration and dedicatory exercises scheduled to be held in the new chapel at Lynn, Utah, May 25, 1953 at 2:30 p.m. under the presiding authority of Thorpe B. Isaacson, 1st Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric of the church. We submit the following brief history to members of this ward and stake for their contribution of time, work, loving service, and their means during the building of this chapel.

The help and donations from our many friends, some of them not members of the church, is also acknowledged with humble gratefulness.

We have the sincere convictions that without the guidance and over-all help of our Heavenly Father this chapel, which we dedicate today, would never have been finished.

When this work was started there were only seven members of the higher priesthood on record in the ward. The ward now has a population of 60 members.

We wish to acknowledge in memoriam with love and respect, first settlers in this valley of the mountains, who by their efforts made this day of rejoicing possible.

Among the first settlers were John Lind, August Shalberg, Alexander Anderson, Jake Kinney and Jerome Kempton in 1882 and 1883.

The Lind home became a half way stop between Oakley, Idaho and Terrace, Utah. For several years the church officials stayed there quite frequently when Oakley belonged to the Tooele Stake. It is said that Heber J. Grant made one trip from Terrace, Utah to Oakley, Idaho returning via Kelton, Utah then recommended that these settlements be joined to the Boxelder Stake.

In the fall of 1885 John Lind's home was burned to the ground in an attempt to drive the settlers out of the valley. Jake Kinney sold to John Lind and Jerome Kempton sold his claim to Mr. Ballinger in 1886.

Cassia Stake was organized in

1887. Members at that time belonged to the Almo Ward. When Yost Ward was organized, membership was moved there.

1902-03 the south end of this valley was named Lynn after the postoffice. 1908-15 the north end of the valley was homesteaded for dry farming. This place was named Moulton, after William P. Moulton from Colorado, and his followers who were not members of the church.

1913 Members actively engaged in church work organized the Sunday School in the Woodrow school house, located near Long Creek. Among them were John D. Baker, David A. Saunders, Samuel Harwood, Ernest D. Simper, Henry Bird, Harry Crowther and many others.

1915 Moulton was made a branch of the Almo Ward with Parley Howell as presiding Elder.

1916 Moulton became a ward with David A. Saunders as Bishop and counselors were Ernest D. Simper and Marriner Hendricks.

1921 Ernest D. Simper was named Bishop with William Pope Merrill and Vance O. Lind as counselors.

1936 Vance O. Lind was ordained Bishop. He chose for his counselors Lawrence F. Lind and George W. Bronson.

1946 Lawrence F. Lind was chosen as the new Bishop. He chose Curtis C. Nelson and William R. Babbitt as counselors.

1952 William R. Babbitt was sustained as Bishop. J. Ray Firth and Keith Nelson were his counselors.

The present Bishopric are William R. Babbitt Bishop, J. Ray Firth 1st Counselor, Vance O. Lind 2nd counselor and Philbert C. Lind as ward clerk.

Work was begun on this chapel in the fall of 1953, moving it approximately 90 miles on wheels because of the mountain between Lynn and Rosette where it formerly belonged to Park Valley ward. A new foundation was built where it now sets, and an addition added. This is divided into a

bishop's office, class rooms, kitchen, banquet room, furnace room, coal bin, rest rooms and storage room. The chapel's cost is approximately \$27,00.00.

At one time the ward with its branch, Vipont, had four schools, three postoffices, two stores, two doctors—a population of 700 people and no chapel.

Auxiliary officers through the years are:

RELIEF SOCIETY: Lydia Bird Ada Nelson, Elizabeth Millard, Mrs. Saunders, Emma Lind, Rossella Simper, Alva Nelson, Julia Clark, Mildred Lind, Luella Nelson, Ione Nelson, Cora T. Lind, Amy Babbitt and others.

PRIMARY: Esther Pope, Augusta Hunt, Cora T. Lind, Vida H. Lind, Sarah H. Bird, Lucille Firth, Amy Babbitt, Margene Lind, Ila Nelson, Selma Slater, Maureen Tolle and others.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: J. Bert Nelson, Simon Baker, Raymond Lind, Philbert Lind, Marvel Lind, Curtis Bird, Oscar S. Lind, Keith Nelson, Dwain Lind, Fred Taylor, Don Nelson, Herald Anderson, Glen Tolle and others.

M.I.A.: Vance Lind, George Bronson, Oscar J. Lind, Roscoe Nelson, Philbert Lind, J. Ray Firth, Della Howell Curtis, Alva Nelson, Cora T. Lind, Ione Nelson, Jean Stark, Stanley Stark, Herald Anderson, Anita Anderson, Don Nelson and others.

Elders George F. Richards and Joseph W. McMurrin made a trip through the valley about in 1916, meeting with the people in Moulton, Idaho. It is said Elder Richards was enthused with what he saw and made a prophecy that the time would come when there would be two prosperous wards in the valley.

A down the lane of memory bloom
all the joys of yesteryear,
And God has given you and me
the power to make them reappear.

We can settle back at night and
live again the joys we knew,
And taste again the delight of
days when most all our skies
were blue.