

THE boundaries of Salt Lake City as originally determined, were almost identical with the lines of plat "A" as now existing, in fact they are exactly so on the south, the east and the west. On the north, eight changes have occurred, as for instance the addition of two or three short tiers of blocks on the "pan-handle" west of the Warm Springs and the withdrawal of the blocks now included in plats "E," "L," "J," and "K." Immediately east of Main and north of South Temple street, exclusive of the Church buildings block.

ORSON PRATT SURVEYOR.

Before beginning the work of surveying, Orson Pratt ascertained the exact latitude, longitude and altitude of Temple block. The first two were obtained by meridian observations of the sun and measurement of lunar distance by sextant and circle. The latitude was found to be 40 deg., 45 min., 44 sec.; longitude, 111 deg., 26 min., and 34 sec.; altitude, 4,300 feet.

MERIDIAN MONUMENT.

Perhaps a man for laying out a city and distributing the parcels of land to the people entitled to share in the division was not to be found just so easily carried out as in the case of Salt Lake City. If there were any greedy natures among the people, they would have the opportunity afforded for the gratification of covetousness. The lots were disposed of by allotment, and each received according to his needs. The man with a large family was permitted more land than the man with a small family, but in exact proportion to his needs. The man for choice of location near the site chosen for the future temple. In the process of "drawing lots" the man who had the lot did President Brigham Young and his right hand man, Elder Heber C. Kimball. To the former was given a most undesirable hillside north-east of the Eagle Gate now stands. It is a beautiful spot now, but the cost to make it so was enormous. The man who had the location scarcely more favorable fell to Mr. Kimball, namely the block east of Main and south of Third Temple. Other lots fared better, at least as to the desirability of location. For instance, Wilford Woodruff was secured the corner where was subsequently built the Valley house, which is still standing. As each leading man had the privilege of settling his family, the place was a most making choice for such individuals as he chose, the west half of the block went to John Taylor, the southeast corner of the block

HELD BY SMITH FAMILY

and very largely these holders were original owners.

The Church's property from the old Desert News corner to the Eagle gate appears upon the first map in the name of President Brigham Young. The exceptions were the two lots on the northwest corner of the block, which were owned by Bishop Newel K. Whitney. As before stated the block lying to the north had been taken by President Heber C. Kimball, and the block east of Eagle gate belonged to President Young, in his own right.

HYDE ALLOTMENT.

owned by Dr. J. M. Bernhisel, first Delegate to Congress from the Territory of Utah. East of him was located Orson Hyde, upon ground now owned by his son, Alonzo Hyde. Next on the east was Orson K. Whitney, and upon the north side of the block were Albert Carrington and Joseph L. Heywood, the latter the father of Ben Heywood.

To the block west of the last one described, one finds located on the southeast corner, William Clayton, and going northward and around the block appear upon the plat the names of Lerin Farr, Aaron Farr, John Pack and others.

now occupied by the Deseret News was in the name of Brigham Young, although the property belonged to the Church, and was long known as the Council house corner. The quarter of the block now partly covered by the McCormick building was owned by Willard Richards. A strip through from the Sharon building to First South street was held by Parley P. Pratt, while the two corners bordering West Temple street belonged to Orson Pratt and John VanCott, the former having the lot closest to the southwest corner of the Temple block.

SITE OF Z. C. M. I.

ed. of which D. H. Wells was for many years owner; the present site of Z. C. M. I. was owned by Jedediah M. Grant; Edward Hunter's lot was where the Hooper Hotel now stands; and J. D. S. Williams owned the Deseret National Bank corner; east of him were lots marked on the map as belonging to J. D. and J. B. R. Clawson, Johnson, Dotson, Robins and Cahoon, with the latter located on the Salt Lake Theater lot; south of these were the Bell Telephone, Evans the undertaker, the Whitehalls and Colonel Holmes are proprietors, was then the site of the old Sprague, George D. Grant, and A. R. George in the order named. The

Z. C. M. I. shoe factory site in the name of Brigham Young. The site was a lot in the corner where now stands the Utah National Bank. Going to the west and around into the designated blocks follows: northwest corner, Thomas Bullock; southwest corner, Lamer-acker; southeast corner, where the Walker Bank corner, where the north of the latter were property owned by Whitaker and Piton. The last named property recently sold to Thomas Kearney. Piton estate to Thomas Kearney.

The Walker Bank corner was also sold for a yoke of oxen. The corner was occupied by the Goddard Pitts & Co.

marked on the map C. M. Blair, while the Smith corner stood in the name of Clawson. The Galena block corner stood in the name of Z. Snow, the intervening two lots between there and Smith's corner being owned by Joseph Young and John Young. North of Snow was C. Clive, and the Halliday Drug store corner was not marked.

This property has a unique history. It belonged to the Church, standing in the name of Brigham Young. A family named Carlisle lived for many years in a little house adjoining it. They were subjects of charity and were given free rent. Finally the decided that they had occupied the corner of the church and were entitled to ownership and refused to move. The case was carried through all the courts of the Territory, and up to the United States Supreme Court. The United States, being finally defeated against the Carlises.

WHERE Y. M. C. A. STANDS

Where the splendid Y. M. C. A. building stands, the "City Council" originally held title, with E. Snow owning the present Feramorz Little corner. The corner west of the Grand theater was held by Millen Atwood, and it is now a portion of the Atwood estate. Willard Snow was located on the southeast corner of the same block, while Jeter Clinton, father of the present commissioner of Salt Lake county, made his home where the Unitarian church stands.

The corner near where Mrs. C. A. Eldredge lives, First South and Second East, was secured by her late husband, General Horace S. Eldredge. W. G. Young had the southwest corner of that block. B. H. Young, was on the northeast corner, but on the map the southeast corner is a blank. Intervening lots were owned by John Y. Greene, John Clark and P. Horrieks.

ROMANCE OF KENYON COR.

Coming again to the Main street, it is found that the Kenyon hotel corner, running east and including the ground covered by the Wilson hotel, originally belonged to Brian C. Stringham. An interesting story is told of how this property many years later changed hands, for the ground was sold for \$100 rods. After coming from the possession of Mr. Stringham, it was owned by two of Salt Lake City residents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith. It was under a mortgage and as the owners were about to take an extended trip to California, to purchase goods, they sold the mortgage to the person holding the mortgage to make settlement. Gold coin was piled up and gold dust was weighed out, but the dust supply was exhausted, and still he was \$500 short of the required

"I will bring in the balance before I leave," said the debtor. "Never mind," said the mortgagee, "I want you to bring my wife a silk dress pattern from the coast, and then we will be 'square.'"

KILLED BY INDIANS.

The merchants never returned from the trip, both being killed by Indians, and the mortgage was foreclosed for the balance due.

Orson Spencer owned the St. Elmo hotel corner, and between him and the Kenyon were G. Williams, Samuel Neslen, Z. Wells, William Nixon and George Stringham. Dan Grant owned the corner where the Dayton Drug company is located and Daniel Spencer was on the Brooks Arcade corner, next to the latter on the north was Claudius V. Spencer, and still farther north H. Hyde.

WHERE JUDGE BLO

STANDS: ..

Where the Judge building stands, Jacob Houtz once held sway, while Daniel Drake owned the ground where the Newhouse skyscrapers now rear their lofty heads, and the same ownership took in the property of the Kimball estate on the corner.

The corner occupied by the drug store on Fourth South and State was owned by D. H. Wells, and the corner a block north was the property of Edward Lawrence. Eli H. Pelree, Sr., was located where the new Colonial theater opened its doors last month.

A man named Calkins owned the Knutsford corner, while the northwest corner on the same block was held by Edward Hunter.

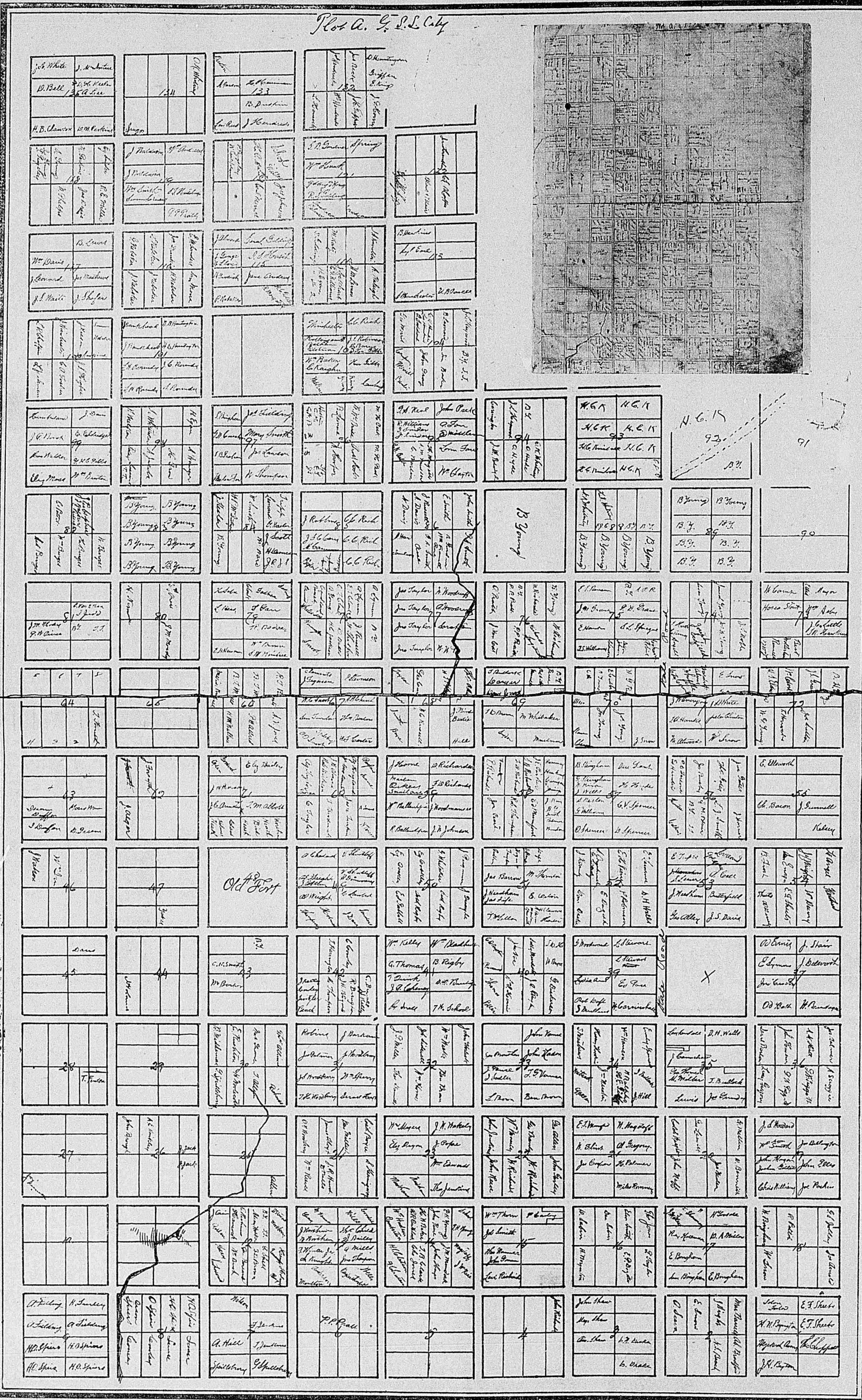
OWNERS OF WALKER SITE

Where Walkers' store stands today, the land was owned by Andrew Little. And later still it was owned by Col. H. S. Beattie, whose widow sold it to the Walkers about 1860, for \$1,000. The land was divided into six small parcels, but most others were located persons of the following names: Daft, Markham, Pullen, the latter on the northwest corner, Joseph Barrow, Needham, James Fife, Thomas H. Barrow, on the southwest corner, Epworth, Martin Horne, Hunter on the southeast corner, and to the northward Lawson, A. Orton and M. Thurston.

The northeast corner of the block occupied by the National Bank of the Republic had more owners at the time the first map was made than perhaps any other. The northeast corner of the block was owned by Miles and George Romney, father and son, and the latter still retains a parcel immediately south of the bank. The property immediately owned south of the Clift House appears the names of Carrigan, Jennings, S. Kay, Brigham Young, Smith, Palmer, and Windsor. Going west, across the Ed. Mumford, Robert Thompson, Jacob Pearl, the last named occupying the Metropolitan corner. Phineas Richards on the northwest corner, and John W. Little, J. B. Richards, Samuel W. Richards and J. E. Parker.

LOTS WERE RESERVED.

The early, if not original ownerships of blocks now embraced in the business district have been named. As previously stated, early comers held allotments, called "inheritances" for certain designated persons to arrive later. And this accounts for the fact that some persons who came later had no "early 'Fifties" received building places in the central part of the city. Three full blocks were retained for "public squares," and these were designated as "Florence Square," "Emigration Square," and "Union Square." "Deseret Square" was the



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