

Emery Latter-Day Saints Church
Northwest corner of Block 23
Emery
Emery County
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EMERY LATTER-DAY SAINTS CHURCH

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Location: Northwest corner of Block 23, Emery, Emery County, Utah.

Present Owner: Town of Emery.

Present Use: Meeting Hall.

Significance: The Emery Church, the first ecclesiastical building to be erected in the town of Emery since its settlement in the 1880s, was completed in 1900. Its wood frame construction, covered with novelty siding and lined with a wall of adobe, is very unusual for a Mormon Church at the turn of the century.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1898-1900.
2. Architect: Not known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: The Emery Church is built on lot 4 of Block 23, Northeast Quarter of Section 9 of the Emery Townsite. The following references to the title of this lot are found in the Emery County Recorder's Office, Emery County Courthouse, Caste Dale, Utah:

1894 Deed, signed November 7, 1894, filed February 23, 1907, recorded in book B, page 217. William G. Pettey bought from Herbert Savage, Probate Judge, all of lots 3 and 4 for \$20.40.

1903 Deed, signed June 2, 1903, filed June 12, 1903, recorded in Book B3, page 301. Emery Ward Bishop bought from William G. Pettey part of lot 1 and all of lots 3 and 4 for \$20.

1906 Deed, signed January 3, 1906, filed January 4, 1906, recorded in Book A3, page 353. Emery Corporation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints bought from Emery Ward Bishop Alonzo Brinkerhoff part of lot 1 and all of lots 3 and 4 for \$1.

1967 Deed, signed January 18, 1967, filed February 8, 1967, recorded in Book 54, page 80. Emery Town bought from the Emery Latter-day Saints Church all of lot 4 in exchange for another tract of land.

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4. Original plans, construction: The Emery Church is a wood frame structure sheathed in novelty siding and lined with a 12" thick non-load-bearing wall of adobe. The belfry on the tower on the east front is covered with a Mansard roof and metal and wood railing. The north and south sides contain central projecting bays with side entrances and transom lights. A small office, originally serving as the presiding Bishop's office, projects from the west end. The wall thickness of this projection is less than the main walls of the church.

The interior space contains a long meeting hall with a stage or speaker's stand opposite the main entry. A door in the west wall of the stage leads into the Bishop's office. The entire nave space is well illuminated with four tall double-hung windows on both sides of the hall.

5. Alterations and additions: A portion of the stage and speaker's stand now contains a kitchen, and a projection booth has been installed above the vestibule.

B. Historical Context:

The Emery Church was dedicated on Saturday, August 2, 1902. Constructed under Bishop Alonzo Brinkerhoff at a cost of between \$7,000 and \$8,000, it was paid for by the time of dedication.

C. Sources of Information:

1. Primary and unpublished sources:

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: A simple novelty-sided structure with unusual adobe walls.
2. Condition of fabric: fair to good.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: 36'-5" x 84'-6".
2. Foundations: sandstone.
3. Walls: wood frame, 8" wide novelty siding, painted cream cornerboards, patterned shingles in side entrance gables.
4. Structural system, framing: frame bearing wall with adobe lining.
5. Chimneys: one in bell tower, one in center, and one in west end.
6. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: stile and rail, five-paneled doors with glass transoms at side entrances; siding installed in transom in east front.
 - b. Windows and shutters: double-hung sash with fixed transoms and pediment heads, splayed jambs.
7. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: gable with wood shingles.
 - b. Cornice, eaves: Boxed cornice with returns at gable ends.
 - c. Tower: Tower on east front has sided-over window at second-floor level and hip roof. Belfry above has vertical siding, openings on four sides, bell-cast mansard roof with metal and wood cresting.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans:
 - a. Basement: furnace room/crawl space.
 - b. First floor: A single large room with a raised platform at the west end. There is a small kitchen in the southwest corner and a small office in the center of the west end.
 - c. Attic: not occupied.
2. Stairways: exposed wood stairs to tower room. Wood stairs to platform without handrails.
3. Flooring: wood flooring of tongue-and-groove birch.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: plaster walls with beaded board wainscot. Ceiling of beaded boards.
5. Doorways and doors: beaded board doors to platform and basement; four-paneled door to Bishop's office and kitchen.
6. Heating: forced warm air system with furnace. Original space heating system in basement and pot-bellied stove in center of room have been removed.

D. Site:

The church faces north and has concrete sidewalks at north and east entrances.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

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