

HISTORY of WILLARD, UTAH

Willard was settled in 1851. It was originally called Willow Creek because of the numerous willows along the stream which flowed from the steep mountain canyon east of the settlement. The town was later named Willard in honor of Willard Richards, an apostle of the Mormon Church.

On Brigham Young's advice, Willard constructed one of the largest forts out of rock and dirt as protection from Indians. They disassembled the fort when its use proved unnecessary. The rocks were used by Shadrach Jones to build many of the rock homes in Willard which reflect the style of the rock houses in his native Wales.

The abundance of pioneer stone houses in Willard sets it apart from other towns, not only in terms of sheer numbers, but in styles ranging from Gothic to Greek. Rocks were used because of their abundance.

The following homes are on the state historical register:

GEORGE HARDING: 50 S 100 W

The main portion was built of adobe in 1854 and replaced with red brick in 1880. The rock portion was built in 1865 by Shadrach Jones.

MATHEW DALTON: 95 N 100 W

Built of adobe blocks in 1856. It was the first home, other than log cabins, to be built in Willard. Once used as a hotel. Dalton planted the first fruit trees in the area.

GEORGE MASON: 150 N 200 W

Shadrach Jones built the west wing in 1865 and the east wing in 1880. Mr. Mason came to Willard in 1853 and owned a dairy and a molasses mill.

WILLIAM LOWE: 36 N 200 W

William built his home in the late 1860's with rubble rock found on his farm. It is safe to assume he had the advice of Jones. Lowe was farmer, blacksmith and mayor.

ROBERT BELL BAIRD: 195 W. Center
Built in 1882 by Shadrach Jones. Robert Bell Baird was a railroad man and a musician who wrote many LDS hymns. Note music notes on scrollwork of eaves. The original rock, wood scrollwork and lintels are in excellent condition.

JOHN EDWARDS: 55 S 200 W

Built around 1880, constructed of adobe and stone, then covered with stucco. Jones did the stonework.

RICHARD J. DAVIS: 95 S 200 W

Built by Jones in 1861 for Mr. Davis and his four wives. Note plaque over door.

OMER CALL: 95 S 100 W

Built in 1862 by Jones for Omer who operated first flour mill in the county.

SHADRACH JONES: 101 W 200 S

Built his own home in about 1870. Dances were held on the unfinished second floor. Shadrach did much of stone work on Logan temple. He died on a mission to Wales.

CHARLES HARDING: 106 S Main

Built in 1869 by Jones in the Greek Revival design. 1923 flood severely damaged home mud completely covering piano in parlor.

ALFRED WARD: 125 S. Main

Built in 1872 by Jones. Flood mud filled the first story and was shoveled out and away far enough to clear windows, doors, so house looks as if it had sunk.

JOHN MILLER: 85 E. Center

Built by Jones for Miller's polygamous wife in 1862. She liked ornamental trim and hoped the house would resemble an English estate. She left him and the east portion was only a shell until finished in 1958. It is one of the largest houses Jones built.

GEORGE FACER: 50 N. Main

Built by Jones in 1882 for Facer's 2nd wife. Bishop Facer and his first wife emigrated from England and came to Utah in a handcart company.

Willard Travelogue: From Box Elder/Weber County Line to Hargis Hill on the North

1. On the Box Elder/Weber county line to the west is the Hot Springs where a large health resort thrived at the turn of the century. A train spur brought people from Ogden to enjoy the healing waters of a swimming pool and baths, complete with a large hotel and eating facilities. A race track and other amenities were planned at one time. Traveling North watch for Cold Springs, a pond on the west side a mile north of county line.
 2. McQuire mines located east of the White fruit farm (watch for the white fence) McQuire built two great tower and bucket tramways upwards of nearly a mile to his mines. They were hauled to Oregon during World War I to aid the war effort cutting lumber for ships.
 3. 7765 South Hwy 89 east side with wall in front. Remodeled into a home, former South Willard School house. Pettingill's produce their delicious apple juice next door.
 4. 7580 S. Hwy 89 west side, adobe home built by a Woodland, covered with grey stucco. Present owner Donald Ross.
 5. 7510 S. Hwy 89 west side, adobe home built by James Whitaker & Nancy Woodland in 1869. Stuccoed by present owners, Dean and Doris Young.
 6. 7290 S. Hwy 89 west side wooden home built in 1883. Present owner Robert Gates.
 7. 7252 S. Hwy 89 west side, rock home on hiway. Built by a Hubbard in 1870's. Present owner Terry Rock.
 8. 7150 S. Hwy 89 west side, rock home built about 1870 by a Woodland. Present owner is Keith Hanney.
 9. 6860 South Hiway 89 west side. Originally 2 story rock. Took off top floor and put brick addition on front. Built by Josiah Marsh in 1868. Next door to Bill Davis, owner.
 10. 813 South Main (Willard addresses now) Gray siding on east side, built by a Ward in 1888. Present owner Kevin Hardy.
 11. East side Larkin castle with red brick wall built in 1996, lovely addition to Willard.
 12. Spillway east side. Built in the 1930's by CCC boys to prevent flooding. Notice houses across street. Before flood of 1923 they were same level as highway. Willard was buried to a depth of 14 feet in places and new road was built at that level.
 13. Willard's Pioneer Cemetery. About 170 pioneers are buried here. Only 7 tombstones remained after flood of 1923. Barnard Cole's saw mill site to the south.
 14. 803 North Main, Pink siding Lottie Zundel home built in 1880 by John Taylor. Present owner: Harold Ellsworth.
 15. 768 North Main east side red brick and frame built in 1883 by a Barker. Present owner Donel Anderson.
 16. 1224 North Main east side adobe home, built in 1874. Present owner: Irene Wells
 17. 1264 North Main east side, home built in 1873. Present owner: Arnell Wells
 18. 1348 North Main very small red brick home, built in 1873. Present owner: Dave Caall.
 19. 1352 North Main, Dave Call's home (behind Gray's Fruit Stand) built in abt 1900.
 20. Notice leaning barn on east side behind white house. Any bets on when it will fall??
 21. 1630 North Main, top of Hargis Hill east side was the North Willard school house. Present Owner: Neeley's.
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<u>Present Owner</u>		<u>Original Owner</u> <u>Addresses</u>	<u>Date Built</u>	
Carl Olson		Alfred Ward	1913 (Assessor)	125 South Main
Lewis Harding	**	Charles Harding	1870 (Assessor)	106 South Main
Darwin Harding		Alma Harding	1865	92 South Main
Sharon Newlin		George Cook	1893 (Assessor)	55 South Main
Dee Pace		CordonHubbardWardNebeker	1895 (Assessor)	50 South Main
Tom Christensen		LDS Church Tithing Office	1888 (Assessor)	SE corner Main & Center
Ranson Anderson		Lyman B. Wells	1857 (Assessor)	10 North Main
Brent B. Stewart	**	George Facer	1868 (Assessor)	50 North Main
Tony Lunday		Wm. Jardine, Stowell	1887 (Assessor)	60 North Main
Eldon Watts		Henderson's	1908 (Assessor)	95 North Main
Harvey Mund		James White	1921 (Assessor)	135 North Main
Lawrence Hansen		Charles W. Hubbard	1868 (Assessor)	175 North Main
Lorin Facer		Peter Lowe	1903 (Assessor)	255 North 100 West
Dan Perkins		Davis	1895 (Assessor)	190 West 200 North
Phil Barlow	**	George Mason	1873 (Assessor)	150 North 200 West
Pat McGill		Utah-Idaho RR Depot	Abt 1921(Assessor)	86 North 200 West
Roy Braegger		Alfred Baddley (SEARCH)	Abt 1889 NIL	76 North 200 West
Monte Higley		Joseph R. Lowe (SEARCH)	Abt 1900 NIL	55 North 200 West
Merlene Braegger	**	William Lowe	1873 (Assessor)	36 North 200 West
Jim Bowen		John Hubbard	1925 (Assessor)	23 North 200 West
Judy Larkin		Owen Owens	1898 (Assessor)	6 North 200 West
Lorraine Law	**	Robert Bell Baird	1868 (Assessor)	195 West Center
Douglas Terry		James Perry, John White	1926 (Assessor)	49 South 200 West
Hazel S. Walker		John L. Edward	1868 (Assessor)	50 South 200 West
Pearl Nay		Evan Stephens	1900 (Assessor)	60 South 200 West
Frank Ipsen	**	Richard Jenkins Davis	1861 (Assessor)	95 South 200 West
Ronald Larsen		William Cole	1893 (Assessor)	110 South 200 West
Ray Korth		John Joseph Ward	1887 (Assessor)	151 South 200 West
Bruce Vail		Nephi Brunker	1880 (Assessor)	195 South 200 West
Dave Pischke		Edward Morgan	1908 (Assessor)	96 South 200 West
Roger Ormsby	**	Shadrach Jones+1883	1890 (Assessor)	101 West 200 South
Irene Checketts		Abraham Braegger Jr.(SEARCH)	abt 1904	85 West 200 South
Floyd Kunzler		Joseph Nicholas (SEARCH)	Abt 1870 NIL	99 South 100 West
Verneice Braegger		William Parsons	1869 (Assessor)	180 South 100 West
Ken Barker	**	Omer Call	1870 (Assessor)	95 South 100 West
Chris Weigle		George Welton Ward	1873 (Assessor)	96 South 100 West
Bill Hall	**	George Harding	1860 (Assessor)	50 South 100 West
Lynn Braegger		Robert Dock	1883 (Assessor)	10 South 100 West
Lloyd Mason		Packer/Braegger	1888 (Assessor)	20 North 100 West
Patricia Moon		Samuel Warner	1885 (Assessor)	45 North 100 West

<u>PRESENT OWNER</u>	<u>ORIGINAL OWNER</u>	<u>YEAR BUILT</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
Robert Clawson	** Matthew Dalton	1878(Assessor)	95 North 100 West
Steve Bingham	Solomon Warner	1883 (Assessor)	105 North 100 West
Eddie Wells	Wells	1884 (Assessor)	94 West 100 North
Ethel Zundel	Zundel	1878 (Assessor)	171 North 100 West
Tim Johansen	Charles W. Hubbard (SEARCH) abt 1880	NIL	190 North 100 West

HOMES EAST OF TOWN

Tim Cowdrick	** John Miller	1862 (Assessor)	75 East Center
Bill Jackson	Bill Jackson	1965?	45 South 100 East
Jim Wells	Wells	Pre-1938 (Assessor)	4 North 100 East
Aaron Struble	Beeton	1895 (Assessor)	45 North 100 East
Dell Braegger	Samuel Chandler	1940 (Assessor)	85 North 100 East
Adam Anderson	??		50 South 100 East

Houses on Hiway 89 from Weber County Line to Hargis Hill

Richard Vicars	Gale's	1912 (Assessor)	8160 South Hiway 89
Reed Pettingill	School House	1964 (Assessor)	7765 South Hiway 89
Donald Ross	Woodland?	1900 (Assessor)	7580 South Hiway 89
Dean Young	James Whitaker	1869 (Assessor)	7510 South Hiway 89
Robert Gates	Cordon? Lee's	1883 (Assessor)	7290 South Hiway 89
Terry Rock	Hubbard	1918 (Assessor)	7252 South Hiway 89
Keith Hanney	Woodland	1909 (Assessor)	7150 South Hiway 89
Bill Davis	Josiah Marsh	1868 (Assessor)	6850 South Hiway 89
Kevin Hardy	Ward	1888 (Assessor)	813 South Main
Larry Larkin	Larry Larkin	1996	565 South Main
Harold Ellsworth	John Taylor	1880 (Assessor)	803 North Main
Donel Anderson	Barker	1883 (Assessor)	768 North Main
Charles Lofthouse	Barker?	1901 (Assessor)	961 North Main
Irene Wells	??	1874 (Assessor)	1224 North Main
Arnel Wells	Facer?	1873 (Assessor)	1264 North Main
Dave Call	?? small red brick	1873 (Assessor)	1348 North Main
Dave Call	Edwards, Nebeker	1925 (Assessor)	1352 North Main
Leaning Barn Kostoff	Graser	??	1456 North Main
Jim Kostoff	Graser	1923 (Assessor)	1456 North Main
David Edmondson	??	1905 (Assessor)	1494 North Main
Neeley's	school house	1908 (Assessor)	1630 North Main

Note: The date recorded by the assessor is the date that the home is paid for. (Sometimes for the second or third time) So the date could be off by twenty or more years.