

**LEHI SLAUGHTERING COMPANY MEAT MARKET
WADSWORTH DRUG STORE
ELLISON CLEANERS
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Constructed: 1893

Address: 101 West Main

Present tenant: Dance Studio

The success of the Lehi Sugar Factory was directly responsible for the 1893 construction of the brick building which is still-standing on the southwest corner of Main and First West (101 West Main). In November of that year Hans Hammer sold the property to local stock ranchers Thomas Austin, Thomas Webb, and brothers John F. and Richard Bradshaw (owners of the Lehi Slaughtering Company). Local brick masons Andres Fjeld and Charles Ohran finished the structure in December 1893 and the stockmen opened a meat market there in early 1894.

Stock for the butcher shop came primarily from a large feeding lot established just south of the sugar factory. This enterprise, jointly owned by the Lehi Cattle Feeding Company and the Lehi Slaughtering Company, was then the largest feedlot between Omaha and San Francisco.

In July of 1894, the Bradshaw brothers became sole proprietors of the Lehi Slaughtering Company. Within two weeks they sold the business to a local butcher, Peter Larsen, for the sum of \$1209. Peter Larsen was not a newcomer to the butcher business. Since 1886 he had been leasing the People's Co-op meat market uptown. In 1896 Larsen leased the Main Street shop to Smith and Dorton Meats. This later venture was not successful, however, and in February of 1897, Ord Brothers Clothing store moved into the building.

Disaster struck the firm in mid-June 1897. Burglars pried open an east window during the night and stole more than \$200 worth of goods. They also methodically ransacked the place--piling all the clothes in a mis-matched heap in

the center of the floor. The next week's local newspaper announced that the disheartened brothers had packed up their remaining stock and moved to Nephi.

For the next three years 101 West Main was first a Heber Comer ice cream parlor, and then a medical office for Dr. Robert Steele. He, along with the assistance of his brother Dr. Frank Steele, performed the first appendectomy in Lehi there. The place then served as temporary quarters first for Bert Merrihew's drug store and later for Ross & Ross Mercantile, while their larger stores were being built elsewhere.

In August of 1905 Hans Hammer, who had owned the building since 1898, sold to Wright & Co. They had been operating a meat market there since December of 1904. Two months later they merged with Dorton Brothers. In October of 1905 the firm sold the business to John Y. Smith.

Smith, prominent Lehi businessman and future state senator, leased the building for the next eight years to local pharmacist T.J. Wadsworth. Wadsworth, son of local physician, Dr. Thomas S. Wadsworth, maintained his place of business there until 1912 when he closed and moved to Santaquin.

In 1913, Wadsworth's former apothecary became home to Leland Powell's grocery store. He maintained ownership of the building for thirty-five years. While there were long periods of vacancy, the place for a time was C.L. Johnson's Busy Corner Store. Afterwards it became Harold Jensen's Cafe and Beer Parlor. From 1938-1947 the *Lehi Sun*, a local newspaper owned by the Gaisford family, leased the location.

After a brief stint as a barber shop leased from Clyde and Winifred McKay, the place became Ellison's Cleaners, which was owned and operated by Harold and Helen Ellison. In 1971 the building was sold to Bruce and Mara Dee Peck who opened a clothing store, *The Pacesetter*.

During the 1980s the building was vacant for much of the time. A dance studio was there briefly, followed by a handicraft shop. Today the facility is once again a dance studio.