



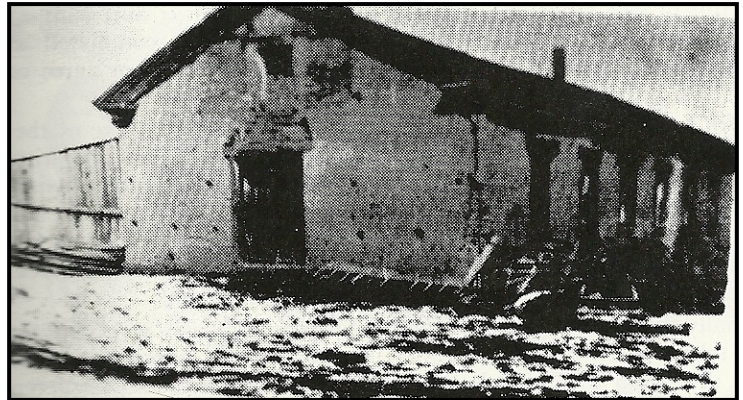
## Face of Fillmore

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In the last Face of Fillmore, I mentioned that the pieces of old Fort Fillmore were dismantled and used in other locations. This week, I'd like to point out a section of one of the buildings inside the fort that is still intact and in use.

Within 15 days of the settlers' arrival at the site of what would become Fillmore, a cottonwood log building was built to use as a public building for church meetings and other gatherings. The first church service was held there on November 2, 1851 and school began there on December 22 of that year.

In 1854 the log building was replaced by a more substantial structure to be used for the same purposes. It came to be known as the old Adobe Church. The first meeting was held there on March 4, 1854.



Old Adobe Church

The stones for the building were quarried in Chalk Creek and hauled by oxen for the foundation of a two-storied 30 foot by 40-foot building which was located about a half block east of Main Street where the substation is now. It, too, was used for church and school until 1900 when it became the Relief Society home for nine years. It then served many different purposes.

In 1915 the historic building was sold to Roy and Mary A. Dame.

To commemorate the bicentennial of our country in 1976, the amphitheater and North Park were constructed. This was the brain child of Stella Day, who envisioned watching live plays and other entertainment in the out of doors with the Pahvant Mountains as the backdrop.

The theater was designed by Blaine Huntsman and grants were awarded to make it a reality.

In a tree-covered alcove on the northeast side of the park there is a set of stone steps. These were originally the steps leading into the adobe church. A monument with much of the information I have shared is located beside the steps. This monument was donated by the Dame family.



The stone steps from the Old Adobe Church with Jayde and Cooper Wilson standing on them. (My grandchildren)