

Leslie Simmons Hodgson

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His childhood

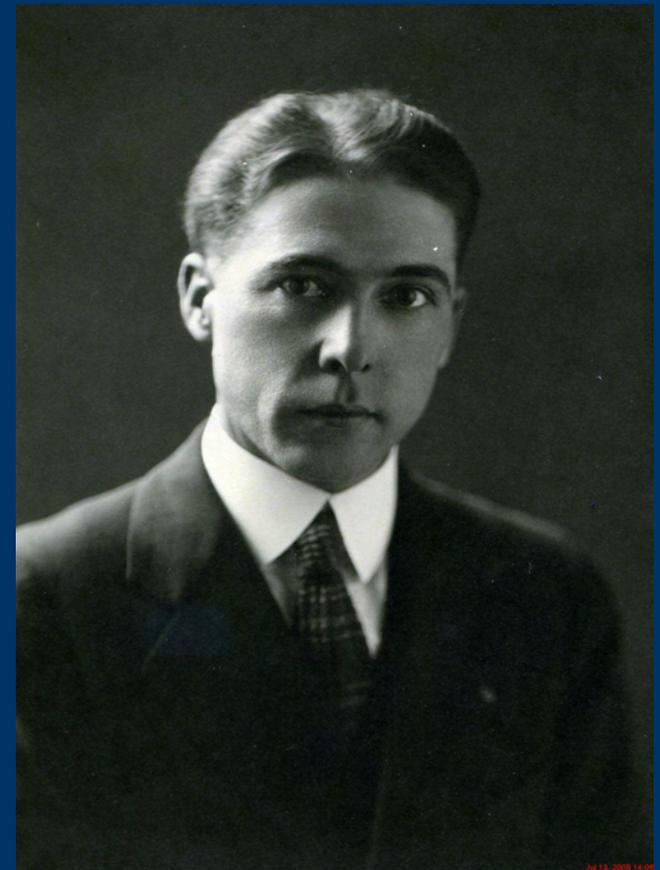
- His father Oliver Hodgson was born in Yorkshire, England, in the year 1851. Oliver emigrated to salt lake city in 1866.
- Leslie was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on December 18, 1879.
- Oliver was a leading builder and contractor in Salt Lake. (this is how Leslie and 2 of his brothers: Fred and Paul were introduced to the architectural trade).
- All 3 brothers became architects.



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Beginning his career

- In 1899 Leslie started as a machinist before studying architecture for 5 years.
 - He studied as a draftsman in the offices of 2 of Utah's most prominent architects, Samuel S. Dallas and Richard K.A. Kletting.
 - He received his architect's license in 1904.
- Prior to his having been a machinist he gained valuable experience with modern residential trends while he was working as chief draftsman for 9 months with the firm of Hebbard and Gill in San Diego, CA.



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Beginning his career –continued

- Irving Gill had worked in the Chicago office of Adler and Sullivan before moving to San Diego in 1893, and was undoubtedly acquainted with Frank Lloyd Wright who also had worked closely with Sullivan.
 - In 1906, Hodgson came back to Ogden because his wife had extremely bad allergies.
 - His first partnership was with a man named Julius A. Smith (from Ogden). Young Eber F. Piers later became a draftsman for the firm. The firm was said to have been very prolific. During the firm's first year they published a book about their work.
 - This partnership lasted from 1906-1910—dissolving just as the Eccles Subdivision began to materialize.
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Hodgson and McClenahan

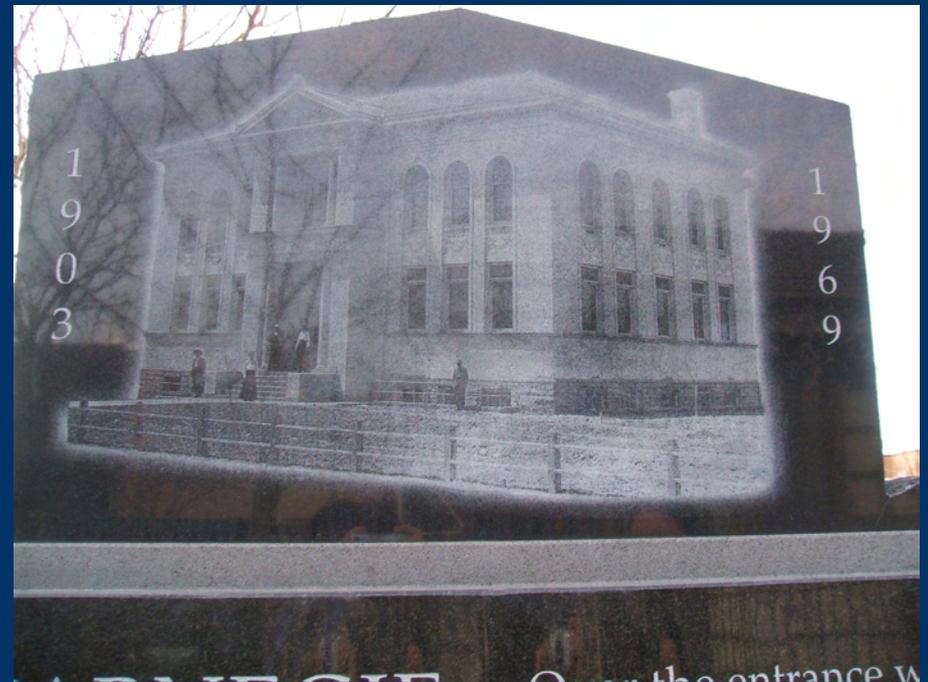
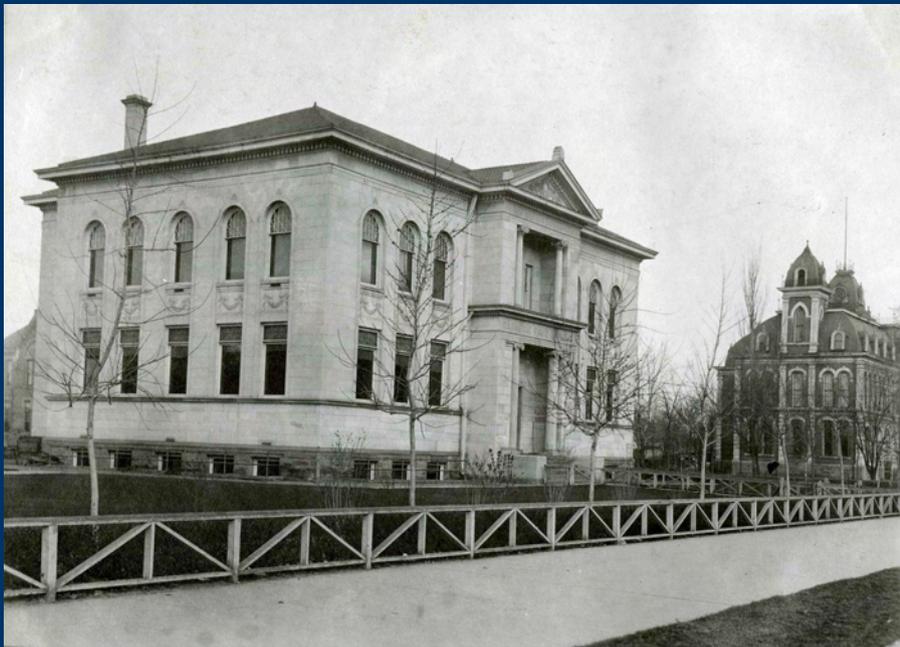
- Hodgson formed a new partnership with a man named Myrl A. McClenahan in 1920. as partners, Hodgson did the concept sketches of the new buildings and McClenahan produced the working drawings.
- During this partnership most of Hodgson's finest works were developed.
- The most notable buildings that they designed together are: the Egyptian Theater, the Ogden Municipal Building, Ogden High school, the US Forest Service Building,



- The Bigelow (Ben Lomond) Hotel, Patterson/Nye Building, Eccles Building, Becker Brewing and Malting Company Building, and the buildings of the Union Stockyards (Coliseum, Exchange Building, and Sheep Barn).
 - Myrl A. McClenahan died in 1940---- ending a 20 year partnership. Leslie Hodgson died in 1947.
 - Hodgson complained of fatigue the evening of July 23rd 1947 when he dropped in to see his daughter Lu. He decided to go home after only a few minutes. When he returned home that night he prepared for a weekend in the canyon with his family. The next morning he was found dead at the age of 68.
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The Carnegie Library

- 1906-7 (1903 - the land was dedicated)



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Former location was on municipal square

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The Old Dee Elementary School

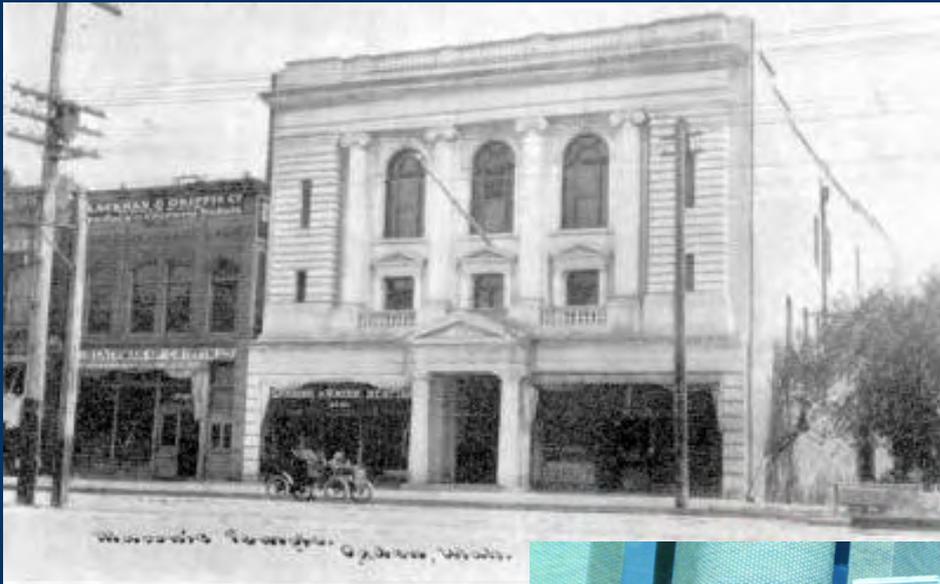


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20th street by Washington Blvd.
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1906-7
currently used as Lil' Audrey's
day spa



Masonic Temple



1906
2550 Washington Blvd.

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Shupe-Williams Candy Factory

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1906 -2006
burned
down in a
large fire.

John S. Houtz Home

- 1911
- 2522 Eccles Ave.



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LDS Branch For The Deaf

- 1912
- 740 21st St

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The David Eccles Building (the Hampton Inn and Suites)

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- 1913
- 2401-11 Washington



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Patrick Healy Jr. Home

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- 1920
- 2580 Eccles Ave.



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Peery's Egyptian Theater



1924 (year built)

2437-43

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The Union Stockyards Coliseum

- ▣ 1925—1993 burned down
- ▣ 550 Exchange Road



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The Hotel Bigelow (The Ben Lomond Hotel)

- 1927
- north-west corner of 25th and Washington



Forest Services Regional Office Building



1934 corner of 25th and Adams

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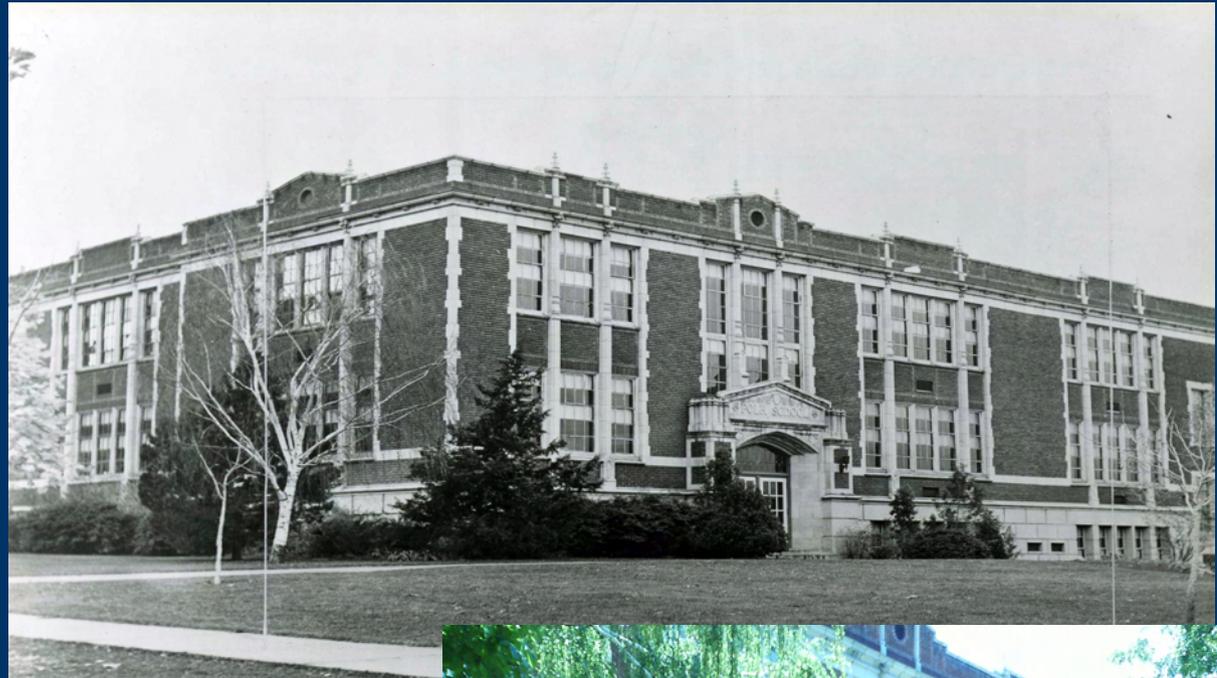
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Polk School

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- 1928
- 26th st.
and Polk Ave.



The Exchange Building

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- ▣ 1930
- ▣ 600 Exchange Road



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Used as Lazerus Maze
Haunted House. Has
been Weber County
Mental Health.



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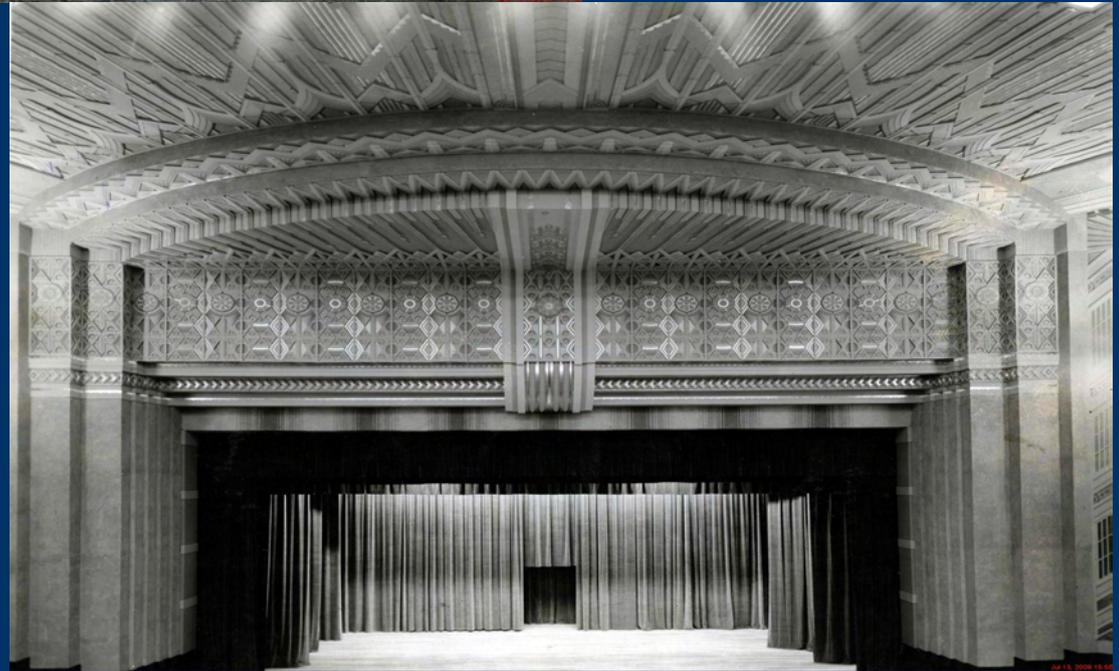
Ogden High School



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2828 Harrison



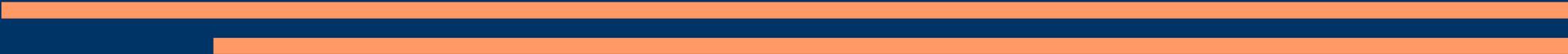
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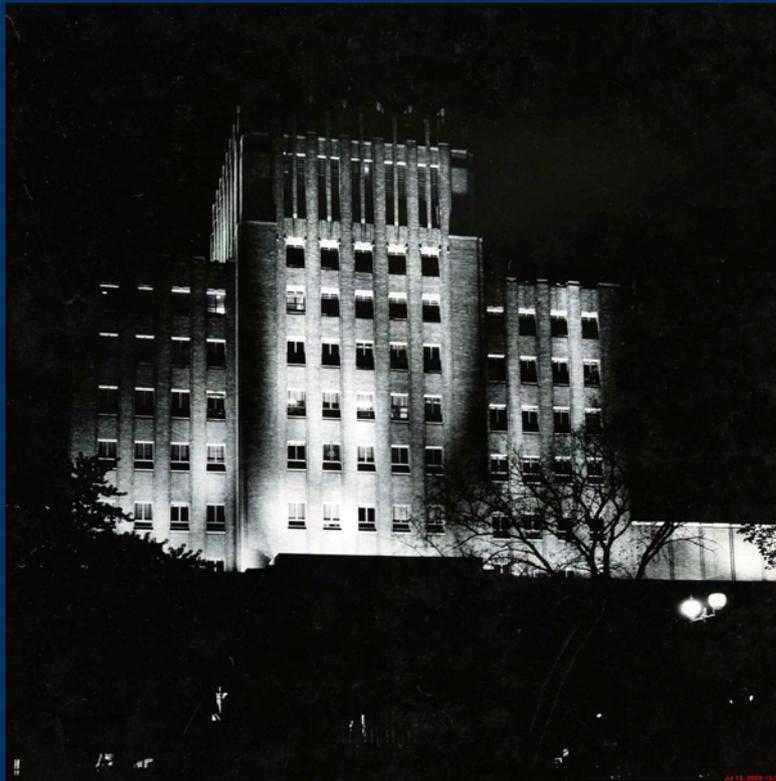
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The Municipal Building

2541 Washington

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Continental Baking Company

- 1947
- 26th and Grant Ave.
- Hostess
(Wonder Bread)

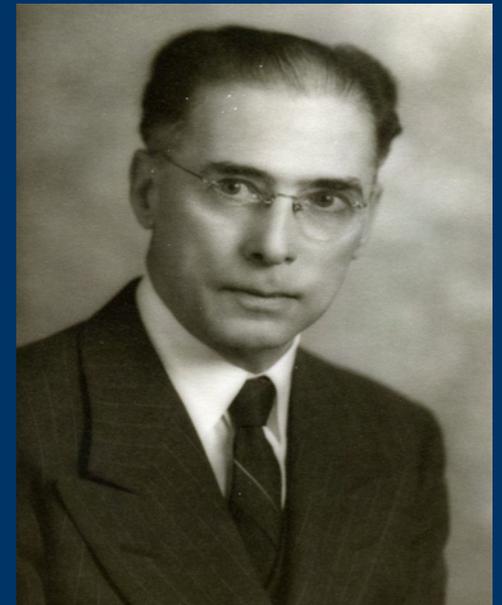


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Interesting Facts

- He was one of the first architects to use rebar to reinforce the concrete . It is said that if you were to take the walls out of any one of his buildings it would still stand.
- Ogden is what it is because of his many buildings and his influence on modern architecture.
- He was a heavy smoker which resulted in heart problems. Some of his original architectural drawings are said to have had cigarette burns as a result.
- December 18th 1879—July 23rd 1947



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