

# Nauvoo

## The Way We Were

**Overview:** South Side, 1700 Block of Mulholland  
The Commercial District did not extend this far east on Mulholland. However, the stone building, facing Fulmer Street and paralleling Mulholland, was an important part of the German community in the 1850s. Although the building was not noted on the plat, it was there in 1891.

### 1700 Block Mulholland

**1891 Plat:** Site Empty

**1912 Sanborn Map:** M.E. Church (closed)

**2010:** Vacant Building

**1853 - 1912**

#### English Methodist Episcopal Church

One of Nauvoo's stone masons of the post-Mormon Era, Michael Baumert, Sr., built this building, along with the Temple House and a number of the wine cellars in Nauvoo.

Locally quarried stones from the Mormon Temple ruins were used in its construction.

The church merged with the German Methodist Episcopal Church in 1904 and, in 1913, a new church was built by Baumert to accommodate the combined congregation.

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Building used as a school

**1922**

Purchased by Nauvoo's American Legion Post

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Purchased by Nauvoo Faith Heritage Society

The proposed Faith Heritage Museum never was established. Several owners and businesses followed.

**Present**

Vacant building

1. 1891 Plat and 1912 Sanborn Maps were used as baselines for building locations. They are available for viewing at the Nauvoo Historical Society's Weld House Museum, 1380 Mulholland.

2. Addresses in quotation marks indicate no existing structure at this location in 2010.



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The English Methodist Episcopal Church sometime after 1912.

Not really a part of Nauvoo's past business community, but an interesting building, nonetheless. The structure, once serving as the former English Methodist Episcopal Church, faces Fulmer (18th) and sidles up to Mulholland on its north side.

This building, built in 1853, was one of many built by Michael Baumert, Sr., one of Nauvoo's fine stone masons during the post-Mormon Era. Locally quarried stone from the ruins of the former Mormon Temple were used in its construction. A carved star is visible on a corner stone in the northeast corner of the building.

The English Methodist Episcopal Church was at this location from 1853 to 1913. It merged with the German Methodist Episcopal Church in 1904; and, in 1913, a new Methodist church was built at Warsaw (16th) and Ripley to accommodate the combined congregations.

After the combined congregations moved into their new building, the former church was used as a school for a time and then was sold to Nauvoo's American Legion's Post, No. 711, in 1922, and it was used for meetings and social gatherings.

The building has been used for variety of enterprises over the years.