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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original Z.C.M.I. building had a frontage of fifty feet by a depth of <u>318 feet</u>; three stories high, plus a full basement. The whole interior was chiefly lighted by sky lights.

"The store front is a window wall of three matching sections built at three different times. Rows of Corinthian columns divide the windows. These columns are of cast iron in the center (1876) and south (1880) portions but of heavy stamped sheet metal in the north (1901) portion. There is a modillion cornice at each level and also in the rake of the pediment. The top cornice has brackets aligned with the columns below and a row of dentils under the modillions, which are larger than those of the cornices below and ornamented with an acanthus leaf. Under the pediment is a frieze which extends across the center portion of the storefront. It contains large letters 'ZCMI' balanced on each side with circular frames containing the date of founding, 1868, on the left and the date of the pediment construction, 1901, on the right. The rest of the frieze contains a connecting vine and leaf pattern. Above the top cornice antefixes project in alignment with the columns below. They are typical of much of the ornament which is of light sheet metal formed over wood.

The windows are double hung wood sash 2/2 glazed with obscure glass. Upper corners of sash and frame are rounded. These windows are extremely large, 11 feet in height and varying in width from 4 feet to 7 feet. They are covered with insect screens of modern louvered mesh in frames which match the windows behind.

The columns are painted black, other ornament and moldings are white and background planes are gray.

The first floor level which once had a columnar treatment like that above now has large show windows with wide spaced supports and is spanned by heavy steel beams." 10

As the width of the store front grew the design of the cornice and pediment was changed. Below the marquee and behind the facade there has been frequent modernization, but some of the varnished pine poles remain as structural columns along with much of the original stamped metal ceiling. The store plans extensive remodeling and addition; however, the original cast iron facade will remain.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "Zions Cooperative Mercantile Association" was formed in 1868. Before 1880 one-hundred-fifty branch stores reached into twenty-four counties and one-hundred-twenty-six towns and cities.

On April 10, 1875 a committee was chosen to select a site for a new building in Salt Lake City, and the present site on "East South Temple" (now called Main Street) was selected. The land was purchased from Brigham Young for \$30,000.00. The building, which is reputed to be the first department store in America, was completed in March, 1876 and opened for business on April 1, 1876. The cost was \$136,544.00. The architects were William H. Folsom and Obed Taylor. The structure is significant because of its unusually well-maintained historic store front of cast iron. 10

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