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At its largest, Camp Floyd consisted of between 300 and 400 buildings. Most of the structures were built of adobe; however, several, such as the magazine, were stone. There were some frame structures, but these were mostly barns. The adobe brick was made by Mormon farmers and sold to the army for one cent each. Stone was quarried in the nearby Oquirrh Mountains.

Barracks were cabin-like units of adobe with dirt floors and board roofs covered with four inches of adobe mud. Administrative buildings, officer quarters, a theatre, storehouses, stables, corrals and workshops were also constructed at the camp. A stone wall four feet high was built around the cemetery. In 1960 research was undertaken to determine the names of the eighty-four soldiers and men buried in the cemetery. Individual markers were then placed on the graves.

In his journal, Captain Albert Tracy gives one of the best contemporary descriptions of Camp Floyd.

. . . For full a half a mile, the principal street extended, lined at either side with buildings pertaining to minor officers, habitable to look at, and even comfortable, but of the same eternal gray with the soil out of which they were constructed. and with the sign of no green thing--not a little grass, or a shrub--to relieve the gaze. At the head of camp, just above the Tenth, ran a transverse street, with buildings occupied by the department commander, with his personal and general staff. At the rear and parallel to the first-named ran a second street. with tenements peopled by officers of the higher grades and staff of regiments. Then, quarters for bands, stores of sutlers. and behind the whole, huts of wagon masters, and other campfollowers. Great ranges of cedar wood also piled up for fuel, and finally, away down at the right, and rear, acres on acres of wagons, clustered in masses, and with their tongues in air like bristling, mighty lances of the olden times.

Physical conditions, however, were not condusive to good morale. Chimneys in many of the cabins were improperly constructed and filled the rooms with smoke when used. Water was scarce but dust plentiful. Dust storms were called "Johnsoons" in honor of Albert Sidney Johnston, post commander.

After the camp was abandoned the adobe walls were washed away and the stone walls carried away for use in constructing foundations for houses in nearby communities.

Today all that remains is the cemetery of this came which in 1858 and 1859 was the largest troop concentration in the United States.

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site was chosen because it supposedly offered an ample supply of water, wood and pasture. Perhaps of prime importance was that it was close enough to the two major Mormon settlements, Salt Lake City and Provo, that troops could be dispatched in either direction with little problem. The camp was named in honor of John B. Floyd, Secretary of War, under Buchanan.

Economically the camp was important to the Mormon economy. Mormons furnished building materials and food stuffs to the large force. Mormons employed in the construction of the camp received from \$3.00 to \$7.00 a day plus board.

Despite the economic advantages of the camp to Mormons, the problems which the soldiers and camp followers created were of great concern to church authorities. It seems a constant state of hostility existed between the two groups.

With the outbreak of the Civil War in 1860, the number of soldiers dropped from 2,500 to 400. When Secretary of War John B. Floyd left his cabinet post to join the Southern cause, Colonel Phillip St. George Cooke changed the name of the establishment to Camp Crittenden. The camp did not live long under its new name and was abandoned in July 1861.

Although the only visible remains of the camp is the cemetery, the site is significant as a reminder of the confrontation between Mormons and the Federal Army.

For Mormons the establishment of Camp Floyd signaled the end of their cherished isolation in Utah.

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