

Timeline

- 1850 – Utah is created as a territory of the United States with the city of Fillmore designated as the Capitol.
- 1855 – The Fillmore Capitol construction comes to an end. (Only one wing of the structure, designed by Truman Angell, is completed.)
- 1856 – The Legislature designates Salt Lake City, more centrally located, to be the capital city of the territory.
- 1866 – The Legislature begins meeting in the newly completed Salt Lake City Hall.
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- 1888 – Salt Lake City donates nearly 20 acres north of the city named Arsenal Hill to the state for a new capitol.
- 1896 – Utah is admitted as the 45th state of the United States of America.
- 1899 – Under the direction of Utah Representative Alice Merrill Horne, the Utah Art Institute is created and becomes the first state-sponsored arts agency in the country. The state's art collection is begun.
- 1907 – Governor William Spry proposes the creation of the Capitol Commission which would oversee the design and construction of the Capitol.
- 1911 – The Capitol Commission consults with John C. Olmsted, landscape architect, regarding the site for construction of the Capitol.
- 1912 – Richard Kletting, Utah's "Dean of Architecture," is selected as the Capitol's chief architect.
- 1912 – The Capitol's ground breaking ceremony is held the day after Christmas. Major excavation of its massive foundation begins.
- 1914 – Governor William Spry lays the Capitol's cornerstone.
- 1915 – Utah State legislature moves from the City and County Building into the not yet completed Capitol to finish its annual session.
- 1915 – Gavin Jack finishes sculpting the Lions intended for the east and west doors of the Capitol.

- 1916 – The dedication of Kletting's Capitol is held October 9, followed by a reception attended by thirty thousand visitors.
- 1927 – Gilbert Riswold completes the Mormon Battalion monument located in the southeast corner of the Capitol grounds.
- 1935 – Murals illustrating scenes from Utah history, sponsored by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) are set in place inside the rotunda.
- 1957 – The state legislature begins plans for the construction of a new office building for Capitol Hill in response to tremendous state growth.
- 1961 – The State Office Building located just north of the Capitol, is dedicated.
- 1969 – Sizeable renovations are made to both the Capitol building and its surrounding grounds. Much of the interior is repainted, including the inner dome.
- 1977 – Raphael Plescia refurbishes the four Capitol lions.
- 1980 – A new copper roof is installed on the Capitol's dome, replacing the one damaged in a severe windstorm.
- 1982 – Compact discs appear in media stores.
- 1998 – Utah's Supreme Court moves to the Scott Matheson Courthouse.
- 1999 – The south end of the Capitol grounds is disrupted by an unexpected tornado.
- 2001 – David H. Hart, AIA, is hired as architect of the Capitol and Executive Director of the Capitol Preservation Board.
- 2001 – The Master Plan for renovation of Capitol Hill is completed.
- 2002 – Construction of the east and west extension buildings is completed.
- 2004 – The Capitol is closed for an extensive restoration.
- 2007 – Seismic base isolation of the Capitol is completed April 7th.
- 2007 – New murals for the House of Representatives and Senate chambers are installed. Four monumental bronze sculptures are installed in the Rotunda niches.
- 2008 – The Utah State Capitol is rededicated January 4th.