



The Moller Organ *First United Methodist Church of Las Vegas, NM*

Mathias Peter Moller, an emigrant from Denmark in 1872, founded the Moller Pipe Organ Company in Greencastle, PA, in 1875. In 1881, the business relocated to Hagerstown, where a three-story factory was constructed. The company operated until 1992, at which point it was acquired by the Allen Organ Company.

Over its operational period, the Moller Pipe Organ Company manufactured more than 11,000 pipe organs, accounting for approximately 35% of all pipe organs in the U.S. Their creations included organs for all U.S. Military Academies and prominent churches and theaters nationwide. Each organ was custom-designed to suit its specific installation facility.

Our organ, Opus 3481 (serial number), was contracted for delivery by February 1st, 1923, at a cost of \$2450.00, including installation. The dedicatory concert for this organ took place on March 13, 1923, as part of the dedication activities for the new church building.

The first church organist was Cora Johnsen, daughter of M.M. Sundt, who was the builder of the church. The specifications for what was known as a "Two Manual Pipe Organ" span an entire page and detail a total of 398 pipes, in addition to "couplers," "mechanicals," and "pedal movements." The organ is powered by an electric blower situated in the basement. It has undergone refurbishment at least twice, first in 1969 and again in 2015.