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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



May is a time when the sun is warming, the birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, and hopefully your garden is growing. The saying is that April showers bring May flowers. Even though we have not had many April showers I hope there will be plenty of beautiful flowers for you to enjoy. It is a month that comes alive with Spring! It also brings with it two important holidays. Mother's Day on May 8th - a day not to be forgotten. It was officially recognized by President Woodrow Wilson on May 9, 1914. The other is Memorial Day which is celebrated on the last Monday of the month each year. This year it is on May 30th

and is a time to remember those who died while serving their country in the armed forces. It has also become a time to remember those we love who have passed on.

I am thrilled to say that all of our chapters are now meeting face-to-face, and it is wonderful to see them together again. It has been my pleasure to speak at some of them. This past month we have had some wonderful events. First, the National Headquarters Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 16th was a great success. Thank you to all who participated. You are very much appreciated! It helped prepare the National Headquarters for our National Historical Symposium which was under the direction of President-elect John Clayton. Each of the four presenters were excellent and the dinner with keynote speaker Elder L. Whitney Clayton was outstanding. It was amazing how many that are related to William Clayton were there. It almost became their family reunion. By the way, did you know that on May 12, 1847, he invented the odometer while crossing the western plains in a covered wagon. It was a blessing for all the pioneers who followed.

Lastly, online registration is available for the upcoming 2022 National Encampment in Salt Lake City, September 8-10, 2022. It will be a banner event celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Saints entering the Salt Lake Valley. You will not want to miss this once in a lifetime experience. You will want to register as early as you can.

Two years ago, the Church closed all operating temples worldwide because of the pandemic and has cautiously phased their reopening. As of today, 83 of 162 operational

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temples are in Phase 4 meaning all ordinances are being performed. What a wonderful blessing that is for each of us. I hope all of us are regularly receiving the full blessings of the temple in our lives. This is a time when we truly need the guiding hand of the Lord and there is not a better place than the temple to receive those promptings. Did you know that the very first full temple endowment was given in Nauvoo, Illinois on May 4th, 1842? What a wonderful blessing it was to have that ordinance provided as part of the restored gospel.

Here are some historical events that happened during the month of May:

May 1, 1841: The very first wagon train leaves Independence, Missouri for California.

May 3, 1494: Christopher Columbus discovers "St Iago". It is later renamed Jamaica.

May 4, 1626: Manhattan Island is sold! Native American Indians agree to the deal in exchange for \$24 in cloth & buttons.

May 9, 1869: A "Golden Spike" was driven into the railroad tracks at Promontory Summit, Utah, connecting the tracks of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads, creating the first Transcontinental railroad.

May 14, 1787: Delegates gathered in Philadelphia to draw up the Constitution of the United States of America.

May 26, 1805: Lewis and Clark see the Rocky Mountains for the first time.

May 29, 1849: Famous Abraham Lincoln quote, "You can fool some of the people all of the time, all of people some of time, but you can't fool all of the people all of time".

Here are some Church history events that occurred in the month of May:

May 5, 1834: President Joseph Smith left Kirtland, Ohio, for Missouri as leader of Zion's Camp to bring relief to Saints expelled from Jackson County.

May 5, 1855: The Endowment House was dedicated in Salt Lake City as a place for the Saints to receive temple ordinances.

May 1899: President Lorenzo Snow received a revelation in St. George, Utah, prompting him to emphasize the law of tithing to the saints.

May 16, 1913: The Church announced the affiliation of its program for young men with the Boy Scouts of America.

May 15, 1829: John the Baptist conferred the Aaronic Priesthood on Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in Harmony, Pennsylvania (see D&C 13; Joseph Smith—History 1:71–72).

May 1829: Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery received the Melchizedek Priesthood from Peter, James, and John between Harmony, Pennsylvania, and Colesville, New York (see D&C 128:20).

From all of us here at the National Headquarters, we wish you the very best Spring season as it continues to blossom around you. Please know that we are thinking of you and appreciate the privilege it is to serve you. May the Lord's blessings pour out upon you and all those you hold dear.

Challenge: I hope you took last month's challenge and found 2-3 stories regarding your father's grandfather on his mother's side to share with your family. I found several stories about John Nock Hinton which I will share with my children. This month find 2-3 stories about your father's grandmother on his mother's side (one of your two great grandmothers on your father's side) that you want to share with your children. Write them and share them.


Larry M. Gibson
2022 National President


Calendar of Events

MONDAY
18
JULY

SUPER DUPER DAY

THIS IS THE PLACE HERITAGE PARK


OPENS AT 9:30AM DEVOTIONAL AT 5:30PM



SATURDAY
23
JULY

DAYS OF '47

SUNRISE SERVICE IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL AT TEMPLE SQUARE • 7AM
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ELDER LYNN G. ROBBINS OF THE SEVENTY
PARADE 9AM • COME PULL HANDCARTS WITH THE SUP
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8-10
SEPTEMBER
2022

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

HOSTED BY THE HOLLADAY, MILLS, JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE
& SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTERS
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BEGINS
16
SEPTEMBER

2022 FALL FOLLIAGE TREK

10 DAY CHURCH HISTORY TOUR

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NATIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL HISTORIC SYMPOSIUM



Spencer W. McBride



Ronald G. Watt



Chad Orton



E Gary Smith | Modern Pioneer Award



Elder L. Whitney Clayton



John Elggren | President's Award



Dinner & Keynote Address



Larry Gibson, National President

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY

Please note that we have a person volunteering at our library who can help you find your ancestor on the Familysearch.org website. Call the National SUP headquarters to set up an appointment with us at the library or from your home. This volunteer is normally here at the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10 am-1pm. Our volunteer can work with you at either place, but the library location is preferred.

Next, in using the Suplibrary.org website, you may find books or documents about your ancestors. Call us with the key# to see if we have digitized this book or document or know

the URL on Familysearch where you can view the book. Call or email us at the library to see if we have any data that can help you in your research.

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Library #: 801-484-4441 ext 115

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John Smith, National SUP Library Director and AVP

Everyone has stories of pioneer ancestors that have and moved and motivated our lives that can benefit us all.



PIONEER STORIES

Please enjoy reading and submitting at: suponline.org/pioneer-stories.

B.H. ROBERTS STUCK IN A MOLASSES BARREL

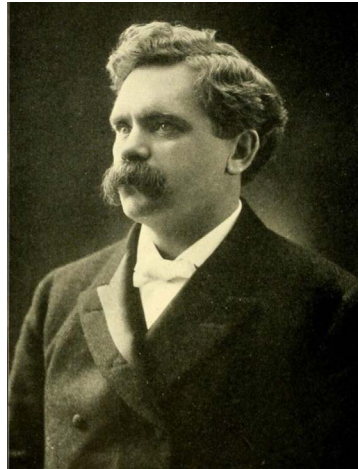
by Rich Kirkham, AVP Pioneer Stories

Born in 1857, B.H. Roberts, became a historian, politician, and would serve as President of the First Council of Seventy. But every famous man was also once a boy, and sometimes boys do the strangest things.

When Brigham Henry was nine years old he emigrated to Salt Lake from England with his sixteen-year-old sister, Polly, as his family companion. That was the year 1866. Their mother had come to Utah without her husband and settled alone in the Salt Lake Valley four years earlier. She was anxiously awaiting the arrival of her children.

The brother and sister duo joined a wagon train in Nebraska and walked barefoot most of the way to the Salt Lake Valley. For the young Roberts, the journey West was something of an adventure. He enjoyed picking berries, scouting for indians, and swimming in streams and rivers along the way. One unforgettable experience occurred when their wagon train had to make a night trek. The exhausted young boy sought a hiding place inside one of the wagons where he could hunker down and spend the night.

Of that experience B.H. later wrote, "On one occasion a night drive was necessary, and a young man was entrusted with the freight wagon team. The young teamster was unusually devoted to helping the young ladies, especially on this night, so I ran in behind the ox on the near side and climbed up on the seat that had been arranged in the front of the wagon by the regular teamsters. The seat consisted of a broad plank placed across the open head of a large barrel. The day had been hot and the hours of the journey long, and I was decidedly tired, nearly to exhaustion. Fearing that my riding, which was 'agin' the law' would be discovered, I slipped the broad board from the barrel head and conceived the idea of dropping down in the barrel, secure from the eyes of those who might oust me from my seat in the wagon



if I were found. To my surprise, if not amazement, I discovered when I let myself down in the barrel that my feet were into about three or four inches of a sticky liquid substance which turned out to be molasses."

Brother Roberts continued, "The smarting of my chapped feet almost made me scream with pain, but I stifled it. To tired to attempt to climb out, I remained and gradually slipped down and went to sleep doubled up in the bottom of the barrel with such results as can well be

imagined. It was daylight when I woke up. There began to be the usual camp noises and teamsters shouting to each other to be prepared to receive the incoming team driven from the prairie by night herdsmen. As I crawled out of the uncomfortable position, and with molasses dripping from my trousers, I was greeted with yells and laughter by some of the teamsters and emigrants who caught sight of me. I crept away as fast as I could to scrape off the syrup, which added to the weight and thickness of shirt and trousers, for there was no change of clothing for me, and so bedaubed I had to pass on until dusk and drying somewhat obliterated the discomfort."

B.H. Roberts characterized his youth this way: "My childhood was a nightmare; my boyhood a tragedy." Yet in spite of his difficult upbringing, and in part perhaps because of it, he attained significant success in his adult life. He had a distinguished political and military career. He was a remarkable writer and historian. He became a prominent and enthusiastic Church leader. As borne out by these many remarkable accomplishments, he lived a life of destiny and is well remembered in the early annals of Utah history. As Leonard J. Arrington put it, B.H. Roberts was "the intellectual leader of the Mormon people in the era of Mormonism's finest intellectual attainment."

Monument Trek

Kimball & Whitney Cemetery

1/2 a Block North of Temple Square, Just East of Conference Center, Salt Lake City



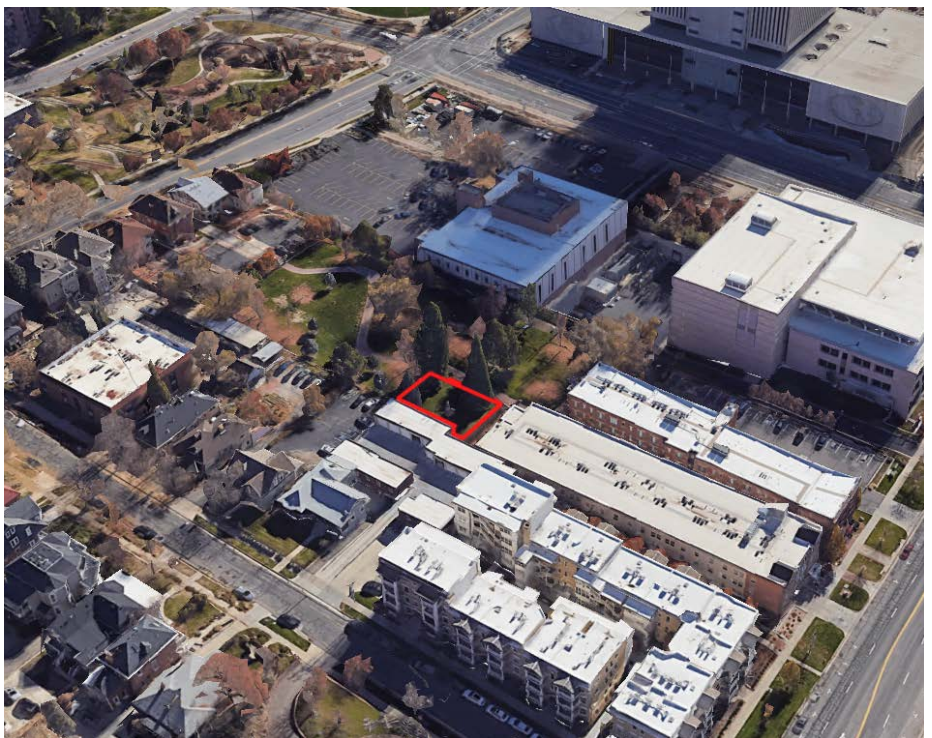
A little over a week after arriving in the Salt Lake Valley, Church leaders were allotted property by President Brigham Young. Heber C. Kimball chose this block to the northeast of Temple Square. Newel K. Whitney claimed an adjacent property immediately east of the Temple site. In addition to homes, barns, gardens and orchards for the Kimball family; Heber constructed a mill, blacksmith shop, and foundry powered by water from nearby City Creek. In fall of 1848, Heber and Newell K. Whitney dedicated this sacred spot of ground to the Lord as a private cemetery for the two families, one of the first formally dedicated burial grounds within the Salt Lake Valley. Newell K. Whitney's wife Ann was the first person buried here.

Heber C Kimball was a man who said the perplexities of plural marriage had cost him "bushels of tears," having married 45 wives, with children by seventeen of them, consisting of forty-five sons and twenty daughters. The property was remembered as a place of peace and unity and

that his wives loved each other as sisters. When his beloved wife, Vilate, passed away, he told her he wouldn't be far behind. He passed a few months later.

When Heber's son Solomon Kimball returned from Arizona in 1886, he found the cemetery in a neglected condition without a fence, nine-tenths of the graves unidentifiable, and under four different owners. After obtaining possession of the entire property, he sold much of it for funds to beautify and improve the cemetery. An iron fence was installed with evergreen trees. Solomon managed the site for 25 years with support from both the Kimball and Whitney families. Finally, through the efforts of another of Heber's sons, J. Golden, in 1931 the property was turned over and has been maintained by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ever since.

In 1998, Elder Bruce D. Porter of the Seventy united with members of the Kimball and Whitney family associations, rededicated the cemetery with a new marker containing the names of the 56 deceased who are buried there.



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAMECHAPTER

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Doug Conway Upper Snake River Valley
 Malan Johnson Morgan Pioneer
 Scott Richards Ogden Pioneer
 James Skidmore Temple Fork
 Dennis J Holmes Temple Quarry
 Daniel K Adams Timpanogos
 David Price Modesto-New Hope
 Steven Van Bibber Mills
 Daniel K Adams Timpanogos

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Robb Alexander Ogden Pioneer
 A Gregory Brown Salt Lake Pioneer
 Mark Dalton Dunn Porter Rockwell
 Leonard Foster Sevier Valley
 David Janke Salt Lake Pioneer
 William Keil Porter Rockwell
 Craig Linford Mesa
 Roger Metcalf Murray
 Randall Parkinson Ogden Pioneer
 Kerry Patterson WorldWide Pioneer
 Darrell Sanders Temple Fork
 Kelly Wright Morgan Pioneer
 Carl Spencer Sevier Valley
 Gregory Bean Sevier Valley
 Dave Nix Settlement Canyon
 Kyle Hassell Mesa
 Howard Adams Snow Horse
 Devin Christensen Timpanogos
 George Allen Hibler Bountiful
 Earl Leavitt Boulder Dam Chapter
 Ralph Moss Taylorsville Bennion
 Phillip Muir Porter Rockwell
 Kent Nielsen Ogden Pioneer
 Barry Peterson WorldWide Pioneer
 Lynn John Rowell Timpanogos
 Kevin W Farnsworth Temple Quarry
 Richard Ferguson Lehi
 Dale F Imlay Boulder Dam Chapter
 Daniel Shewell Upper Snake River Valley

NAMECHAPTER

NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS

John Bramall Hurricane Valley
 C Riley Cutler, Jr Mills
 Parker Garlitz Maple Mountain
 Martin Haeberle Cedar City
 Daniel Knapp Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)
 John Waldron Temple Fork
 Robert Young Settlement Canyon
 Jesse Holyoak Maple Mountain
 Vernroy Kaaiakamanu Upper Snake River Valley
 Loren Webb Cotton Mission
 Tom Baxter Timpanogos
 Tobias Berkhardt Temple Fork
 Dennis Calton Murray
 Bruce Collet Centerville
 Richard Gallacher Jordan River Temple
 Richard S Graham Maple Mountain
 Steven Lyle Hilton The Mountain Valley
 Michael Ivanyo WorldWide Pioneer
 Alex Jones WorldWide Pioneer
 Reed Miller Timpanogos
 Calvin Parry Snow Horse
 Carl Rasmussen WorldWide Pioneer
 Greg Romriell Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)
 Carl Sorensen Temple Fork
 Marv White Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)

CHAPTER ETERNAL

William Day Brigham Young
 Verd J Erickson Cotton Mission
 Donald S Hayes Eagle Rock
 Elden Leon Jackman Ogden Pioneer
 Wallace Vernon Jacobson WorldWide Pioneer
 John Hamilton Morgan Salt Lake City
 James A Shore Centerville
 Dale Lyman Springer WorldWide Pioneer
 Melvin J Stanford WorldWide Pioneer
 C Gene Sturzenegger Cotton Mission
 Haven J Barlow Snow Horse
 Keith L Henrie Cotton Mission
 William M Reese Ogden Pioneer
 Mark M Smith Timpanogos
 Dell Stout Hurricane Valley

TRAIL MARKER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee

If you would like to have your chapter news printed in the Trail Marker please do the following:

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3. Email to: rolandleefamily@gmail.com
4. News must be received by the 25th of each month

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BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah



Glen A. Ricks

At our April dinner meeting we filled all 64 seats in the room and enjoyed a fine dinner and a great speaker. We listened to a pioneer story from SUP Online, and then Glen A. Ricks, a local Brigham City resident, reported on the trips he and his wife Connie had made to Central America to see the evidence of ancient civilizations. His presentation is informally titled "Archeological evidence that adds to our understanding and testimony of the Book of Mormon." He began his well-crafted PowerPoint by reminding us how we obtain a testimony of the Book of Mormon –

not from physical evidence, but from reading the book and taking Moroni's challenge. He followed that by explaining that when the Book of Mormon was published, virtually no one in the world believed there had been advanced civilizations in Central or North America in ancient times. However, within a few decades the discoveries of the Maya and Olmec civilizations began to verify the claims of the Book of Mormon history. He showed many examples of archeological finds and displayed replicas of interesting relics from ancient Central American history.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo / Orem, Utah



Dr. Jenny Pulsipher

The Brigham Young Chapter of the SUP met April 14th for our monthly dinner meeting and speaker. Dr. Jenny Pulsipher spoke to us about one of the early mountain men and pre-pioneers, Elijah Barney Ward, of special interest to her because he married her third-great grandmother. As a Historian and a relative by marriage, she wanted to learn more about him. Some accounts claim he was a friend of Kit Carson and Jim Bridger and was involved in settling the west, rescuing wagon trains from Indian attacks, and was commissioned by his future wife's dying husband to take care of her when the first husband no longer could. Mr. Ward's

claim to have found gold, to have discovered Welsh pioneers in America, and travelled via shortcut to California seem to be tall tales. Some pioneers nearly lost their lives following his crude map to California. Dr. Pulsipher had fun with the discrepancies and encouraged us to seek stories of our ancestors. Unfortunately, exaggerations and tall tales sometimes take on the patina of "history" simply through repetition and lack of contrary narratives. Dr. Pulsipher used Barney Ward's story to illustrate "how the sausage (of history) is made", and to reinforce the need to verify, verify, verify.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Elder Kent D. Watson



Muddy Trek at Warm Springs

On Saturday, March 19, Al Matheson led us on a final trek before he and Thelma leave on their mission. The group of about 35 trekkers met at the Jacob Hamblin home in Santa Clara, Utah. From there we traveled to multiple historic spots including a pioneer diversion dam on the Santa Clara River, the Castle Cliff stop on the Old Spanish Trail, and sites associated with the Muddy River Mission saints including the Warm Springs cemetery, Warm Springs Wildlife Reserve, the Warm Springs Recreation site run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the West Point Cemetery.

On Sunday, March 20, we were treated to a presentation by Elder Kent D. Watson. Having recently served as the Asia Area President for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints he took us on a tour through Asia highlighting the progress of the Church in many of the countries of Asia. This area is the least Christian area of the world and despite having the largest population of any area of the world has less than 200,000 members when taking out Japan, Korea and the Philippines, but is growing fast. We were also treated to music by the SUU Institute Choir.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Our meeting was a very successful event that saw an increase in our numbers attending. We had several guests attend and hopefully we can add some of them to our chapter on a permanent basis. After our dinner and chapter business, we were entertained and enlightened by a group who were senior missionaries in Nauvoo. They told stories, sang songs, and played

musical numbers that were written by those who served in Nauvoo. The numbers told of historical events beginning with those leading up to the journey to Nauvoo, time spent in Nauvoo and ending with the exodus from Nauvoo. We were all enlightened and touched by the beautiful way the group told of that important chapter in the restoration of the gospel and fortitude of our pioneers.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Tim & Jeannie Frei

The Cotton Mission chapter held their monthly dinner meeting on April 19 at the Washington Community Center. A "Pioneer Moment in History" was prepared by Kent Beus and presented by his wife. After our meal which was catered by Golden Corral, Neil Hoss introduced our speakers, Tim and Jeannie Frei. Tim served as a mission president in the Ukraine. He and Jeannie described how their mission was in the area currently under attack by Russian military

and said they personally knew every area being shown on the news. They explained that they felt very safe while serving there, and that the mission home was in a building which also housed the mafia. That made them feel even safer, especially as they shared treats with the security people. They expressed their love for the Ukrainian people and are sickened by the tragedy that is unfolding there.

EAGLE ROCK CHAPTER - Idaho Falls, Idaho



Idaho Steel Products, Inc.

The Eagle Rock Chapter held our monthly luncheon on March 28 at the Bacon 'n Bleu restaurant in Idaho Falls. We had an excellent presentation from members of the Bradshaw family about the history and current operations of their company, Idaho Steel Products, Inc. Lynn Bradshaw, the current program director of our chapter, purchased the company in 1991 when the company had 40 employees. Today they employ 300 people at 3 locations-Idaho Falls, Caldwell, Idaho, and their newest location in Tri-Cities, Washington. Idaho Steel is one of the premier designers and builders in the world of high quality stainless steel potato food processing equipment.

They continually implement cutting-edge technologies in the design and construction of their products. They have built, sold, and installed their products on every continent except Antarctica and continue to grow. They recently completed a large expansion of their production facilities at their Idaho Falls location. Lynn is now retired and has turned the reins of the company to the next generation of Bradshaws. Three of them gave the presentation at our luncheon. Pictured in the photo are left to right: Lynn Bradshaw, son DeLynn Bradshaw, son-in-law Davis Christensen, and grandson Tom Christensen with their certificates of appreciation that were presented by Lynn.

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah

April's Event: Despite having the County Fair and the Dutton family, and the veteran's being honored, we were blessed to have the President of the National SUP attend our monthly dinner and speak to us. Larry Gibson has roots here in southern Utah as he is a grandchild of John Nock and Emma Spendlove Hinton. His message was also a reminder of last month's message about the importance of families and keeping histories. He told us 3 stories of his ancestors that had an impact on his life and brought it down to the importance

of our making sure our posterity had a record also of our lives with their trials and joys along the way. We were so grateful for President Gibson's message and that he took the time out of his busy schedule to attend our dinner!

May's Event: Our speaker will be David Williams Wilkey who worked at Dixie College, operated an International Travel & Tour Company and helped to develop Sand Hollow Resort. It will be held Thursday May 19th at the Legion Hall. Pot-Luck will be our dinner.

INTERNATIONAL PIONEER CHAPTER - Worldwide

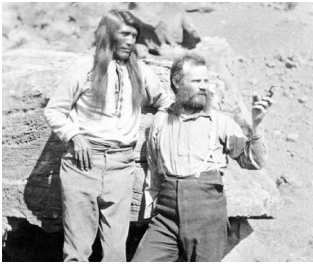


Don Lee

Our latest meeting was held via ZOOM on Tuesday, April 19th, and our speaker was Don Lee. He has written eight books on the history of his ancestry, several of whom lived in Star Valley, Wyoming, hence his interest and knowledge of the area. His presentation was on the growth of Star Valley from a pristine wilderness to a thriving community. Until 1878, Star Valley lay untouched by the passing of years and the growth of civilization in the surrounding areas. On 18 August 1878, Apostle Brigham Young Jr. dedicated the valley as a gathering place for the Saints. He was accompanied by Apostle Moses Thatcher who christened the valley "Star Valley: because it was "a star among valleys." Prior to that time, the Indians

had said, "Indian or White Man could not live here over winter." The Indians were almost right for some of the early settlers gave up and left after losing most of their stock to winter weather. The Hard Winter of 1889-90 truly tested their metal when 18 feet of snow covered the ground and made all roads impassable catching many of the settlers with inadequate supplies to last them until Spring. It took a group of determined men to force the trail over the Crow Creek Pass to Montpelier and return with life giving supplies. Their story is a saga of courage and determination. It was those characteristics that kept the early settlers going and forged the foundation for today's society.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



John Wesley Powell

The Jordan River April 13th Chapter meeting featured a most interesting filmed history of John Wesley Powell. His expedition to the Grand Canyon in 1869 was the first ever non-native American adventurer into the area now called the Colorado River and the Grand Canyon. A few years later in 1871 he made his second expedition to this area. Only this second time the National Geographic organization was able to photograph much of the trip. It is from that filmed expedition we were able to observe this history. This expedition was not without its problems. Namely one boat carrying much of their supplies

was accidentally destroyed. Then after experiencing the worst rapids ever, three of the ten participants decided to leave. These three were never heard from or seen again. At the end of their expedition, a team organized by Brigham Young met up with them providing food, medical supplies, new clothing and boots, and much attention due to their experiences. Thanks to our Program Chairperson, Ron Hardy, for providing this filmed history for us to learn from and to enjoy. At our upcoming May 11th Chapter meeting we will be awarding scholarships to two graduating seniors from the Riverton High School.

MORGAN PIONEER CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Alan Turner

On Monday, April 18th, the Morgan Chapter met for their monthly luncheon. A delicious pulled pork meal was provided by Birt Boys Barbecue followed by an informative presentation by Alan Turner. Alan is currently an Area Vice President for SUP. Those in attendance were educated about the challenges and blessings of serving an LDS mission in Zimbabwe, Africa. Alan and his late wife, Linda, had anticipated a call to serve in the Independence Missouri Visitor Center only to discover they were being called to serve in Zimbabwe, Africa as country humanitarian directors. They found serving in Africa a challenging experience among a very poor but faithful people. At the time of their arrival, there were two LDS Stakes in Zimbabwe about a 5 hour drive from each other. Today there are six Stakes

and construction of a Temple has begun in the capital of Harare. At the time of their mission the country was under the rule of a difficult dictator with 95% unemployment and crushingly high inflation. Food commodities, gasoline and drinkable water were difficult to find. They were without electricity weekly, sometimes lasting for days at a time. Alan said he was able to rely on his survival training from scouting to get them by. Elder and Sister Turner also supervised LDS Charities, helping to distribute wheelchairs, blankets, soap, personal hygiene kits, newborn baby kits and school supply kits to members and communities alike. Although it was very difficult at times, Alan cherishes the beautiful memories and is grateful for the experience.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah



Midway, Utah

The Mountain Valley Chapter held a meeting on April 27, 2022 at the Wasatch County Senior Center in Heber City, Utah. The guest speaker was Jerry Springer, local historian. Mr. Springer used a power point presentation to show and tell about the "History of Midway, Utah". Mr. Springer told the Chapter members where the name

Midway came from in 1861. He also gave information about the hot-water springs and the resorts in the Midway area such as Luke's Hot Pots and the Homestead. Many people were amazed to learn about the mining activities in the Snake Creek Canyon.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Scholarship Recipients

At the Ogden Pioneer Chapter Dinner Meeting on 11 April 2022, our speaker was Ken Alford Jr., BYU professor of history and \$1000 scholarships were presented. In the past the Chapter has only funded two scholarships and rotated them through the six high school seminaries in Weber County. For the first time ever the Chapter funded a scholarship for each of the six seminaries. The recipients were selected by their respective seminary principals and staff. These scholarships may be used for tuition at a university or to help defray the cost of a mission. Their essays (a life history of an ancestor) will be published over the next few months in future editions of The Ogden

Pioneer Messenger, our monthly chapter newsletter. The recipients, their high schools, and the title of their essays are shown below: L. to R. Aurora Slater - Bonneville High School, "Arthur Slater" - Great Grandfather; Dalton Weston - Fremont High School, "Robert Henderson" - 5th Great Grandfather; Daniel Calder - Ogden High School, "Mary Bennion" - 3rd Great Grandmother; Delaney Whitehead - Weber High School, "Mariah Ann Porter Hardy" - 3rd Great Grandmother; Kamryn Simpson - Roy High School, "Christianna P. Snyder" - 3rd Great Grandmother; Madeline Hughes - Ben Lomond High School, "Thomas Billington Nelson" - 3rd Great Grandfather.

PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah

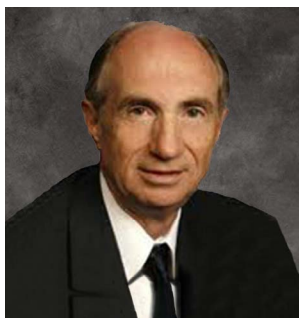


Ronald G. Watt

The Carbon County Area has played an important role in Utah History due to the abundant coal in the region, the railroad, and pre-historic and geological wonders. It is also the home to many famous Utahns, such as Salt Lake Mayor and Utah Governor J. Bracken Lee. We enjoyed a wonderful trek through the Carbon County area on April 30 guided by our own Dr. Ronald G. Watt. Ron was born in a mining camp in Spring Canyon, Utah in a rock house built by Italian masons. He has written several books on Carbon County Including: A History of Carbon County, City of Diversity; A History of Price, Utah; and his

newest book; My Life in Carbon County in the 1950s. Ron was educated first in Carbon County, then at Utah State University (BA and MA) and at University of Minnesota (PhD, in History). He was employed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints History Department in Salt Lake City for 35 years, as a historian, manager of the archives and reference archivist. His passion—besides his family—is writings about Carbon County. Ron also served on the Utah Historical Quarterly Board of Editors as a reader and mentor for over twenty years.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Clark B. Hinckley

The Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter is pleased to invite everyone to our May luncheon meeting. Please [RSVP](#) to ensure enough meals are provided.

Speaker: Clark B. Hinckley is a banker by vocation, serving as a director of Zions First National Bank, and a historian by avocation, with published works that include Christopher Columbus: A Man Among the Gentiles. A former bishop and stake president, he presided over the Spain Barcelona Mission from 2009 to 2012. In 2015 he was called to

preside over the Tijuana Mexico Temple with his wife Kathleen as temple matron.

When: Wednesday, May 11 at Noon.

Location: Thomas S. Monson Center Carriage House, 411 E. South Temple (rear building of the complex).

Cost: \$25 per person.

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SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Troy Johnson

To the casual passerby en route to a weekend of open recreation, the 37 square miles of Tooele Army Depot landscape appears as just another swath of rolling sagebrush hills. However, nearly 50 members of the Settlement Canyon Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers learned that the land is filled with untold stories of pre-historic and historical artifacts. Troy Johnson, cultural resource manager for Tooele Army Depot, informed SUP members in its April 7 meeting that both the north and south areas of Tooele Army Depot are rich with traces of the Fremont Indians who roamed the area between 500 A.D. and 1500 A.D. Over the past 30 years, archeological surveys discovered that the Fremonts hunted, fished, and lived in Tooele and Rush Valleys.

Included in the findings are petroglyphs, campsites, tools, pit houses, and burnt animal bones. Archeological digs documented 200 pit houses on depot property. These are remnants of dwellings that are about 18 inches below ground level and covered with soil. In addition to the pre-historic evidence, archeologists discovered cemeteries from the late 1800s on property adjacent to the former Deseret Chemical Depot, about 25 miles south of Tooele. When the gravesites in one cemetery were initially discovered, nearly all the graves were unidentified. However, over the years with additional federal funding and improved technology, only a handful remain unidentified.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Bill Spence



Church-History-Museum

The Timpanogos Chapter held their monthly chapter dinner meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022. The guest speaker was Bill Spence, Church Service Missionary at the Church History Museum at Temple Square. Brother Spence used a power point program to project pictures of exhibits available at the Church History Museum. The current exhibitions are The Heavens are Opened, the Mormon Trails, Presidents of the Church, Temples Dot the Earth and All are Alike unto God. Brother Spence concentrated his presentation on the Heavens are Opened exhibit. The First

Vision is illustrated through a wonderful movie depicting details using the Primary Accounts of the Vision. Brother Spence showed pictures of many other artifacts in the Heavens are Opened exhibit and reviewed the histories of various artifacts. Interesting historical information was shared about the Kirtland era, the Missouri period and the city of Nauvoo. Brother Spence commented about the work of the Sons of Utah Pioneers to publish a Pioneer Magazine about the museum that is sold in the museum gift shop. A Chapter Trek to the Museum is highly recommended.

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