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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to begin by wishing President Russell M. Nelson a Happy Birthday. He was born September 9, 1924, and is turning 96 years young. It is our great privilege to have a living Prophet who receives continual revelation. I am so grateful for the self-study program which prepared us for this pandemic and for all of the revelatory changes that have occurred and the direction we have received to guide us safely through the COVID-19 emergency. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, President Nelson.

When we think of events occurring in the month of September, our minds turn almost automatically to September 11, 2001 and the worst terrorist attack in our history which took almost 3,000 American lives. We all pray that we will never witness such a tragedy again.

But in a much happier vein I would like to develop a thesis centered on historical events which occurred in the month of September that were not mere coincidences, but were events which laid the foundation for the restoration of the Gospel and its furtherance.

We know that Columbus sailed from Spain in August 1492 and made the effective European discovery of America on October 12, 1492. Other discoveries were, however, necessary as a prelude to the birth of the United States. On September 25, 1513 Vasco Nunez de Balboa first sighted the Pacific Ocean after crossing the Isthmus of Panama. This discovery led to the Spanish discovery of California by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo on September 18, 1542.

On September 8, 1565 the first lasting European settlement in North America was established by Spaniard, Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles, at St. Augustine, Florida. Forty-two years later, in 1607, the British established the first permanent English colony at Jamestown, Virginia. With its almost miraculous survival as an example, the

Mayflower departed from Plymouth, England, sailing to North America with 102 passengers and a small crew on September 16, 1620. These Pilgrims did not come to establish religious freedom as is so often stated, but they came to escape rule under the Church of England and to worship in their own way. They, however, did not prove very tolerant of others worshipping in their own way. Even so, they did come for religious reasons and America was soon seen as a religious haven by many Europeans who were tired of oppression in their homelands.

Eventually, thirteen English colonies were settled but the majority of them had one or another state established,

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state recognized and state taxed religion.

As a prelude to the Declaration of Independence, on September 5, 1774, fifty-six delegates from all colonies but Georgia met in the First Continental Congress at Philadelphia where they drew up a statement of grievances and actions against England and determined to reconvene if their grievances were not addressed. On September 9, 1776 The United States of America came officially into existence when the Second Continental Congress changed the name of the newly forming American nation from the United Colonies to the United States. Of course, independence had to be dearly won from the mother country. That became a reality on September 3, 1783 with the Treaty of Paris signed by John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and John Jay which ended the American Revolutionary War and granted the United States independence.

The new nation was first governed under the Articles of Confederation government which was a loose confederation of states with a central government so weak it could not even meet the interest payments on its war debts. As a result of the Articles' many deficiencies, on September 17, 1787 the Constitutional Convention meeting in Philadelphia unanimously voted to approve the United States Constitution.

In order to fulfill a promise to states reluctant to ratify the Constitution because of a desire to have specific protections of individual rights, the first United States Congress on September 25, 1789 proposed twelve amendments to the Constitution which were sent to the states. The states approved ten of the twelve amendments which became known as the Bill of Rights. It was of almost unfathomable importance that the First Amendment guaranteed freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of the press. This was nearly unheard of throughout much of the world where freedom of religion was not yet even a dream.

These important events, occurring in the month of September over a period of 296 years from Columbus's landing in America to the adoption of the Bill of Rights made possible the eventual restoration of the gospel. Even though freedom of religion was guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, we are well aware that Joseph Smith Jr. and members of the Church suffered much persecution over many years as a result of their religious beliefs and practices.

Of course, it was important that the United State retain its freedom. The War of 1812 pitted the United States against England in what many Americans called the Second War for Independence. During the war British warships attacked Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor.

Attorney Francis Scott Key witnessed by dawn's early light on the morning of September 13, 1814 the Star-Spangled Banner yet waving. The fort was saved and on December 24, 1814 the Treaty of Ghent was signed restoring peace. In 1931 Congress adopted Francis Scott Key's "Star Spangled Banner," as the National Anthem.

Young Joseph Smith had just turned nine years old when the War of 1812 ended. It would be another five plus years until the First Vision. After the First Vision in the spring of 1820, it was more than three years later before Joseph, now seventeen years old, experienced a follow-up visit.

On September 21, 1823, as Joseph lay awake in his bedroom, he began to pray. As he did so, a light appeared and grew brighter, and then he saw an angel standing in the air. The angel identified himself as Moroni and calling Joseph by name told him that God had a work for him to do. He also spoke of gold plates buried in a hill not far away. Those plates contained a record of an ancient people and gave an account of Jesus Christ visiting and teaching them the fullness of the gospel. With the plates were seer stones, or the Urim and Thummim, to aid in translation of the ancient writings.

Joseph was to take care of the plates and show them to no one without being instructed to do so. Moroni left and reappeared giving the same message again, then departed and reappeared for a third time. Moroni also told Joseph to tell his father of the visitations.

The next day, September 22, as they worked in the field, Joseph Sr. noticed that Joseph had stopped working and looked pale. He was told to go home. As Joseph attempted to cross a fence, he collapsed to the ground. As he lay there, he saw Moroni standing above him asking why he had not told his father. Moroni then repeated the message of the previous night.

When Joseph told his father, he replied, "It was a vision from God. Attend to it." Setting out immediately for the hill, he soon located the place where the plates were hidden beneath a boulder. He pried the rock off a stone box and saw the gold plates, seer stones and a breastplate. As he reached for the plates, he felt a shock go through him. He reached twice more and was shocked each time.

Turning, he saw Moroni for the fifth time in two days who told Joseph he needed to purify his heart and strengthen his mind. He was also instructed to return the twenty-second day of September each year until he was prepared for having the plates entrusted to him. On each annual visit, Joseph received further instructions until September 22, 1827 when Joseph did receive the plates. He could now begin the

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translation and initiate the restoration of the gospel.

There was no other place in the world at that time so nearly prepared for publishing the Book of Mormon or preaching the gospel. Freedom of the press and freedom of religion made possible the restoration of the gospel.

Since 1827 there have been other significant events which occurred in the month of September. Following the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith in June of 1844, the Quorum of the Twelve, with Brigham Young as President of the Quorum, stated on September 9, 1845 their intention to move Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Rocky Mountains to establish a refuge for the Saints.

On September 17, 1846 the last remaining Saints were driven from Nauvoo in the Battle of Nauvoo. They soon joined with other Saints preparing for the trek beyond the Rocky Mountains.

After our pioneer ancestors successfully established settlements in Deseret, the Congress of the United States granted territorial status and renamed the Saints kingdom, Utah. On September 9, 1850 Brigham Young was appointed governor of Utah Territory by President Millard Fillmore.

In 1856 a unique immigration plan was implemented in order to hasten the coming of the Saints from far and wide to Utah. The Handcart experiment which began in 1856 ended on September 24, 1860 when the last pioneers to cross the plains by handcart arrived in Salt Lake City. Between 1856 and 1860 ten companies came to Utah by handcart, including the ill-fated Willie and Martin Companies of 1856 which suffered so terribly in early storms in present day Wyoming.

Another landmark September day was September 24, 1890 when Wilford Woodruff issued the Manifesto designed to end polygamy and pave the way for Utah's eventual admission into the Union in 1896. The Manifesto is today, Declaration 1 in the Doctrine and Covenants. Another declaration inscribed in today's Doctrine and Covenants is the Proclamation to the World on the Family that was issued on September 23, 1995.

Few months have been so significant as the month of September has been in preparing the world for the restoration of the Gospel and advancing the gospel to its place of significance in the world today. As we think about it, September seems to have held a special place in God's eternal plan. May we always be thankful for the opportunities opened to the inhabitants of the United States through the sacrifices of many patriots over hundreds of years which made possible the restoration of the gospel and then over time, the taking of the gospel to the world.

On September 16th Brad Clayton will be sworn in as the National President of the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers. You can look forward to Brad's President's Messages beginning October 1. Until then, remain well, enjoy this special month, and be engaged in preserving the precious legacy of our ancestors.

I would be remiss, in closing my final President's Message, if I did not thank the membership of this great organization so much for this singular privilege and honor of serving as your National President for the year 2020. Thanks for your helpful support and encouragement. Brad has earned the same degree of support.



Wayne Hinton  
2020 National President  
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## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAME .....CHAPTER

### NEW ETERNAL MEMBERS

George A Ford .....Ogden Pioneer  
Ed Jewell .....Holladay  
Donald E Stucker ..... Cedar City  
Lt Col Daniel M Wheatley ..... Box Elder

NAME .....CHAPTER

### NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

MacKay Jones ..... Brigham Young  
Scott Kendell ..... Pioneer Heritage-Canyon Rim

### NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS

David Benson ..... Cedar City

# NATIONAL NEWS

## TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM JAMES CRITCHLOW III

### Past National President of the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers

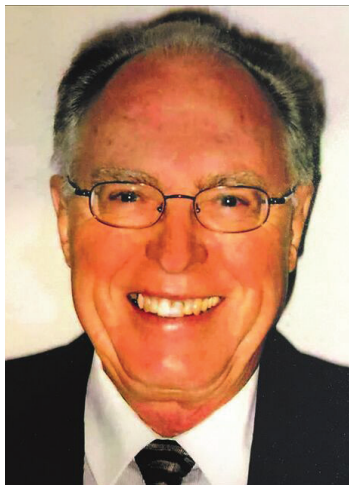
*Tribute by Wayne Hinton, National President*

William J. Critchlow III, passed away on August 3, 2020 at Bountiful, Utah at the age of 90. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Peggy Marie Wood and a son, William James Critchlow IV. He is survived by wife, Raelene Brian Critchlow, six children, and five stepchildren as well as 44 grandchildren and 66 great grandchildren.

William was an outstanding church and community leader. He served as president of the Ogden Pioneer SUP Chapter and was chosen National President of SUP in 1981 and was serving as president when Elder Gordon B. Hinckley dedicated the National Office Building. He was also an active member of the Ogden Rotary Club and a past president of the trust division of the Utah Banker's Association.

Before joining a law partnership in 1965, Bill served as Vice President and Senior Trust Officer at Commercial Security Bank. With a Juris Doctorate degree with honors from George Washington University Bill practiced law from 1965 until his retirement in 2014.

His main hobbies were Western history (his B. A. degree was in history) and gardening. When he was Explorer Scout Advisor, he directed the boys to studying the historic forts of the Ogden area. He solicited funds from the SUP to buy a camera to photograph the sites and to prepare slides for a presentation. Models were then made of the original forts. In 1976 an historical art collection was begun in connection with the United States Bicentennial. Approximately \$60,000 was raised which resulted in the Bicentennial Fine Art Collection housed in the Stewart Library at Weber State University.



Bill also began a project to create the Miles Goodyear State Park in West Ogden. The SUP, the Rotary Club, the Union Pacific Railroad Company and Weber County together with a \$1,000,000.00 appropriation from the Utah State Legislature turned Bill's project into a reality with a recreation of the original Fort Buenaventura with a museum featuring historical displays and artifacts.

In conjunction with Weber State University historian, Dr. Richard Sadler, Bill co-authored a history of Ogden, Bill's home town. He also sponsored the Critchlow Historical Lecture Series at Weber State University. For his many civic accomplishments and contributions to Weber State University Bill was given an honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Weber State University and he was named one of 100 Outstanding Alumni.

His church service included a mission to Sweden, serving as bishop of the Ogden 41st Ward, high priest instructor, high priest group leader, serving in a stake mission presidency, being Explorer leader and a scoutmaster. He and his wife, Raelene Brian Critchlow, also served together to direct the St. George Temple Visitors' Center and Historic Sites beginning in 1999.

We extend our condolences to Raelene, family and friends. Bill will be missed. He was a gentleman, a man of character who loved the gospel, his family, his heritage and our history.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the Pandemic and vendors, caterers, busses and venues not being available, National and the Upper Snake River Valley chapter have decided to postpone the National Encampment until 2021.

# PIONEER Stories

All of you probably have stories of your pioneer ancestors that moved you. **All members of the SUP are encouraged to submit to our database at: [suponline.org/pioneer-stories](http://suponline.org/pioneer-stories).**

## CALIFORNIA STAR "GOLD" NEWS REPORT

By James H. Christensen, SUP Ogden Chapter



The papers were bundled and labeled for major cities through which riders would pass. Nathan Hawk remembered one bundle being addressed to the reading room of the National Library in the City of Washington. They carried single copies to give to travelers they met en route. Perhaps the paper would cause emigrants to choose California instead of Oregon to settle. The men also carried letters for fifty cents each and papers for twelve and a half cents.

Ten men—six battalion men and four non-Mormons—known at the *California Star Express* riders, were hired by Brannan to carry the papers east. Of the ten Star Express riders, only the names of the six Mormons are known: William Hawk, Nathan Hawk, Silas Harris, Richard Slater, Daniel Rawson, and Sanford Jacobs, captain. The Mormons were delighted with the chance to earn money and to have supplies furnished while returning to their families. In addition to the papers and mail carried, each of the Mormon riders took extra supplies, pack mules, and horses. They left San Francisco April 1, 1848. John Sutter noted their arrival upriver: "Work going as usual, a strong southerly Breese. The Dice mi Nana arrived with Mr. Brannan, Mr. Hawk, the express Mail carrier and a few others.

The California Star Express riders were part of two important happenings. First, the papers they carried gave the world its first written news of the gold discovery in California. Second, the mail they carried was the first mail to go overland, from West to East, under private contract.

(*"The Mormon Battalion -Army of the West"* pp 190-191 Norma Baldwin Ricketts, Utah State University Press, Logan, Utah 1996)



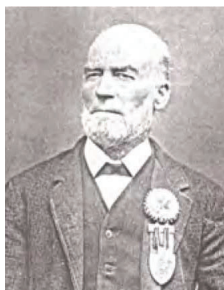
Sam Brannan

The merchants of San Francisco believed the city was not growing fast enough. They asked Sam Brannan to publish a special edition of the California Star extolling the virtues of the city and state. Two thousand copies of the Star were to be carried across the country and would, they hoped, attract colonists to California.

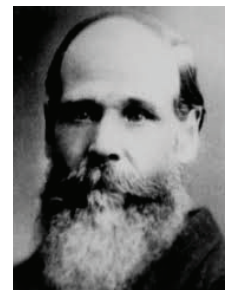
The type for this special edition of the *California Star* was handset, letter by letter, usually only four pages, eighteen by twenty-two inches on an inside page. The paper was ready to print, except for a couple of empty inches on an inside page, when news of the gold discovery in Coloma reached San Francisco. This important historical happening rated only a brief paragraph on the inside page and that without a proper headline, probably for two reasons, First, the magnitude of the gold discovery was not realized by the editor. Even those who knew about finding gold in Coloma didn't realize what a rich find it was. It took another month for the news to affect lives in San Francisco. Second, if he did recognize it, it would have been too tedious to reset the letters by hand.



Silas Harris



Nathan Hawk



Richard Slater



William Slater

# Moriment Trek



## Josiah Stowell Home

*This home may not have SUP affiliation, but is certainly worth the trek.*

“Stowell Mansion” as it is called by local residents, has only changed ownership three times since it was first built. The current owners have been restoring it to its original glory, as volunteer couples have been living in the home to provide tours and maintain the home. The Prophet Joseph spent a great deal of time here during the dawn of the restoration and must have thought of it as a memorable place for when he built his own Nauvoo Mansion House, the floorplan was a near replica to the “Stowell Mansion” of Afton, New York.

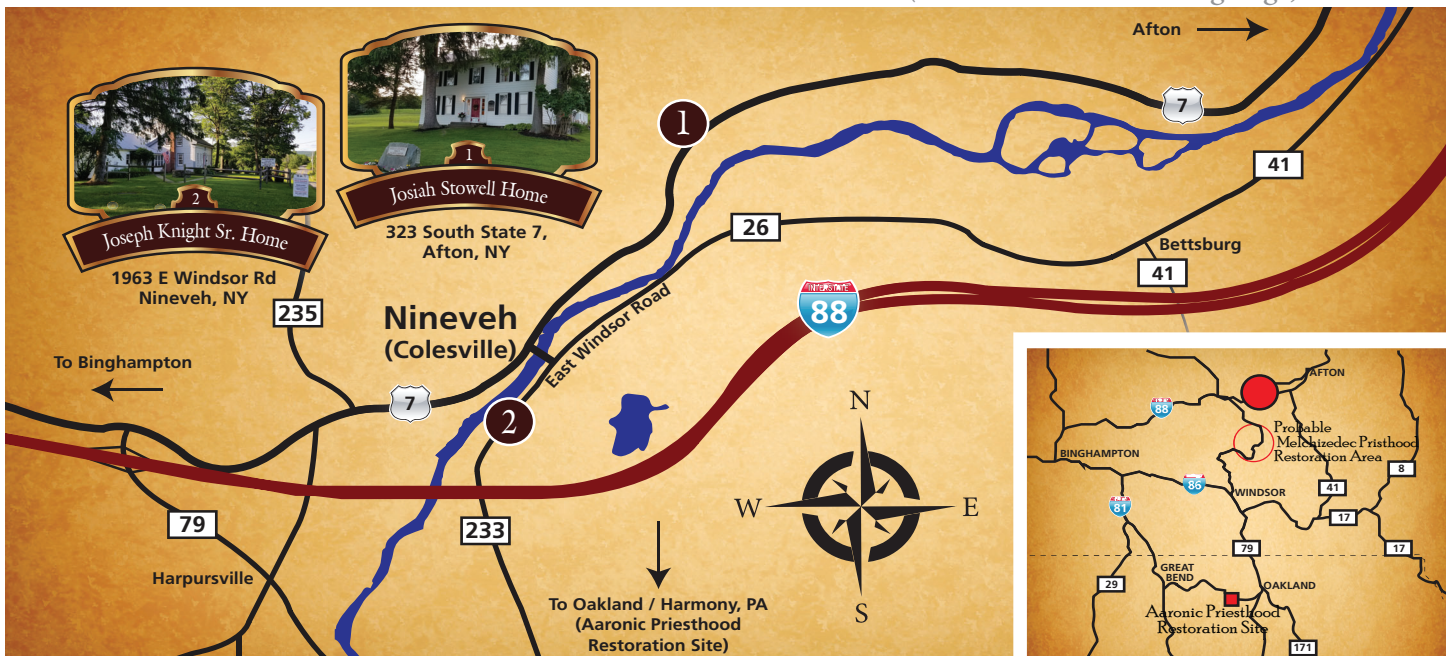


Josiah's role in the restoration began in 1825, while visiting his oldest son, Simpson Stowell, in Manchester, not far from the Hill Cumorah. Josiah heard rumors of a young man's talents in finding buried treasure and soon paid a visit to the Smith home near Palmyra. Josiah believed there was an abandoned mine near his own farm to the south. With looming debts coming due on their own farm; not only Joseph, but also his father Joseph, Sr. and brother Hyrum agreed on what they considered a lofty wage for such work. Through their efforts, Josiah inquired of Joseph's reputation and became less convinced of buried monetary

treasure and more convinced of a recently uncovered spiritual one through the young Prophet's testimony.

Throughout the year, Joseph returned to the area to continue work for not only Stowell, but for Joseph Knight in the neighboring town of Colesville, as well as the Hale family of Harmony, Pennsylvania. The Hale's daughter Emma, many believed, was the main reason for Joseph's return. Emma's father, however, was convinced of many of the rumors about the young man. Josiah, seeing Emma's turmoil, on several occasions testified to her of the Prophet's

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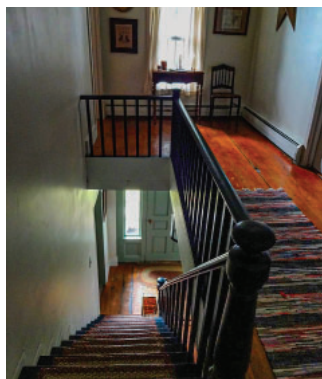




Entry Plaque



Tarbell Mantle



Staircase



Honeymoon Suite

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divine appointment and encouraged her to marry him. Finally, on the night of January 17, 1827; Joseph and Emma appeared at Josiah's home seeking help. Josiah took them into Afton to the home of Squire Tarbell, Justice of the Peace, where they were married with Stowell as a witness. After a lengthy honeymoon at the Stowell home, Joseph and Emma returned to Palmyra. Both Josiah and Joseph Knight Sr. often visited the Smiths and were both present the night the Prophet brought the plates to the Smith home. As the Prophet was passing the heavy load through the window to his mother, a portion of the linen was pulled back and Josiah caught a glimpse of the plates.

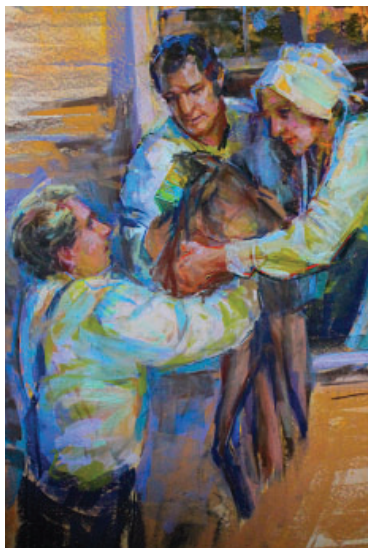
Although Josiah was not divinely called to be a Witness of the plates as those who placed their testimonies in the Book of Mormon, Josiah's own witness served its purpose. Soon after this incident the Prophet was accused on warrant of "being a disorderly person, of setting the country in an uproar by preaching the Book of Mormon, and various other such like charges." Josiah's daughters were called up to testify of Joseph's character in their presence both in public and in private, a tactic that failed miserably for the prosecution. The Prophet wrote of his first trial, "Question: Deacon Stowell, do I understand you as swearing before God, under solemn oath you have taken, that you believe [that Joseph Smith is called by God]?' Answer: 'Do I believe it? Do I believe it! No; it is not a matter of belief. I positively know it to be true.'" Stowell testified that he saw characters written on gold leaves and was even able to tell the court the size, weight, and dimensions of the plates. (*Church History and Modern Revelation, Vol. 1, P. 108-109*)

As Joseph was preparing to secure publication for the Book of Mormon, Stowell managed to sell a portion of his

farm and donate several hundred dollars to contribute to the book's publication. Josiah also attended the organization of the Church on April 6, 1830 at the Whitmer home in Fayette and was baptized immediately following.

Josiah served as a faithful member of the Colesville Branch until it relocated to Kirtland, Ohio. Josiah, then being in his sixties, was not strong enough to make the exodus with the Church. In 1835 he managed to relocate to Smithboro, New York where he ran a small farm and mill. He remained there until his death on May 12, 1844.

Shortly before Josiah's death, a letter was sent to Joseph written by Martha Crosby, his caretaker.



*"Josiah Stowell and the Plates"*  
by Julie Rogers  
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"Brother Smith, by the request of Brother Stowell I now set down to write to you. He is quite unwell & is sometimes fear-full that he cannot stand it through the winter & wishes me to say to you that he wants your prayers & the prayers of all the Saints for the recovery of his health to in able him to gather among the Saints & he also wishes to know if you could receive him as a brother. ... He says he never staggered at the foundation of the work for he knew too much concerning it. If I understood him right he was the first person that took the Plates out of your hands the morning you brought them in & observed 'blessed is he that seeth & believeth & more blessed is he that believeth without seeing' & says he has seen & believed. He

seems anxious to get there [Nauvoo] to renew his covenant with the Lord . . . He gave me stricture to say to you his faith is good concerning the work of the Lord he has ever manifested good feelings toward you & your father's family & also the Church."

When word reached the current home's owners that Judge Tarbell's historic home was being demolished, they managed to salvage the fireplace mantle, in front of which the Judge often performed matrimonial ceremonies. The piece is now mounted in the parlor of the Stowell home.

# CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee

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

1. Write up a one- to three-paragraph article in MS Word (or as the text of an email)
2. Attach 1 or 2 quality photographs as jpgs to your email (Do not include them in the body of the document)
3. In the email subject line just put your "Chapter name" (nothing more)
4. Email to: [rolandleefamily@gmail.com](mailto:rolandleefamily@gmail.com)
5. News must be received by the 25th of each month

**We cannot use PDF files** nor can we extract and re-write information from your own chapter newsletters. Please have your secretaries/publicity chairmen provide the information we need in the manner requested above. Thank you.

**Note: Most of the chapters have cancelled their chapter meetings due to the Coronavirus situation. Some have reported on other events and service projects, while some have been meeting via "Zoom" technology.**

## CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



*Rick and Lori Perry*

The Cedar City Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers held its first virtual meeting on August 10. Rick and Lori Perry gave an on-line presentation to the membership as our first Virtual Potluck luncheon. Members were able to enjoy a lunch of their choice at home while they participated in the meeting via conference call or video conferencing. The chapter will continue to promote these kinds of activities until we can meet together again once the coronavirus pandemic is behind us.

The Perry's recently served a humanitarian mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Durban, South Africa. Since it was a humanitarian mission, their focus was on poor and needy South Africans that were not members of the church. They explained that the church carries on many projects large and small around the world to help relieve suffering and develop the principles of self-reliance among the most poor and needy people of the earth. During their mission they worked on 28 separate projects that ranged from helping the people improve community food gardens, providing school kitchens and more sanitary toilet facilities, to helping the women learn to sew their own sanitary kits.

By applying the principles of self-reliance these projects become sustainable improvements to the temporal conditions of the people and foster greater self-esteem and confidence in working to make their lives better.





# CHAPTER NEWS

## OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah

During these times of self-isolation, wearing of masks, washing hands, self-distancing, etc. we have no opportunity to have Chapter Treks. We have been encouraged by our National SUP Leadership to do "Personal or Family Treks". Here is a Trek, as related by Douglas Williams of our chapter, that he and a friend took in the month of July.

In July of this year a friend and I took a short trip to explore some of the pioneer trail in Wyoming. Just beyond the South Pass, near Pacific Spring is the grave of Charlotte Dansie. She had given birth to a child, but the child did not survive. Charlotte had been ill and died within minutes of the birth and death of the child. The two of them were buried just off the trail on September 21, 1862, along with Caroline Myers who had, also, just passed away. Charlotte's husband put a strand of blue beads around Charlotte's neck before she was buried.

In 1939 some family members, attempting to find the grave, found a shepherd camped nearby. In his possession was a string of blue beads that he had found at an old grave site. The



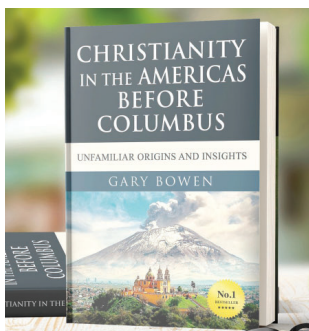
Gravesite of Charlotte Dansie, Baby Joseph Dansie, & Caroline Myers

family, knowing of the "string of blue beads story" asked the shepherd where he found them. He showed them where it was and they identified it as the grave of Charlotte, the baby (Joseph), and Caroline Myers. They were covered by the lid of a large trunk, its brass hinges stamped with images of the British lion. The family now has a deed to the property where the grave site was located. They have erected a permanent monument to the three pioneers that were buried at that location.

## SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



Gary Bowen



All are invited to the September 9 Zoom Meeting featuring Gary Bowen, author of *Christianity In the Americas Before Columbus, Unfamiliar Origins and Insights*, will be our guest speaker.

Gary Bowen earned degrees in Economics and an MBA from the University of Utah. His career began in egg marketing, when hired by Jon M. Huntsman Sr. His experiences included agricultural wholesale marketing and financial consulting. He was a Utah State Division Director and a Securities Examiner.

Gary's studies began in 1962-64 as a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Missionary to West Mexico, where he learned Spanish and Mexican culture. In 1964, he married Herlinda Briones-Vega,

who introduced him to Mexico's hidden history. Reading Spanish history books, having coincidental meetings over decades with a member of Mexico's Congress and Mexican Jesuit Priests, Gary came to know a history of Mexico that other than Herlinda and Mexican Catholic Priests is largely unknown. Gary likens his historical research to the idealistic dreams of Don Quixote of La Mancha for a better world.

Gary and Herlinda are parents of 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and one g-grandchild. In 2017, Gary was elected to the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council, which keeps him very involved in community activities in Salt Lake County, Utah.

**OTHER NEWS**--The Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter in coordination with the Salt Lake Parks and Recreation Department will be mounting a plaque in Pioneer Park to commemorate Pioneer Square - the site of the "Old Fort." The monument that housed the original plaque is located on the North East side of the park facing east. The original plaque was stolen years ago, so it is wonderful to be a part of restoring this plaque to its home in the park. Thanks to Stewart Radmall, SUP National Monuments Director, for driving this effort to completion.

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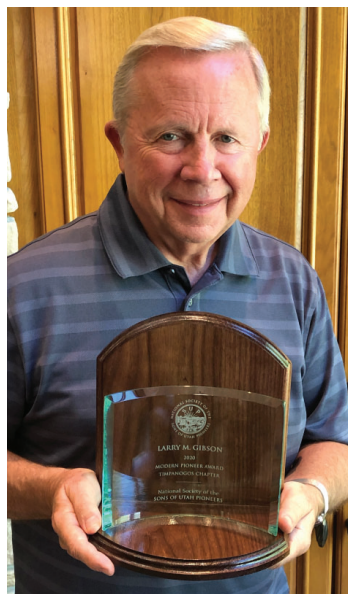
## TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah

### MODERN DAY PIONEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

August 13, 2020. The Timpanogos Chapter officers are pleased to announce that two of our chapter members are receiving 2020 Modern Day Pioneer Awards. They are Ann Wagstaff and Larry Gibson, both of which have done incredible jobs serving the Timpanogos Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, but also have excelled in so many other organizations and ways. Each have made huge impacts for the good in various endeavors to which they have belonged and both have made possible a much better world because of their devotion and efforts to make a better more productive world for us to live. We congratulate Ann and Larry for their contributions to not only the Timpanogos Chapter, SUP, but also for their meaningful and productive lives in serving others!



*Ann Wagstaff*



*Larry Gibson*

### TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER SUP TREK TO THE TILLACK FAMILY HEADSTONES

During this 2020 Pandemic time, the Timpanogos Chapter continues to perform historic service projects. One of the Chapter Service Projects is the placement of three headstones on Tillack Family Graves that have been unmarked for 130 years. Chapter members are invited to go on a personal Trek to the American Fork City Cemetery to see the three headstones and review the Tillack Family History.

The Timpanogos Chapter became aware of this service project through the family research of chapter member, Allen Christensen. Allen is related to Stephen Davis Chipman who served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Australia in 1888-90. Elder Chipman and others taught and baptized a Tillack Family consisting of parents and nine children. The Tillack Family immigrated to Utah in 1890 as Elder Chipman returned home to American Fork. They came to live in American Fork, Utah for about 15 years. During these years three of the family died from tuberculosis, diphtheria and dropsy. They were buried near their missionary friend's family. The Tillack family eventually moved to Alberta Canada area.



## UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho

“Chicken and Corn” Fest. In the Spirit of Social Distancing and Protective Masks, the Upper Snake River Valley Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers will gather for a Social Evening at Smith Park, East Pavilion, Thursday, September 3 at 6:30pm.

Everything will be provided. Strict guidelines will be followed for a healthy gathering. Your main duty will be to enjoy the evening with friends. A few couples will be asked to share their story of how they met—only truthful versions accepted!

## LEGACY SOCIETY

The National Board, at their final meeting of the year on December 13, 2016, gave final approval by unanimous vote for the creation of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Legacy Society. The Legacy Society of the SUP is a planned giving recognition Society for members and friends who intend to make a bequest from their estate, trust or will to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Upon the donor's passing and fulfillment of the bequest the SUP agrees to use it according to the wishes of the donor or as needed by the SUP. By creation of the Legacy Society the SUP provides the process by which such bequests can be made. The form defining this new option is provided here for your information and consideration.



### The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

#### *Statement of Pledged Bequest for*

\_\_\_\_\_, Donor

#### *Benefitting The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_, Donor

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This form confirms my expressed intent to make a bequest from my estate to augment *The Legacy Fund* for The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. I recognize that by signing this statement of pledged bequest I have qualified to be a member in the *Sons of Utah Pioneers Legacy Society*, which is the planned giving recognition Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The following are the specific terms of my bequest arrangement as they stand to date:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Donor) Bequest Commitment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ( approximate value)

or \_\_\_\_\_ % of his estate

- Upon fulfillment of the bequest, the Sons of Utah Pioneers agrees to utilize the gift to augment *The Legacy Fund* for the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.
- The SUP agrees to use the Legacy Fund in facility maintenance and improvement, student scholarships, monument construction and maintenance, publications, or other SUP approved projects and programs.

#### LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENTS

Should the bequest be made at or above the minimum endowment level of \$25,000 the donor may choose to establish The (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ SUP Legacy Endowment.

**LEGACY SOCIETY CONTINUED...**

- In support of the SUP's greatest needs the SUP agrees to make annual distributions either from the interest generated from the endowment or until the fund is exhausted.
- The SUP agrees to use the name of this endowment when reasonably possible in facility maintenance or improvement, student scholarships, monument construction and maintenance, publications or other SUP approved projects or programs.
- Good faith effort will be made to clear any press releases with each other (Donor and SUP) prior to any such media releases.
- The SUP is hereby authorized to comingle this gift, and any additions thereto, with the consolidated Investment funds of the SUP, provided that this fund be credited with its pro-rata share of net investment income in the same manner as other consolidated funds are credited with income.
- Should inadequate investment returns from the endowment fund necessitate invasion of the corpus of the fund, the SUP reserves the right to do so.
- If, as a result of changed conditions in the future, the income from this endowment shall not be needed for the purposes set forth above, then the SUP is authorized to use the endowment for such purposes as similar as possible to the original intent and which will serve to honor, in an appropriate way, the generosity of the donor.
- Should any of the above be violated by either party, or should it be mutually deemed appropriate, the name of the endowment fund may be changed.

**JOIINT UNDERSTANDING**

While it is the SUP expectations and the donor's intention that this pledged bequest be fulfilled, should unforeseen circumstances require cancellation or modification of these terms, the donor may do so in writing to the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

**SIGNED:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Donor**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledged:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**President, The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

**ACKNOWLEDGED:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Corporate Secretary**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

*The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers  
3301 East 2920 South Louise Avenue  
Salt Lake City, UT 84109*

## ***Do Something Monumental!***



Universities and non-profits across the country develop a sound financial footing through the generous donations of their friends. One of the most special ways to do something monumental is through the gift of life insurance. Extra, unneeded life insurance can be donated. Alternatively, a new policy can be started, allowing a person to make a modest monthly donation to pay the premium and, in return, getting themselves a charitable deduction while insuring the Sons of Utah Pioneers of a generous donation that was multiplied many times.

Life insurance donations are just one way to do something monumental. Below, is a larger list. Let us know which you would like to learn about. Please consider each of these ways:

- Life insurance donations (existing)
- Annuity donations (new or existing)
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Donations of appreciated stock or other assets
- IRA donations
- Something else you would like to consider: \_\_\_\_\_

To find out how you can do something monumental, please return this form to SUP headquarters, or contact our charitable giving specialist, Steve Kruman, at (800) 992-2778 or (435) 463-2778.



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### **IRA Charitable Rollovers Are Extended Permanently**

Support the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in a simple and highly efficient manner!

If you have reached age 70 ½, you can roll up to \$ 100,000 from your IRA to the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

- ✓ To qualify, the transfer must go directly from your IRA to the SUP
- ✓ Gifts made from your IRA (up to the \$100,00 annual calendar year limit) are not reportable as taxable income
- ✓ The gift cannot be used for any income producing Planned Gifts
- ✓ The gift will qualify toward your Required Minimum Distribution Obligation

Contact our Planned Giving Specialist, Steve Kruman, today at (800) 992-2778, or email [wiseradvisor@reagan.com](mailto:wiseradvisor@reagan.com) to learn more!



## The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

# National **CHAPTER EXCELLENCE** Awards

**Report Form for 2020 Year Due February 16, 2021**

**Complete All Criteria Listed before December 31, 2020 and Check Boxes Upon Completion**

### 1. PIONEER VALUES EXCELLENCE

- Recognize one (or more) Modern Pioneers from the local community each year.
- Recognize Tomorrow's Pioneers (Youth) through **ALL** of the following activities:
  - Frontier Life Essays written by youth at local schools
  - Pioneer Biographies written by youth at local schools
  - Pioneer Values Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors at local high schools.

### 2. STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

- Chapter Executive Council will attend Chapter Presidents Council, February 2020.
- Chapter Board Members and Chapter Executive Council will be represented at the 2020 Fall Training in October or November.
- Accomplish a "NET" increase in National membership, including Family and Friends, over the previous calendar year.  
("NET" means paid memberships not including deaths, move-aways, missionaries, and other valid reasons to drop away)
- Hold eight or more Chapter Meetings and eight or more Chapter Board Meetings during the year.  
OR (may **not** conflict with National Events)
- During Pandemic months Chapter Board will maintain monthly contact with Chapter Members.**
- Chapter Members participate in one or more Treks annually. (may include National Events)  
OR **During Pandemic months 50% of Chapter Members belong to SUP Online.**

### 3. COMMUNICATION EXCELLENCE

- Publish a chapter newsletter 4 (or more) times each year. **During Pandemic months publish a chapter newsletter every month.**
- Submit details and pictures from chapter events to the Trail Marker 4 (or more) times each year.
- Submit at least 1 article about the Sons Utah Pioneers, Chapter or National, to local or nearby news media for publication. The submission does NOT need to be published to qualify.
- Chapter or chapter members gave \_\_\_\_\_ Pioneer Magazine Gift Subscriptions during the year. The goal based on chapter membership is \_\_\_\_\_. (See scale)

**Gift Subscription Scale:**

1-9 Members	1 Gift Subscription	60-69 Members	7 Gift Subscriptions
10-19 Members	2 Gift Subscriptions	70-79 Members	8 Gift Subscriptions
20-29 Members	3 Gift Subscriptions	80-89 Members	9 Gift Subscriptions
30-39 Members	4 Gift Subscriptions	90-99 Members	10 Gift Subscriptions
40-49 Members	5 Gift Subscriptions	100+ Members	12 Gift Subscriptions
50-59 Members	6 Gift Subscriptions		

### 4. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE

- Chapters will accomplish at least **ONE** of the following criteria:
  - Establish one approved new monument or historical marker, or major reconstruction of an existing monument.
  - Clean, repair or improve two existing monuments or markers. **Or create historical information for the public.**
  - Maintain or restore one Pioneer-era structure that is available for public view.
  - Organize Members to accomplish a specific project in SUP Library in cooperation with Library Directors.
  - Other Historical Preservation Projects with written permission from the National Executive Council.

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Signed By \_\_\_\_\_

Revised: March 2020

**2020 Chapter President**

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## The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers National **CHAPTER RECOGNITION** Awards

Report Form for **2020** Year Due February 16, 2021

Complete Each Category According to Instructions before December 31, 2020 and Check Boxes Upon Completion

### 1. PIONEER VALUES RECOGNITION

Chapters will accomplish **ONE** of the following criteria:

- Recognize one (or more) Modern Pioneers from the local community each year.
- Recognize Tomorrow's Pioneers (Youth) through **ONE** (or more) of the following activities:
  - Frontier Life Essays written by youth at local schools
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  - Pioneer Values Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors at local high schools.

### 2. STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION

Chapters will accomplish **BOTH** of the following criteria:

- Chapter Executive Council will attend Chapter Presidents Council February, 2020.
- Chapter Board Members and Chapter Executive Council is represented at the 2020 Fall Training in October or November.

Chapters will accomplish **TWO** of the following criteria:

- Accomplish a "NET" increase in National membership, including Family and Friends, over the previous calendar year.  
(“NET” means paid memberships not including deaths, move-aways, missionaries, and other valid reasons to drop away)
- Hold eight or more chapter meetings and eight or more Chapter Board meetings during the year.  
**OR** (may include National Events, and may not conflict with National Events)

- **During Pandemic months Chapter Board will maintain monthly contact with Chapter Members.**
- Chapter Members participate in one or more Chapter Treks annually. (may include National Events)
- **During Pandemic months Members participate in personal Treks.**

### 3. COMMUNICATION RECOGNITION

Chapters will accomplish any **THREE** of the following criteria:

- Publish a chapter newsletter 4 (or more) times each year. **In Pandemic months publish chapter newsletter every month.**
- Submit details and pictures from chapter events to the Trail Marker 4 (or more) times each year.
- Submit at least 1 article about the Sons Utah Pioneers, Chapter or National, to local or nearby news media for publication.  
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Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Signed By \_\_\_\_\_



# National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

3301 East Louise Ave, SLC Utah 84109

## NATIONAL HERITAGE SUSTAINING MEMBER



### AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

I authorize and request NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS to initiate debit entries to my account, by and through AUTOMATED PAYMENT SYSTEMS, hereinafter called APS, and to debit the same to such account as indicated below at the depository financial institution indicated below. This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until APS has received written notification from me of it's termination in such time and manner as to afford APS and depository financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_, Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank / Credit Card Account Owner if different from Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank or Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank or Institution City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Type:             Checking                       Savings                       Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, AMEX)

Bank Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Account / Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_, Credit Card Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank / Credit Card Account Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

Payment Amount:     \$25.00             \$50.00             \$75.00             \$100.00            Other Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Payment will be Monthly unless otherwise indicated here: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH VOIDED CHECK / CREDIT CARD IMPRINT  
HERE**