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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Mission of the Sons of Utah Pioneers includes the charge to Preserve the memory and heritage of the early pioneers of the Utah Territory and the western U.S.

Lately I have been particularly thankful for the amazing work that our organization is doing to preserve records that keep the histories of our pioneer ancestors alive.

We have an amazing library of books at the national headquarters with family histories that are accessible to each one of us to learn more about our ancestors. These histories are currently being digitized to provide easier access to records that we care about. Please consider submitting your family and personal histories to the library. Let us bring our histories out of our home storage closets and into a location where they can be read and enjoyed for generations to come.

We are also blessed with access to and ownership of one of the oldest magazines in the state of Utah. The *Pioneer* magazine is the official magazine of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and has been in publication for 89 years. I regularly receive positive comments about the content and design of the magazine. Please take advantage of this wonderful magazine that has something for everyone. I love to read Pioneer magazine articles and also to see history through the beautiful photos and illustrations.

I want to recognize those who work so hard to preserve our history.

National Library staff: Bruce Stewart - Librarian; John Smith, Diane Smith - Volunteers

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Val Parrish | 2025 National President

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APR 19

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CLEAN-UP DAY

DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED OUT CLOSER TO THE DAY. Everyone is invited to help. Please RSVP your participation to supnatloffice@gmail.com for your complementary lunch.

APR 26

NATIONAL HISTORICAL SYMPOSIUM

CANYON RIM STAKE CENTER - 3051 S. 2900 E., SALT LAKE CITY

1pm: "Influence of the Tabernacle Choir Around the World" | Ronald C. Gunnell - Tabernacle Choir Envoy

2pm: "Our Tabernacle Choir Experience Over Many Years" | Doug & Jill Furness

3pm: "My and my Mother's Experiences as LDS Songwriters" | Lynne Perry Christofferson

4pm: "Working Together as an LDS Songwriter and Lyricist" | Vanja Y. Watkins & Marvin K. Gardner

SUP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS - DINNER MEETING & KEYNOTE SPEAKER

6:15pm: "Early and Forgotten Hymns That Shaped the Restoration" | John Bringhurst

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JULY 21

SUPER DUPER DAY AT THIS IS THE PLACE PARK

JULY 24

DAYS OF '47 SUNRISE SERVICE

JULY 24

DAYS OF '47 PARADE

SEP 18-20

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT - OGDEN

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NATIONAL BOARD / CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

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NATIONAL NEWS

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT PASSES



Roger C. Flick passed away on February 22, 2025, at the age of 85. Roger served as president of the Squaw Peak chapter of the SUP and as president of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in 2009. He was a champion of the SUP library for several years after his term on the executive council was completed in 2010. He added a large number of historical books and other materials to the library during his time there and helped bring the library into the computer age.

Born and raised in southern California, Roger was a talented musician and singer, performing on the trumpet with several bands. He was also a member of his track team in high school. He served his mission in the West Central States. After his mission, Roger attended BYU where he met his future wife, Susan (Sue) Hales. They married and became the parents of five children.

Roger's interests covered many subjects, including math and physics, but he became most seriously interested in genealogy, family history, and the library sciences, subjects he eventually taught at BYU. Roger also became an avid racquetball player and was made a member of the World Senior Games Hall of Fame. In later years he helped get pickleball going in the Orem area.

In the September 2009 Trail Marker, Roger wrote, *"Each of you is an important link to your grandparents who may have related pioneer stories to you. You are also an important link to your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Think of that for a moment. You, your parents, and your grandparents – that's 3 generations. Then your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren – that's 3 more generations. You are the living link in a six- generation relationship, thus connecting the past to the present and the future."*

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BRIEF HISTORY OF
THE SUP**





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PIONEER STORIES

PORTER ROCKWELL'S LOST BIOGRAPHY

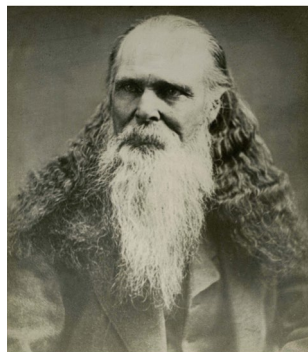
ELIZABETH D. E. ROUNDY TO SPENCER CLAWSON, PRESIDENT, SEMI CENTENNIAL JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Porter Rockwell never learned to read or write, making a journal of his incredible life story impossible. Many would agree he stands today as one of the most celebrated lawman and conversely outlaw of the Old West. Historians debate if all of his actions were justified by law or if he was a cold blooded murderer. However, in the senior of his life, he did sit down with Elizabeth D. Roundy to dictate a life history, the only known time he had ever done so. Although Roundy's manuscript has never surfaced, she did at one time write to President Spencer Clawson, President of the Semi Centennial Jubilee Committee, a glimpse into the true life of the Destroying Angel, the letter is as follows:

Orrin Porter Rockwell was a pioneer from the day that Joseph received his first vision or visitation by holy beings; from his own statement made to me in 1875 when he came to me to write the history of his life. He stated that Joseph Smith's father and mother used to come to his father's house and tell his parents of the wonderful things that were being revealed to their son Joseph. He said he used to watch for their coming and plead with his mother to let him stay up to keep the pine torch burning as that was the only means they used to illuminate their dwelling. When they spoke of getting means to print the Book of Mormon Porter determined to help, and as he had no other way he went after his day's work was done and picked berries by moonlight and in the early morning and sold the berries and gave Joseph the money to help with the printing. He also gathered wood [and] hauled it to town and sold it and used the means for the same purpose. No man loved Joseph the Prophet more than O. P. Rockwell. He was not one having the advantage of education but his heart was devoted to the cause of truth. He would not have hesitated to have given his life for Joseph at any time. He accompanied Joseph with others when he went to Washington to ask for redress of President Van Buren; also went with Joseph and Hyrum when they started to come West. He was sent by Joseph to his wife Emma with a message and through that some brethren went with him to see the prophet and patriarch and persuaded them to return, which he always spoke of with regret and manifestations of grief.



Elizabeth D. Roundy



Orrin Porter Rockwell

Brother Rockwell was fearless and daring to the extreme in trying to mix with the mobocrats and find out their plans and thus try to frustrate their plans and protect the people.

He was chosen to come with the first company of pioneers and by the historic records account, he must have done much and served his brethren faithfully as hunter, scout, and messenger and when Indians stole their horses Porter Rockwell was one selected with others to go after them. On May 6 twenty days after they were on their journey President Brigham Young lost his spy or field glasses; they searched diligently but could not find them. The next day Porter went back six miles and found them and restored them to President Young.

Orrin P. Rockwell was selected one of the 42 men of Brother Orson Pratt's advance guard and was sent back occasionally to report to the brethren the progress they had made and the new route had been found. Some years after, he was in California and met there the widow and daughters of Don Carlos Smith the brother of the prophet Joseph.

When he saw her she was just recovering from typhoid fever in consequence of it her hair had all fallen off. Porter wore his hair long, as he said the prophet told him that if he wore his hair long his enemies should not overpower him neither should he be overcome by evil. He had no gold dust or money to give Sister Smith so he had his hair cut to make her a wig and from that time he said that he could not control the desire for strong drink nor the habit of swearing. This was his own statement to one and I have no doubt but it was true. President Young speaking in the Farmington Meeting House, in speaking about mining and referred his hearers to O. P. Rockwell and said Pres. Young [of] brother Porter Rockwell 'I have never known [him] to lie.'

Orrin P. Rockwell died in Salt Lake 9 June, 1878 after spending over forty years with this people and being a pioneer from the first having done a good work and let us hope is reward will be as he used to say when he thought anything good, 'all wheat.'

Mormon Biography File, Church Archives, Salt Lake City

Monument Trek

Mountain Dell



DO YOU HAVE MEMORIES AT MOUNTAIN DELL?

SUP #110.1 | GPS: N40 46 41.58, W111 41 20.47 elevation 5927 feet (40.7782167, -111.6890194)

A little early Spring trek up Highway 65 from Salt Lake City, Utah is Mountain Dell, Utah. In the parking lot at the campsite entrance, you will find the SUP Monument "Memories at Mountain Dell", SUP site number 110.1.

This monument memorializes the trail of the pioneers down from the summit of Big Mountain where they first glimpsed the Great Salt Lake Valley. You will be able to see the natural gorge, which rests south of Big Mountain and the northwest slopes of Little Mountain from this monument's location. The location was known as "Big Canyon Creek" or "Hanks" and was named "Mountain Dell" by Ephriam Hanks.

As one of the handcart companies approached the bottom of Big Mountain, food and supplies were low. As they approached the Pony Express Station, Isabelle Siddoway, an eleven-year-old girl in the company, asked the station keeper if she could have a potato growing in the ground. Isabelle said it was the most delicious thing she had ever eaten.

Francis Armstrong purchased the property at Mountain Dell in 1870 and gave it to his wife, Isabelle Siddoway Armstrong. Mountain Dell was used as a summer farm by the Armstrong family. In 1882 Francis built a stone farmhouse; the farmhouse stood until July 1999 when it was torn down.

Francis kept two racehorses, Chief and Scout. He also raised peacocks at the farm. Francis loved to race the train down Parley's Canyon on one of his horses. He would jump the track just in front of the train. As the train went by, the conductor would shake his fist at Francis.

One day the conductor appeared at a meeting in the Mayor's Office, complaining of some fool who was always trying to race the train down Parley's Canyon. After listening to the man's complaint, Mayor Armstrong spoke up and said, "Well, sir, I am that fool. I have enough confidence in myself and my horse to know that I am in no danger."

The monument was placed by the Mills Chapter in 2002. The monument stands alongside a Utah Historic Trails Consortium monument, "A Hard Day's Ride".



THE 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:

1. Write-up should be one-paragraph (Less than 250 words) in MS Word or send as the text of an email. NO pdf files.
2. Attach 1 quality jpeg photograph to your email
3. Email to: rolandleefamily@gmail.com
4. News must be received by the 25th of each month

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAMECHAPTER

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Brent Butler Lehi
 Brent Eggleston Lehi
 Norman D Fobert Squaw Peak
 Val Hill Sanpete County
 Stephen Morris Taylorsville Bennion
 Douglas Thompson Boulder Dam Chapter

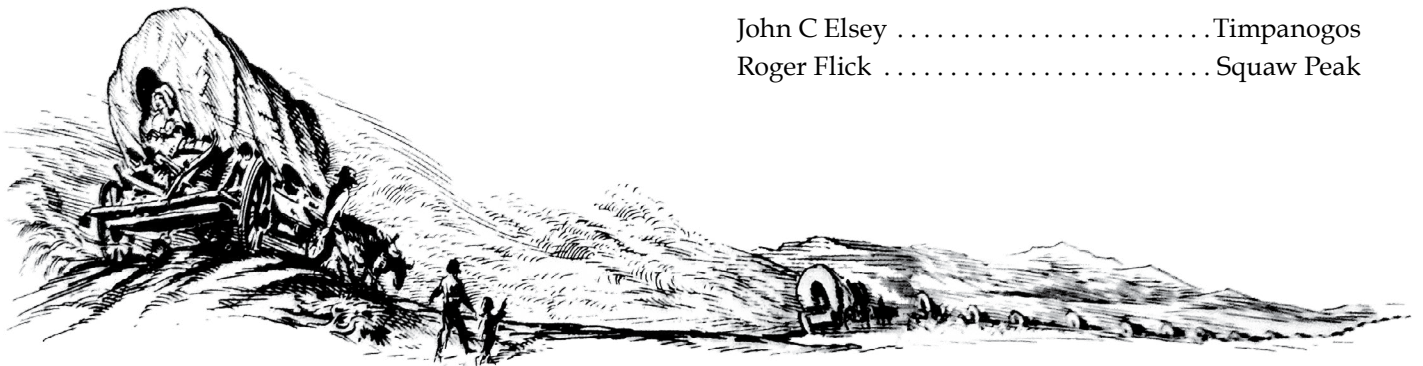
NAMECHAPTER

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Donald Baird Red Rock
 Milt Davies Cedar City
 Kirk Forbush Sevier Valley
 Doyle Grimmatt Grove City
 Glen F Heaton Red Rock
 William D Murdy Sevier Valley
 Rudi Petersen Pioneer Heritage-Canyon Rim
 Daniel Selin Sevier Valley

CHAPTER ETERNAL MEMBERS

John C Elsey Timpanogos
 Roger Flick Squaw Peak



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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Meadview

For the month of March, the Boulder Dam SUP Chapter ventured into the Mojave Desert of Northern Arizona to visit Pearce Ferry on the banks of the Colorado River. Pearce Ferry operated from 1876 to 1930. It was established by Harrison Pearce under the direction of Brigham Young. The church was looking to expand into Arizona and New Mexico. This ferry aided in the safe crossing of the river for settlers. Although not successful financially, it operated until the waters of Lake Mead covered the sight. As the waters of the lake have receded, the sight

has reemerged. In getting to Pearce Ferry, we passed through the communities of Dolan Springs and Meadview. Originally designed to be retirement communities, today both Dolan Springs and Meadview are popular locations for retirees as well as a vacation spot for Colorado River enthusiasts. It is amazing that in the arid land of the Mojave Desert you find not only two thriving and growing communities, but a large orchard where pistachio nuts are grown.

We are always learning on our SUP treks.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo, Utah



Reid Neilson

The speaker at our March meeting was Dr. Reid L. Neilson. He has had a wide variety of positions teaching and working in various administrative capacities dealing with the L.D.S. Church historical records. He is presently the assistant academic president for religious scholarly publications. In this role, he oversees three organizations on campus: the Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, the Religious Studies Center, and BYU Studies. Dr. Neilson holds a bachelor's degree in international relations and two master's degrees in business management and American history from BYU. He earned a doctorate in religious studies (American religions) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and later completed the Harvard Business School's General Management Program. He has also authored

and edited more than thirty books, including the award-winning *Restless Pilgrim: Andrew Jenson's Quest for Latter-day Saint History* (co-authored with Scott D. Marianno, 2022). Based on his research, Dr. Neilson provided a brief overview of Jenson's long life and career. His account followed Jenson from his arrival as a Danish immigrant to 1860s Utah, through his trips around the world to secure documents from far-flung missions, and on to his public life as a newspaper columnist and interpreter of LDS history. Throughout his life, Jenson was dedicated to the belief that recorded history unites past and present Latter-day Saints in heaven and on earth—for all eternity. During the last portion of Neilson's presentation members of the audience were allowed to ask him specific questions about Andrew Jenson.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



House Rock Valley Arizona

The activity of the Cedar City Chapter in March was a trek to House Rock Valley. The House Rock Valley Road is a dirt and gravel road that runs for about 30 miles between Hwy 89 and Hwy 89A in northern Arizona and runs west of the Colorado River and south of the Vermillion Cliffs National Monument. Sections of the road follow the historic Honeymoon Trail which was used by early members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints living in the Arizona colonies along the Little Colorado River to travel to the temple in St. George to be married. The trail was quite active in

the spring and fall when the weather was cooler and time working on the farm was less critical. Water to replenish supplies while traveling in this arid area of the country was hard to find, but one spot along the trail had a reliable source where everyone who traversed this part of the country would stop to replenish their supplies and to camp. It is also used as a campsite today for travelers visiting Paria Plateau, Vermillion Cliffs and Marble Canyon. Not too far away is Lee's Ferry where the pioneers would cross the Colorado River.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Kent and Meg Broadbent

Our presenter for the evening was Kent Broadbent. He and his wife Meg are from Centerville. Kent and his wife served a three-year mission in Palmyra New York where Kent served as First Counselor in the Palmyra Temple Presidency. They served several other missions including Church Archives, Oakland Temple Visitor Center, and the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. While serving in Palmyra, Kent gained a great appreciation for the important events of Church history that took place in the New York area. He shared with us the Smith's years in Vermont during 1791 to 1817 before they moved to the New York area. This was an interesting period of time which is much less familiar to church members than the Palmyra era that followed. Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith lived in ten different locations during that twenty-year period in Vermont. They were married in 1796 and were given a farm and a house. However, farming was very hard during that time so Father Smith

tried his hand running a merchant store but that did not work out. During a period of time in Vermont, Lucy had consumption and was afraid she was going to die. She made a covenant with the Lord that she would serve Him to the best of her abilities. She got baptized in 1803 without being affiliated with any church but kept her commitment to serve the Lord and was later baptized into the Church in 1830. Joseph Smith Sr. never joined any church during that Vermont period but was baptized by his son Joseph Smith Jr. at the organization of the Church in 1830. It was during the Vermont period that Joseph Smith Jr. developed typhoid, and the doctors wanted to remove his leg after trying to drain the infection that developed in his leg, but Lucy refused, and young Joseph later wrote that he "utterly refused to give my consent." Those Vermont years were instrumental in forming a foundation for the years to come in future events for the Smith family.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Joseph Smith descendants Banner

At our March dinner meeting we enjoyed a catered meal from Golden Corral Restaurant. Steve Hunt gave the "pioneer moment" and President Brad Allen was presented a SUP chapter award for excellence by area vice president Bob Gurr. We then sang "Joseph Smith's First Prayer." That set the tone for the meeting which included a direct descendent of Joseph Smith, Michael Kennedy who spoke of how he joined the LDS Church and became the first direct descendent to hold the Melchizedek priesthood. Brother Kennedy had a huge crowd on the edge of their seats as he and his wife Darcy talked about his personal mission, given by general authorities to identify every descendent of the prophet. He was joined by other Joseph Smith descendants including Gracia Jones

and her family members who held up a 20-ft-long pedigree chart banner showing every person they had found. As a teenager in Tonopah, Nevada, Brother Kennedy learned he was a descendent of Joseph Smith when his dad told him his ancestor Joseph Smith "discovered Utah." He was also shown a box of memorabilia handed down in the family. We were all fascinated by his account of having the box on the table when two LDS missionaries knocked on their door. His future wife Darcy, belonged to the only other LDS family in Tonopah, but he set his sights on marrying her. That is when he learned she would not say yes until he was temple-worthy. What an incredibly rich evening we enjoyed hearing of his devoted path in the Gospel.

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



David Flanigan

February's Activity: Our activity last month was wonderful, and very informative as Dorothy Huntington and her daughter Ellen spoke to us about the life of Dorothy's grandfather David Flanigan. It seemed so amazing that someone who lived within the beautiful mountains of Eastern Washington County could accomplish such amazing miracles in physical science and be the person who fulfilled a prophesy of Brigham Young. From his youth, climbing the treacherous cliffs of Zion to constructing (from bailing wire) a machine that would transport lumber from the tops of the cliffs of Zion to the floor of the canyon successfully, was a miracle indeed. It was a task that the citizens of the area thought was impossible. David was a scientist before his time. He invented items

that are in common use today, but in his time were thought impossible or unimportant, such as the helicopter. It was an amazing evening of being with friends, our HVSUP family, eating a wonderful pot-luck dinner, learning about David Flanigan, and listening to the Bradshaw family sing. Thank you, Dorothy and family, for an exceptional evening.

March Activity: Wednesday the 26th, Dinner was a potluck and was held in the Red Brick Chapel at 100 West 300 South. Our speaker will be Brian Chandler, a longtime resident of Hurricane, a former member of the Hurricane Utah Stake Presidency who serves as head of security at the St. George Temple. His presentation was on the St. George Temple.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Bruce Stewart

Our program on March 12th was given by Bruce Stewart. Bruce's profession was with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints seminaries and institute program. He spent much of his career writing curriculum used in the seminaries and institutes around the world. The theme of his address to us was "Standing in Holy Places." The national office of the Sons of Utah Pioneers sponsors a trek about every two years that encompasses Church historical sites along with National historical sites. Since Bruce Stewart was a tour guide for a few years he was the guide for the trek in 2024. This tour covered historical sites in the mid-west. He gave us

much enlightenment in historical and sacred happenings especially in Independence, Missouri, Far West, Missouri, Adam-Ondi-Ahman, Missouri, and the Kirtland Temple in Ohio. The tour also included a visit to the tomb of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois. Bruce's years of preparing curriculum for seminary and institutes and teach the same provided his background to teach us about "Standing in Holy Places." Thank you, Bruce Stewart, for such an interesting evening. At the present time, Bruce Stewart is the Librarian responsible for the historical and family library at the Sons of Utah Pioneers Headquarters in Salt Lake City.

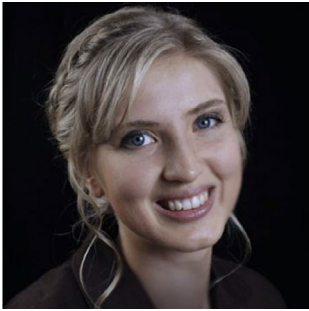
MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Maple Mountain / Spanish Fork



George Potter

FEBRUARY MEETING: At our February Dinner/Presentation, we were honored to welcome George Potter as our guest speaker. Having lived in Arabia for 27 years, George has produced numerous films and books on the Book of Mormon. His presentation, "Lehi's Trail: From the Valley of Lemuel to

Nephi's Harbor," provided a fascinating exploration of the geographical journey described in scripture. George identified Wadi Tayyib al-Ism in northwest Saudi Arabia as the likely site of the Valley of Lemuel, noting its continuously flowing river that matches Nephi's description (1 Nephi 2:6-10). He also



Hannah Stoddard

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proposed that Lehi's family traveled along the Frankincense Trail, using established trade routes to access water and food. This perspective sheds light on the difficulties they endured in the Arabian desert. Additionally, George analyzed potential locations for Nephi's Harbor, focusing on coastal access and shipbuilding feasibility. His research, combining geographical and historical insights, strengthens the connection between the Book of Mormon narrative and real-world locations. We greatly appreciate George's scholarship and engaging presentation!

MARCH MEETING: In March we were privileged to have as our guest, Hannah Stoddard. Hannah presented the topic, "Winning the battle for your pioneer heritage

and the restoration." Hannah and her siblings have created a wonderful website: <https://josephsmithfoundation.org/>. The website contains a wealth of information regarding the Prophet Joseph Smith. In addition to directing the Joseph Smith Foundation projects for over a decade, Hannah has been invited to speak on various radio and video programs. Hannah helped direct her first documentary film, beginning at age 16. She has worked as a history and literature teacher, graphic design artist, software developer, videographer, project manager, agriculturist and research assistant. Her presentation focused on Church history and doctrine, providing answers to Latter-day Saint faith crisis questions, educational philosophy, culture, and defending the Prophet Joseph Smith.

MESA ARIZONA CHAPTER - Mesa, Arizona



Grant Davis

The Mesa Arizona Chapter held its 2nd Thursday gathering on March 13, 2025, at the Evergreen Ward building in Tempe, AZ. Chapter member Grant Davis presented extensive research he has personally conducted on the history of the Honeymoon Trail. Brother Davis has made many trips along the trail, documenting historical

markers and "frontier graffiti." Many pioneers carved their names and dates of visits into rock walls and boulders in this area. Brother Davis has worked to identify the history of many of those graffiti artists. He shared many photos and maps, involving all who had and did not have ancestors walk this amazing trail.

MORGAN PIONEER CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Emily Pfeifer

Monday, March 18 was the monthly luncheon of the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. A fabulous Hawaiian Luau meal was provided by Larry's Spring Chicken. After the meal the group was enlightened and entertained by Lisa Wright and Emily Pfeifer, both Morgan residents. Lisa is married to chapter member, Kelly Wright. She was born in Germany while her father was stationed there with the military. She graduated from Ricks College and Weber State with a master's degree in communication. Lisa has loved music her entire life and is one of the founding

members and current president of the Morgan Valley Arts Council. Lisa talked about the early support for the arts in Utah, including here in Morgan County in the 1800s through today. She is passionate about the arts in our community, with local choir, stage and visual arts enhancing the quality of life. Lisa introduced another Morgan resident Emily Pfeifer. Emily was raised on the North Shore of Oahu, Hawaii. At an early age she performed at the Polynesian Culture Center. She attended BYU and Butler University earning degrees in Vocal Performance and Choral Conducting. She has performed as a



Lisa Wright

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singer, dancer and choir director in Europe, Latin America, Asia and the South Pacific. Emily currently directs the Morgan Valley Chamber Orchestra and the Morgan Valley Chamber Singers including their performance

of the annual production of Handel's Messiah and the Easter production of The Lamb of God. Emily shared some of her Hawaiian talent by performing a beautiful traditional Hula Dance. It was a very informative and entertaining afternoon.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Willard Maughan Receives Pioneer Award

The Ogden Pioneer Chapter met on March 11, 2025. Brother Willard Maughan was recognized as a 21st Century Pioneer. He shared with us his life story including many anecdotes regarding his family, love for

scouting, military experiences, and 36-plus years of medical practice. Dennis Bingham shared a Pioneer Moment that highlighted his great-great grandparents on his mother's side.

PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho



John Merzlock visiting with Dr Danny Spencer, Phyllis Stucki visiting with Eula after the meeting

For our January meeting we had a firsthand report about what is happening in the Ukraine. Dr Danny Spencer, whose father is Randy Spencer a member of SUP and the Portneuf Pioneer Chapter, has taken three trips to the Ukraine delivering medical and other items of need to the Ukrainian people. Dr. Spencer was born in Pocatello and graduated from Pocatello's Highland High School. Going to BYU and medical school, he became an Emergency Room Physician where he has worked for 25 years. With Dr Spencer we heard from Eula, a Ukrainian woman who lives here in the US and is very involved in gathering aid to the Ukrainian people. They described the need for the items they collect from where they can. How they organize their trips and the

logistics of travel going to Poland which is their headquarters while arranging to get into the Ukraine. Each trip they must collect the things they are going to distribute. Then they recruit personnel to go on each trip. It isn't necessarily the same people each time and they may have different skills training. When they get to Poland, now comes the difficult part, arranging where and how they get the goods to where it is most needed in the Ukraine. We were shown pictures of bombed buildings and other signs that a war is going on. They showed photos and talked about the people and how they were affected by this war. It was all very interesting and they answered our questions and then talked with individuals.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



Ensign College

Current Month Meeting was held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 6pm in the Tenth Ward Chapel - 420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, Utah. The program was given by representatives of the Ensign College including their mission, admission requirements and outreach to students

from all parts of the world. We have given a scholarship to a student from India, who has plans to attend for a year, serve as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, then return to complete schooling.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Ken Williams

When: April 9 at 12pm

Location: Utah State Archives,
346 S Rio Grande St, Salt Lake City

Cost: \$25 Per Person

Speaker: Ken Williams

Ken Williams is State Archivist of Utah and functions as the Utah State Archives and Records Service director. He completed post-

graduate studies in History and Archives at Florida State University and attended the Georgia Archives Institute. He currently serves as the immediate past President of the Council of State Archivists. Ken has adopted the strategic vision that looks to ensure the "right records, to the right people, at the right time." Currently, the division is concentrating all efforts on digital preservation and access.

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Bruce G Stewart

On March 6th Bruce G Stewart spoke to the Settlement Canyon Chapter about the history of records and the commandment to keep records. Bruce retired in 2013 after 40 years with Seminaries & Institutes. He received his Undergraduate and master's degrees from Brigham Young University and doctoral work at the University of Utah. Bruce was the Seminary Principal at Highland High School, and instructor at the Salt Lake University Institute and LDS Business College. He was adjunct professor of Church History at Brigham Young University for 30 years. Bruce spent the last 10 years of his career in Church

Education writing college curriculum for Institute students worldwide and was Director of Church History Workshops for Seminaries & Institutes. Bruce was part of the writing team for Great American Documents for Latter-day Saint Families, editor, and author for Start to Finish Series on the Standard Works, and The Doctrine and Covenants Study Guide: From Start to Finish. Bruce currently serves as the National Librarian for the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Bruce's detailed knowledge was both entertaining and enlightening and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone there.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Bill Hardesty

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter Meeting for March was presented by our Chapter President-Bill Hardesty. He did a presentation on "The Other Pioneers." His presentation included talking about the other religions in the Salt Lake Valley. The Jewish religion came into the valley in 1853. They had several businesses in the valley. The Protestants came into the valley in 1865 and were the first to hold a non-Mormon service in Utah. They also

developed a school system in the valley. The Roman Catholics built Holy Cross Hospital in 1886. This was an interesting presentation that gave us insight on all the groups that helped develop Utah. We also had a pioneer moment presented by Dan Greenland on his Great Grandfather Jehu Cox and all that he went through in the process of coming and settling in Utah.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Rafael Weiss and Bagpiper

St Patrick's Day was a great day for the Temple Fork Chapter. Our monthly dinner meeting was held at the Logan Country Club. During our dinner an unusual visitor, a bagpiper was playing on the balcony outside our room. We invited him in, and he gave us a little impromptu concert. He was from USU and showed us that the Aggie Scotsman is Alive and well. We then heard from Rafael

Weiss, a foreign exchange student from Germany that is living with one our members, Jeff Barnes. We learned what life is like in Germany for a 17-year-old and the culture and education that exists today.

Earlier in March we also went on a trek to the Logan Museum of the DUP. It was a great tour that finished up at the Pizza Pie Cafe.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Stephen Christiansen and Linda Christensen Wardle

At this month's Sons of the Utah Pioneers Timpanogos Chapter dinner, we were treated to a fantastic presentation by a few of C.C.A. Christensen's great-grandchildren. They didn't just share his paintings—they brought their grandfather to life. C.C.A. Christensen, often called "perhaps the greatest pioneer painter of his time," dedicated his life to capturing the faith and struggles of the early Latter-day Saints. His Mormon Panorama, a stunning 175-foot-long series of 23 paintings, depicted the history of the Church. It was fascinating to learn he humbly welcomed feedback and even adjusted his paintings a time or two when people pointed out inaccuracies or suggested improvements. Beyond his art, we learned that C.C.A. had a great sense of humor—whether he meant to or not! His failing eyesight and hearing led to some legendary moments, like the time he bumped into a tree and politely greeted it,

thinking it was his sister. Or the night he stood guard over what he believed was his horse's rear end, only to discover at sunrise that it was a rock... and all the actual horses were long gone. His great-grandchildren also shared memories of growing up around his Mormon Panorama. Stored in a 12-foot-long wooden box in their grandparents' Ephraim home, it was just another basement obstacle for kids—one grandson even used it as his personal horse! Little did they know, that "horse" held one of the greatest artistic treasures of the pioneer era. When the panorama was rediscovered at BYU in 1970, it was declared the "Art Find of America" that year. Today, his paintings continue to be preserved and displayed, including some incredible hidden gems in the Manti Temple (don't forget to look for the pterodactyl!). Christensen's life was filled with faith, family, and creativity. Thanks to his great-grandchildren's heartfelt

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



David Pulsipher

For our monthly meeting, we were very well instructed in the Lord's balance of mercy and justice with a presentation by David Pulsipher. His topic was "Defend your family and Love Your Enemies: A New Look at the Book of Mormon's Patterns of Protection." He oversees a general education minor in the History/Political Science Department at BYU-Idaho called "Peace and Conflict Resolution." The real challenge with warfare in the Book of Mormon, he said, is the conflicting messages we find in its pages. For example, to pursue justifiable

warfare if you defend "even unto bloodshed" your family, lands, their country, and their rights (Alma 43:47) as taught by Captain Moroni and Mormon. OR do you love your enemies and do good to them that despitely use you (3 Nephi 12:11), as the Savior taught.

UPCOMING EVENTS: April 17th. Brother and Sister Anderson, Temple Site Church History Missionaries. They will give an update about the ongoing construction of the Rexburg Teton River Temple.