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We just got back from a great encampment in Idaho Falls. It was great to get to be with so many of you. We thank all who worked so hard to make it great, including those of the Grove City / Portneuf Pioneer chapters and Norm Rademacher, AVP. It was well worth attending. I only wish that I could have gone on all the treks. They all sounded wonderful. But I believe the best part was the privilege of associating with so many of you. You are all delightful.

We look forward to next year. The 2027 Encampment will be held in the Heber Valley hosted by the Mountain Valley Chapter. Plans are well underway to have a great encampment. Plan on attending next year September 16th, 17th, and 18th.

For the next 12 months, it is my hope to visit with as many of you as possible. Don't hesitate to invite me to be with you.

It is important to remember and review regularly Our MISSION and VALUES – • Come to know our fathers and turn our hearts to them, • Preserve the memory and heritage of the early pioneers of the Utah Territory and the western U.S, • Honor present-day pioneers worldwide who exemplify these pioneer values, AND • Teach these same values to the youth who will be tomorrow's pioneers.

PIONEER VALUES – • We Honor the Pioneers for their • Faith in God, • Devotion to Family, • Loyalty to Church and Country, • Hard Work and Service to Others, • Courage in Adversity, • Personal Integrity, and • Unyielding Determination.

I know that goal setting and planning are important to achieve anything. So here are a few of mine, for the SUP this next year.

- Increase membership by 20 percent. By finding what others need and desire. Then showing how we can fill those needs. (ASK What else can we do.)
- Improve the financial standing by tripling our endowments
- Updating old policies and procedures to modern times

Thank you,

Darrell

Darrell Sanders | 2027 National SUP President

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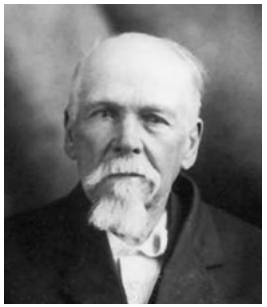




PIONEER STORIES

FRANCIS XEVERE LOUGY

Francis Xevere Lougy was born July 19,1835, in [Kington, Frontenac,]2 Ontario, Canada. He died February 17, 1914, in Tooele, Utah. His father, Peter Lougy is presumed to be French Canadian. His mother, Mary Ann Brooks is thought to be an Indian . . . per three of her grandchildren.



[His] father died when [Francis] was about two years old. At this time his mother moved to New York to be with the Saints. She asked the Prophet Joseph Smith to bless her son and choose a middle name for him. The Prophet blessed him and gave him the name Xevere. [Not sure what Xevere means but the closest meaning I could find was AWESOME].

. . . Francis was 14 years old when his family came to Tooele, [Utah], September 2, 1849. . . . They made camp at the head of First West Street, by the stream of water coming from Settlement Canyon. The pioneers later built a molasses mill in this spot, which was later made into a dwelling place by Thomas Speirs.

. . . The settlers really could not see approaching Indians from any direction except the west, so they decided to move on to higher ground in 1850. So, they built on the hill west of Main Street on 4th South.

. . . Francis married Mary Ann Warburton, June 19, 1855, in the Endowment House on his twentieth birthday. She was just 16. . . . Francis always had a good garden, much earlier than most. . . . He loved the great outdoors [and] was a very good woodsman. He spent a great amount of time in the canyons, and he knew where to find every spring of water, and every grove of timber. In middle canyon there is a "Lougy's Fork" named after him, where he gathered his wood. He was considered the truest marksman, and the best hunter in Tooele in the days of its early settlement. He supplied much of the fresh meat for the early settlers. . . . His great ability and bravery won a place of importance among the Indians, who admired him, and became his friends.

He loved the Gospel, and was a true Latter-Day Saint, although he did not appear much in public. He always said he had made a deal that if the others would do all the needed preaching, he would supply the people with the needed fuel and meat.

Francis's son Edward told this story. There was a big brown bear that had bothered the settlers for some time. It seems they had tracked it all around the cemetery and foothills but were never able to get it. One day, Francis saw the bear in the valley about where the Boy Scout's cabin now stands. Francis took aim and shot, and the bear dropped. Francis let Edward and his friend, then young boys, go down and kick the bear to see if it was dead. Edward said that was one of the biggest thrills of his life. Francis had his gun on the bear all the time, because sometimes [it was] only stunned, and would get up and really fight. The bear was dead. The settlers had a big party to celebrate the killing of this bear.

The only church in Tooele at the time was on the corner of Main [and] Vine. After attending church his grandchildren would love to go visit him and Mary Ann at their home. Francis always kept candy mints in his pocket. . . He loved children and knew each one by name and always had a mint for them.

The following poem was written about Francis and read at the Pageant on July 24, 1937.

Guess what grandfather in his pocket always had?
He kept them for each lassie and lad.
Something round, and white and sweet - -
He gave one to each child he met on the street.
His stock never ran out, in his pocket so handy - -
Yes, I think you have guessed, it was peppermint candy.
Just like J.D. Rockefeller and his dimes - -
Grandfather gave peppermint drops, back in those hard times.
No little child ever by him was missed
And for pay I imagine he often was kissed.
I hope that when grandfather Lougy up in Heaven I see - -
He will have a peppermint in his pocket awaiting for me.

. . . Francis and Mary Ann had ten children. . . .During Francis's later years, he was a janitor at the County Court House. Mary Ann died December 28, 1913 in the home where she had spent her entire married life. Francis died just 51 days later, February 17, 1914 in this same house.[2]

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1 Photo from familysearch.org submitted by Mjorgensen
2 History submitted to the SUP Library by the SUP Settlement Chapter

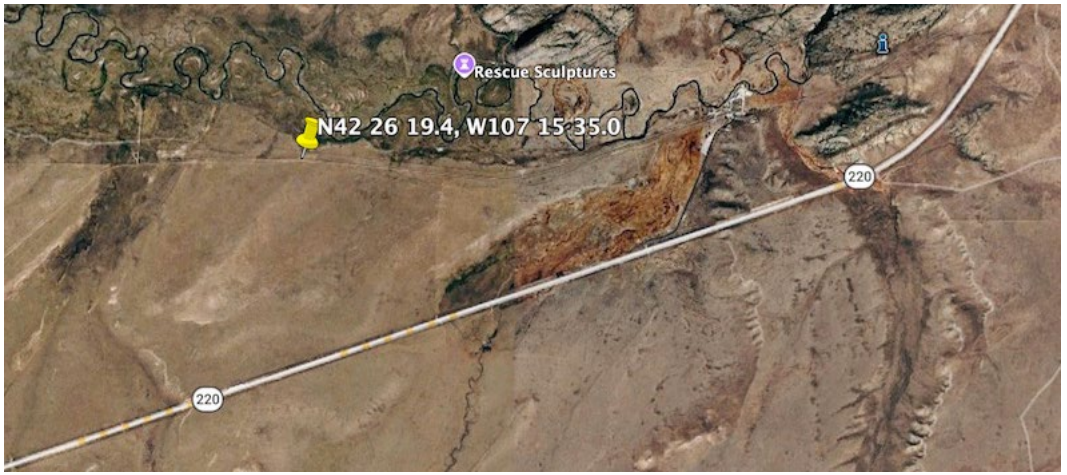
Monument Trek



Remembering Pioneers at Martin's Cove

UPTLA #28 AND SUP #U | GPS: ~~N42~~ 26 19.4, W107 15 35.0 ELEVATION 6046 FEET (42.4387222, -107.2597222)

UPTLA #28 and SUP #U mark the site where survivors of Captain Edward Martin's 576-member handcart company, emigrants from England to Utah, were rescued in critical condition around November 12, 1856. Delayed at departure and hindered by poor-quality carts, the company encountered an early winter; 145 people died from inadequate food and clothing and severe weather. Some survivors spent the winter at a stockade and mail station near Devil's Gate, while earlier companies reached Utah safely.









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 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

UPCOMING NATIONAL TRAININGS

Zoom link will be provided to those invited to attend:

TRAINING OF AREA VICE PRESIDENTS
Wednesday, October 7 | 6-9pm

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP TRAININGS:
Saturday, October 10 | 10am-12pm,
Central and Southern Utah

Saturday Oct 24 | 10am-12pm
Salt Lake South / East / West, AZ, Eastern US

Saturday, November 7 | 10am-12pm
Idaho, Utah North, Ogden & Davis Counties

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Name . . . . . Chapter

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Byron Perry. . . . . Porter Rockwell
Patrick Oborn. . . . . Timpanogos

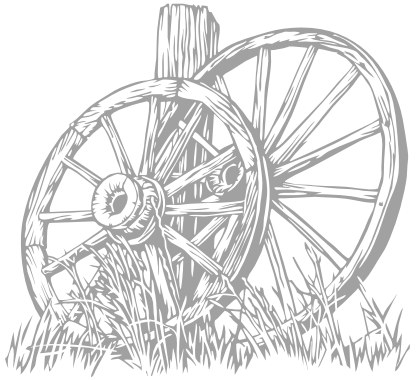
NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Barry Swensen . . . . . Salt Lake City
Bruce Carter . . . . . WorldWide Pioneer
Larry Perkins. . . . . Lehi
Wayne Everett . . . . . Cotton Mission
Brian Pendleton . . . . . Cotton Mission
Tom Griggs. . . . . Eagle Rock

Name . . . . . Chapter

CHAPTER ETERNAL MEMBERS

Kay H Brinkerhoff . . . . . Cotton Mission
Lee Nelson . . . . . Maple Mountain
Don Beesley . . . . . Ogden Pioneer



FOR UPCOMING SUP NATIONAL EVENTS, CLICK HERE

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo, Utah



Alison Unsworth

The Brigham Young Chapter held their meeting on September 10, 2026, at the Culinary Arts Institute, Utah Valley University. Our speaker was Alison Unsworth, and her topic was "The New LDS Hymnal". Her presentation was very detailed and interesting She is very knowledgeable regarding the new hymnal as she is part of the team producing audio recording team producing audio recordings for the new hymnal, where she oversees quality control for recordings in 50 languages and directs recording sessions for the English-language edition. Unsworth earned her bachelor's degree in Choral Education from Brigham Young University and her master's degree in Choral Conducting from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. She has taught music at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, and has directed community, adult, and children's choirs in both North Carolina and Utah. She is also an active singer and has performed throughout the United States, China, and Europe. She has taught private lessons in piano, voice and conducting for over 30 years. Unsworth reminded us that music has always been an important part of our worship service. She outlined the reasons for the new edition and provided example. Some of the main reasons are; inconsistency in music offerings across languages spoken by members of the Church; doctrinal inaccuracies, culturally insensitive language, and limited cultural representation of the global Church; licensing limitations for music publishing, particularly impacting digital use; hymns that have fallen into disuse and can be retired to make way for other music that will be more valued; unaddressed gospel principles in our current collections; hymns that many members find are too difficult. The full print and digital release of Hymns for Home and Church will be in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and American Sign Language in mid-2027. It will be released in many additional languages in the coming years.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Centerville Cemetery

We held our SUP meeting on September 3rd after not meeting during July and August. We had a wonderful meal of chicken salad sandwiches, salad, vegetables and watermelon and dessert prepared by our chapter president's family. We then had our trek chairperson present several ideas for treks for next year and asked us to think about those treks and present any other ideas we might have. Our chapter President, Bruce Collett, then presented information from the national office regarding honoring names of those veterans in our local cemeteries who were part of the Mormon Battalion and asked members to volunteer to take on the assignment to coordinate the event. Bruce then explained that our meeting for the evening was going to be something we have not done before. He wanted to have an "open mic" night and invited anyone who wanted to take a few minutes to talk about their recent activities this past year. We had many participate and it was a fun way to get to know our members better and see what they and family members have been involved in.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Larry Gardner

The Cotton Mission Chapter members met in September for what has traditionally become our month to sustain our student scholarship efforts with a fundraising dinner. The catered meal was paid for by a private donor, so that what was paid for the meal by chapter members went toward the scholarship fund. After the meal chapter member Larry Gardner, a St. George and Pine Valley native and fifth-generation rancher spoke to us. Larry has a love of local history and the good people who made that history. The topic of his dinner address was "Pioneer Personalities from Pine Valley Hidden Beneath the Headstones." Larry selected a number of unique deceased pioneers and personalities who affected many people with their talents and goodness. Larry taught Seminary and Institute classes for 30 years and now is a full-time rancher in Pine Valley and on the Arizona Strip. He was a member of the St. George City Council for 14 years, including 2005 when the city gained national attention as it responded to devastating flooding from the Santa Clara River. Larry's life of service has included a number of LDS church leadership responsibilities, such as bishop, stake president, mission president in Montana and president of the Southwest Utah Historic Sites Mission.

EAGLE ROCK CHAPTER - Idaho Falls, Idaho



Dave Wilding

It has been a busy summer beginning with our Spring Trek in May to Wagon Land in Tremonton, Utah displaying literally hundreds of wagons, buggies, and all manner of conveyance since the early 19th Century.

June was our annual Summer Pot-luck Pcnic at the Park in Iona, Idaho where we crossed the street to visit the Iona Idaho Historical Museum. This is where our "Wagon Box Prophecy" monument is displayed.

In July we manned the "Miner's Camp" as part of the Pioneer Day Celebration at the Snake River Homestead Park, west of Shelley, Idaho.

Last month, August, we held our Autumn Trek a little early, travelling to Driggs, Idaho to visit the Teton Valley Historical Museum before they closed for the summer.

For September's meeting we met again at Smitty's Pancake & Steak House. Our guest speaker and presenter were Dave Wilding, his wife, and his bike. He shared with us a little of his family history but mostly talked about his biking adventure, challenges, and spiritual experiences he encountered from the Canadian border through Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico to the Mexican border. The distance can vary but averages about 3,000 miles following dirt roads, trails, gravel tracks, and occasionally short stretches of paved roads. The route he followed hugged the Continental Divide; hence the name of this trail route the Adventure Cycling Association created. He pedaled 100 to 150 miles per day at an average speed of 10mph completing the route in just under 30 days. At the conclusion, our Program Chairman, Larren Nelson, presented Dave with a Certificate of Appreciation and a wooden cutout of a cyclist he had made.

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



Amos Jackman Workman

In our August 26 Meeting we were given a presentation about the life of one of the Great Grandfathers, Amos Jackson Workman, by Family Members of the Lawton, Larson, Shumway and Hinton families. Amos was born in Virgin Utah and became one of the original settlers in Hurricane. He worked on the Hurricane Canal during the winter months, and he also established a very large orchard of fruit and nut trees on the southeast fields comprising of both 60 E and 180 W which was known originally as Pecan and Peach Avenues respectively. When Amos was young, he encountered a large pecan tree in his travels and became interested in growing better fruit and nut trees. He attended Branch Normal Agricultural School in Cedar City Utah, now SUU and came back to employ many of the things he leaned. The families presenting brought with them several of the items Amos and his progenitors have grown over the years to give out to us as samples and plants. Amos believed trees should provide food, as well as shade.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



On the beautiful evening of September 9th, our Chapter held their annual kick-off picnic which initiates a new season of SUP activities. During our event we all enjoyed a delicious meal of homemade Sloppy Joe fixings served on a large freshly made bun. Accompanying that was a delicious bean casserole and plenty of well buttered corn-on-the-cob. Many fresh salads and wonderful desserts also completed our available servings. The food was delicious, but one additional highlight of the evening was the conversations taking place and the fellowshipping with one another that we all participated in during this delightful activity. We welcomed all the guests who accompanied some of our Chapter members.

MORGAN PIONEER CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Calvin Stephens



Medallion

The Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers held their first monthly luncheon of the 26-27 season following the summer break. Chapter members were encouraged to invite their wives to the gathering. Rob Scott representing the national organization of SUP was in attendance. He announced the organization's project to place markers on the graves of members of the Mormon Battalion. They have identified two members in the Morgan area and are asking assistance from chapter members to identify any other Battalion members. Following a superb lunch by Larry's the group was addressed by Morgan resident President Calvin Stephens. Brother Stephens is a lifelong citizen of Morgan County. He has taught seminary and Institute. Calvin served as Bishop of the Milton Ward and served in the Morgan North Stake Presidency. He was called as the Mission President of the San Bernadino, California Mission and also served as the Director of the Jerusalem Center in Isreal. He is currently serving as a sealer in the Odgen Temple. He presented a life sketch of several of the early pioneers buried in the Milton cemetery. He shared highlights in the lives of both Willard Smith and Jabez Woodard who were early converts to the Church. He related their many sacrifices and hardships in support of their beliefs. Both served in multiple leadership positions in the church and community and represent well the type of individuals we learn about and honor in the SUP organization.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah



Alice Hicken

The Mountain Valley Chapter held their Chapter Meeting on September 10, 2026. The guest speakers were Alice Hicken and Ron Carlile from Heber City, Utah. Alice is a local historian who is related to John Crook and his wife, Mary Giles. John and Mary Crook were early settlers of Heber City. Alice presented information about the Crook family and the log cabin that was located in the Heber Fort in the 1850s. The log cabin had been moved from Heber to Midway many years ago and was recently demolished. Alice recruited another family relative, Ron Carlile, to help gather up the remains of the demolished log cabin and they are in the process of rebuilding the Crook Cabin in Heber City.

MT NEBO CHAPTER - Nephi, Utah



GlenCooper

After taking a vacation from our monthly dinner and speaker in July, we had a chapter meeting again on August 27. The speaker was Glen H. Cooper, a retired professor who mostly taught courses in the Department of History at BYU. His principal field of research was Islamic and Greek Science. His presentation was entitled "History of Islamic Civilization." After the decline of the Greek Empire, the Islamic world became the center of scientific and mathematical scholarship. Islamic civilization also contributed much to the arts and architecture. Although many in the West look on Islam with distrust and even animosity, Bro. Cooper explained that, while it is true that pockets of Muslims militantly oppose Western nations and their religious traditions, most Muslims are taught to be charitable and understanding. There is much in common between Islamic values and our own values. Bro. Cooper also explained the origins of Islam and how it became one the world's major religions. It is surprising to many that Jesus and Moses play important roles in the Qu'ran. Muslims believe that the original versions of Judaism and Christianity were corrupted by later leaders of these religions. He went on to explain the split between the Shiite and Sunni branches of Islam. He also discussed modern Islamic practices. And most importantly, Bro. Cooper expressed his belief that we can and should respect each other and work toward a better world for all.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



De Smit Dedication

A few months ago, during a survey of several monuments assigned to the Ogden Pioneer Chapter it was found that a monument dedicated to Father Pierre-Jean De Smit, an early Catholic presence in the Utah area and friend of the "Mormons," had been damaged due to vandalism and the theft of the brass plate commemorating Father De Smit. Our monuments committee, chaired by Lynn Call, contacted the Knights of Columbus and informed them of the damaged monument and asked if they would like to participate in its restoration and repair. They not only wanted to help with the repair but wanted to be the ones to raise the money for its repair. The Knights of Columbus solicited donations from all of its chapters throughout the area, and a new plaque was mounted on the monument stone. A dedication of the refurbished monument was held on 9 September with participation from the Ogden Pioneer Chapter and the Knights of Columbus.The Knights of Columbus were in full force along with several members of our chapter. Mr. Greg Keller (Knights of Columbus) made brief remarks about Father De Smit and his influence throughout the West, and Mr. Lynn Call (Ogden Pioneer Monuments Chair) spoke about the joint efforts and cooperation between the two parties. After these comments Mr. Keller offered a dedicatory prayer along with all of the Knights of Columbus, dressed in their ceremonial uniforms. This was an impressive ceremony and the partnership between the SUP Chapter and the KOC is continuing into the future.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Greg Brown

When: --Wednesday, October 14, 12PM

Location: Education Center by LDS Hospital
(8th Ave and C Street. North of the main hospital doors on the west side of the hospital). Parking garages are across the street, to the west.

Cost: $25 Per Person

Speaker: Greg Brown

Greg currently serves on Special Assignment for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Prior to this assignment, he served as a Secretary to the Quorum of the Seventy.

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Kenneth L. Alford

On September 3, 2026, at the Settlement Canyon monthly dinner meeting Kenneth L. Alford spoke eloquently about the relationship between the Book of Mormon and the Birth of America. Kenneth described in detail the different battles fought and the Examples of Divine Providence between the Founding Fathers and Wartime Weather. At a Fireside in Weber County on July 12, 2026, Ken's entire presentation was recorded on July 12, 2026, the Settlement Canyon highly recommends inviting Ken to speak to your Chapter and/or watch the video.

Link to YouTube Video: "God's hand in America's Birth"
"https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8eHeUaERHJo&t=170s"

Kenneth L. Alford is a Professor of Church History and Doctrine at Brigham Young University and a retired U.S. Army Colonel. Ken served in numerous assignments during almost 30 years on active duty in the Army—including the Pentagon, supporting Pershing nuclear missile units, managing over $5.5 billion in government information technology contracts, teaching computer science at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and as Department Chair and Professor of Strategic Leadership at the National Defense University in Washington, DC. He has published and presented on a wide variety of subjects— authoring and editing fourteen books and over 200. Ken and his late wife, Sherilee, have four wonderful children



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