

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER

SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

2020

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SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS**

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

- 1. Come to know our fathers and turn our hearts to them by studying and becoming acquainted with each through the various events and activities of the SUP.**
- 2. Preserve the memory and heritage of the early pioneers of the Utah territory. 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 the unyielding determination.**
- 3. Honor present-day pioneers worldwide in many walks of life who exemplify these same qualities of character.**
- 4. Teach these same qualities to the youth who will be tomorrow's pioneers.**

FOR THE YEAR 2020

The new officers and board members for 2020 were installed at the Chapter Board Meeting on December 10, 2019. The board was installed by David Isom, National Area Vice President for Southern Utah & Nevada Chapters. The following officers and directors served during 2020:

President	Dan McArthur	
President Elect	David Humphrey	
Past President:	Lloyd Carter	
Secretary:	Rex Jensen	
Treasurer:	Mel Duehlmeier & Nick Lang	
Director:	Max Turpin	Communications
Director	Kevin Jenkins	Membership Records & Retention
Director:	Del Ray Hammons	Community Involvement
Director:	Ralph Atkin	Development/Fundraising
Director:	Brent Miner	Member Services
Director:	Don Burton	Pioneer History
Director:	Kent McComb	Trails & Markers
Area Vice President	David Isom	



2020 Presidency and Board Members

Officers, directors and committee chairman serving during the year contributed to the success of the chapter. Due to the pandemic (COVID19), President McArthur and the Board of Directors were faced with many changes in dinners and treks held throughout the year. Dinner meetings were held in January, February and September. One (1) trek was held in October. Additional contact was made with members by use of call lists from the Chapter Directors to check on members. Special thanks to President Dan McArthur and the Executive Board are extended for their leadership during this difficult year of COVID19.

Nine (9) monthly newsletters were published during the year (by Roland Lee) and describe the activities planned and conducted each month. These newsletters form the basis of our annual report and are included following this brief introduction on pages 10 thru 46. A copy of the membership rosters was included in the February newsletter.

Eight (8) board meetings were held during the year and copies of the minutes are included in Appendix A starting on page 47. The May board meeting was held by ZOOM and minutes were not recorded.

Membership

The year began with a total of one hundred one (101) chapter members on the rolls. By the end of the year, a total of ninety five (95) members of record were enrolled. COVID19 has had a significant effect that prevented ordinary efforts in recruiting new members without monthly activities (dinners & treks). All members that were willing to serve in various capacities were assigned to committees and made the best effort to help with the reduced activities (Treks, 4th Grade Essays, Scholarship fund raising efforts and dinner notification in January, February and September.

Seven (7) chapter members passing away during the year were William Ehrheart, Charles Summerhaze (Memoriam Certificates Received – See pages 7-9), John Matthews, Paul Weaver, James Frazer, Melvin Smith & Joe Rondo. Four (4) of the men have had their names submitted for the National SUP Memoriam Board. The other three (3) will be submitted in January 2021.

Modern Day Pioneer's recognition were submitted for Robert Thornley and Thad Stewart (although Thad did not receive his award until the January board meeting). The citation details are included in the December Newsletter for Robert and in the January 2021 Newsletter for Thad.

Monthly Chapter Meetings/Activities

The effects of COVID19 limited most dinners and treks during the year. Formal Chapter Dinner Meetings were held on in January, February and September. A dinner was served and was accompanied by a program speaker and an occasional pioneer moment-in-history. The meetings were enjoyable, educational and informative. One super chapter trek was held 31 October. It included a visit to the Hildale and Colorado City area (see page 41).

Other activities including the Cotton Day Celebrations (assisted by the local Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Camps), the Scholarship Awards dinner and the National Encampment in Idaho in September were cancelled because of COVID19 and the large group numbers. Some Chapter members participated in the SUP Area Training in October by ZOOM. Details of all activities are included in the Chapter Newsletter (pages 10 thru 46.)

Chapter Activity Highlights

Dinner meeting speakers and participants included Roland Lee (January), Clawson (Tuffy) Ruth, (February), and Steven E. Snow (September Fund Raising Dinner for Scholarships). Other significant activities included our scholarship program where nine \$1000.00 scholarships and one \$2000.00 scholarship were awarded (April/May), essay program (seven elementary schools with fourth graders participating (April/May). The September dinner meeting raised funds for the high school scholarships. All events are described in more detail in the applicable monthly newsletters.

A copy of the 2019 Chapter Excellence Award presented to Dan McArthur during National Leadership Training in February 2020 is attached on page 6.

National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers 2019

Chapter Excellence Award

Presented To

COTTON MISSION

The Executive Board has caused this Chapter Award certificate to be issued:



NATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT



NATIONAL PRESIDENT

NATIONAL PAST PRESIDENT



National Society of the
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In Memoriam

This is to certify that

Charles Summerhays

Has been memorialized
by having his name placed
on the National Sons
of Utah Pioneers
"In Memoriam" Board



National Society of the
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In Memoriam

This is to certify that

William D. Ehrheart

Has been memorialized
by having his name placed
on the National Sons
of Utah Pioneers
"In Memoriam" Board



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In Memoriam

This is to certify that

John R. Matthews

Has been memorialized
by having his name placed
on the National Sons
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which will be displayed in our
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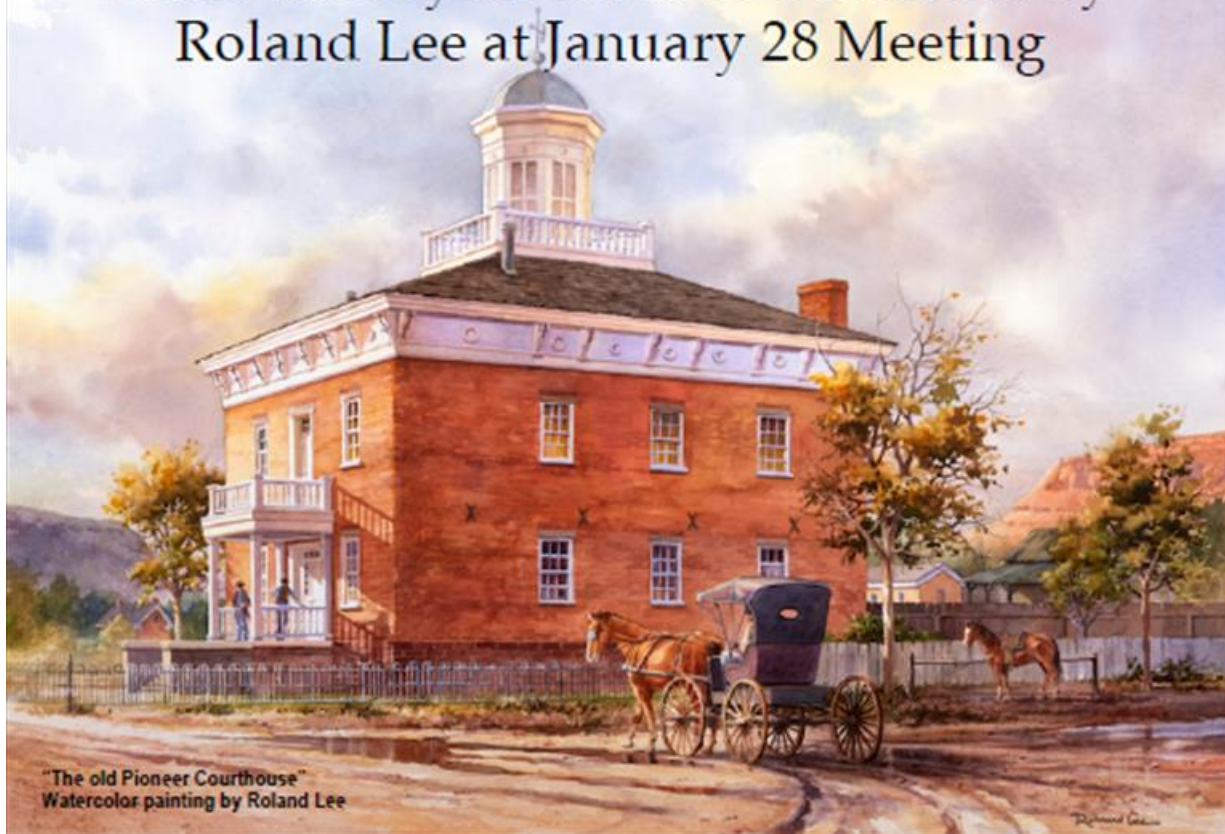
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COTTON MISSION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Dixie History in Art to be Presented by Roland Lee at January 28 Meeting



"The old Pioneer Courthouse"
Watercolor painting by Roland Lee

Roland Lee will be the speaker at our January 28 dinner meeting. He will use slides of his own watercolor paintings to tell the story of Utah's Dixie throughout history.

Roland gave this presentation recently at the historic St. George Tabernacle, and a few years ago for the Cotton Mission Chapter.

"So many people have moved here from other places and don't really know the fascinating story of this area," Roland said. "They might be surprised by a few things I'm going to show."

Roland Lee received his degree in art from BYU in 1971 and moved his young family to St. George in 1973 where he opened a small art studio. After doing commercial art work and teaching art at Dixie College for 4 years he began painting full-time in watercolor. His paintings are now in over 1500 art collections including museums, banks and universities.

He has been a member of the Cotton Mission Chapter for about 12 years and served as the chapter president in 2010.

Re-cap of December 2019 Meeting

Photos by Bill Chapman

Christmas Program by "Bar None" Band and New Officers Sworn in



As Lloyd Carter concludes his term as President, Dan McArthur and the new board members are sworn in



President McArthur sings "Are You From Dixie" with the Band



A great Christmas crowd listening to "Bar None" band



Christmas music from "Bar None"



Lloyd Carter conducts his last meeting



Dan McArthur takes over as 2020 President

New Leadership

Photos by Bill Chapman



2020 Presidency and Board Members

Introducing our Cotton Mission Chapter leadership for 2020. In the above photo: Front row, from left, is Mel Duehlmeier, treasurer; Dave Humphrey, president elect; Dan McArthur, President; Lloyd Carter, past president; and Ralph Atkin, development committee. Back

row, from left, is Kevin Jenkins, membership retention; Max Turpin, communications committee; Don Burton, pioneer history; DelRay Hammons, community involvement; Brent Miner, member services; Rex Jensen, secretary; and Kent McComb, trails and landmarks committee.



Not pictured: Durant McArthur is replacing Roy Taylor over scholarships, and Nick Lang remains as assistant treasurer.

Officers sworn in by area VP



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Bunk Robinson directing the pledge of Allegiance



The dinner line with food from Golden Corral



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Clawson "Tuffy" Ruth Will be the Speaker at Our February 18 Dinner Meeting

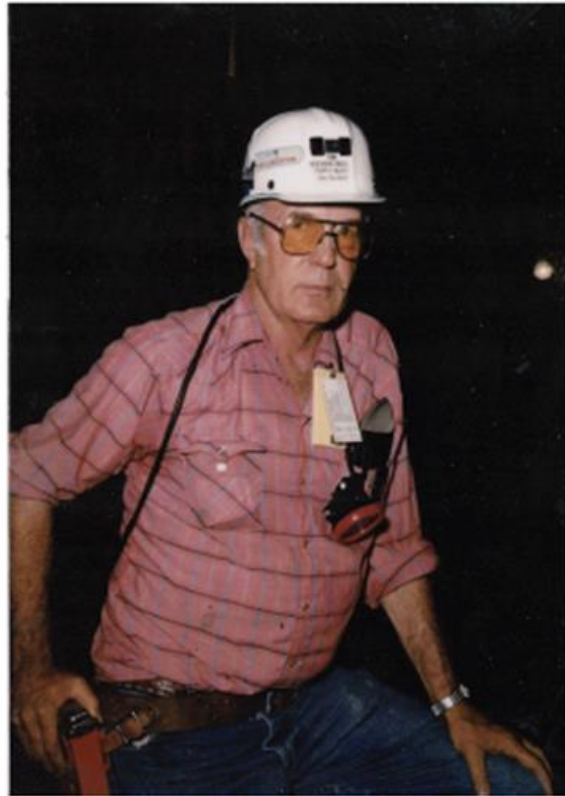
The speaker at our February 18 dinner meeting will be St. George native Clawson "Tuffy" Ruth. A self-proclaimed "Jack of all Trades," Tuffy has led a most interesting and varied life going from a ranch hand to project supervisor of the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project. Here is a synopsis in his own words:

A Little About Me

My name is Clawson Ruth, better known as Tuffy Ruth. I was born in St George, Utah, and raised in Arizona, California, Utah, and Wyoming.

I was probably 9 or 10 years old when my Dad bought a ranch on Pine Valley Mountain in Central, Utah. I attended school in St George and completed the 6th and part of my 7th grade. During the 7th grade I left school and went to Wyoming to work on a ranch with a whopping great salary of \$3.00 a day plus board. Thanks to my father's teachings I was able to be a good hand and I learned a lot from watching those around me.

As I grew older I married, so with more responsibilities I had a need for higher wages. I liked working and learning new things and if I told you all the jobs I have worked through the years it would fill a book. Some of these jobs were the US Lime Mine near Las Vegas, Nevada; 3 different construction jobs in the Virgin River Gorge, one of which was high scaler foreman; the Nevada Test Site in various positions, mostly in miner and mechanic positions; as the rig mechanic on the Glomar Explorer a research vessel; and



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after that as a rig mechanic in deep ocean drilling off the coast of France.

Each time an interesting job ended I would return to the Nevada Test Site. It took me 35 years to earn a 10 year pin. The last job I had was as a Project Supervisor on the Yucca Mountain Project.



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History of Health Care in Southern Utah is Topic of March 24 Dinner Meeting

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Re-cap of February 2020 Meeting

Photos by Bill Chapman

“Tuffy” Ruth Tells About the Yucca Mountain Project



At the Cotton Mission dinner meeting February 18 we enjoyed hearing from Clawson “Tuffy” Ruth. A self-proclaimed “Jack of all Trades,” Tuffy led a most interesting and varied life going from a ranch hand to project supervisor of the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project.

Tuffy discussed his work as a Project Supervisor on the Yucca Mountain Project and fielded questions about the construction and status of the controversial project. The area was selected for the storage of nuclear waste because it was isolated on land that had already been contaminated by testing. Massive underground tunnels were created in rock that was impermeable to rainwater percolation. Individual storage capsules were created for the waste materials that literally could not be damaged.

Getting the material to the site proved to be the challenge as many states were fearful of having trains and trucks carrying the storage capsules pass through their lands. According to Tuffy, those trains would be safer than many of the trucks using the highways today. Nevertheless the Nuclear waste site still remains unused as negotiations continue. After his talk, Tuffy answered questions for a good 30 minutes about the project.



Singing the opening song



Tuffy Ruth



The dinner line



Jeff Rogers Pioneer Minute



The pledge of allegiance



President Dan McArthur



Gene Sturzenegger and Royce Griffin

Chapter Eternal

Chapter Member and Historian Bill Ehrheart Passes Away



One of our dear chapter members, Bill Ehrheart passed away February 9, 2020. His funeral was held at the Bloomington Hills Stake Center February 14, 2020.

Bill is remembered by our chapter for often wearing his big wide-brimmed cowboy hat to meetings and treks, and for his vast historical knowledge of old movie facts and lore. We will miss him.

William John Ehrheart became an outdoorsman of sorts after migrating westward from Erie, Pennsylvania, in the late 1930's. His family traveled often from their new home in the Los Angeles basin and camped in tents while on vacations throughout the West. Bill caught the bug and appreciation of nature, so he worked in Mesa Verde for a while and hitchhiked through Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona while he was there.

But back to the beginning. Bill was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on August 25, 1934, to William Daniel Ehrheart and Mildred Albertine Vine. The family moved to Southern California after both of his younger brothers were born in 1937, Thomas Allen who passed away at birth, and 1939, Dennis Roy. It was during his formative years that he grew a love of western movies and lifestyle. He would go to the matinee on Saturdays to watch his heroes such as Bill Cody, Ray Corrigan, Tex Ritter, Tom Mix, Gene Autry, and of course John Wayne.

Bill was inducted into the United States Air Force in early 1955, served as a medical corpsman and was discharged at Edwards Air Force Base, near Lancaster, California, in mid-1958. He met his future wife, LaNeil Louise Schmidthorst, in South Pasadena and was married to her on August 15, 1959, in the three-year-old Los Angeles Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Bill adopted and was sealed to LaNeil's two children from a prior marriage, Ted, and Anita, who was already deceased; and the couple later adopted two more children, Darrielle, and William who passed away shortly after birth. Altogether, they have four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In 1969 they purchased a starter home in Covina, California, where they lived for 38 years, before moving to St. George, Utah, in 2005. LaNeil passed away in St. George in 2012, some 53 years after their marriage.

Bill became a postman and claimed that he only qualified for hire because of credits given him for his military service. Be that as it may, he worked as a postman for 30+ years until his retirement at the end of 1989. Bill did not loaf around during retirement and earned an M.A. degree in public history/historic preservation from California State University Dominguez Hills in 1994. The dedication of his 231-page master's thesis touchingly reads: "to LaNeil, who barely survived my discontented attitude during my thirty-year unintentional career, as well as the rigors of my professional student status for a concurrent thirty-five years."

It was through his love of Western history that he found an outlet for his intellectual capacities in scholarly pursuits. His master's thesis is a classic that will appeal to anyone who loves movies, especially western movies, or the preservation of movie making. His library collection is voluminous, especially in its focus on the historical restoration of native Christianity in the latter days; his love for music is astounding; and his commitment to family history and genealogical research truly touching.

Bill is survived by his son Ted, daughter Darrielle, sister-in-law Sally, Nephews Dennis, Shawn and Jeffrey, Nieces Debra and Heather; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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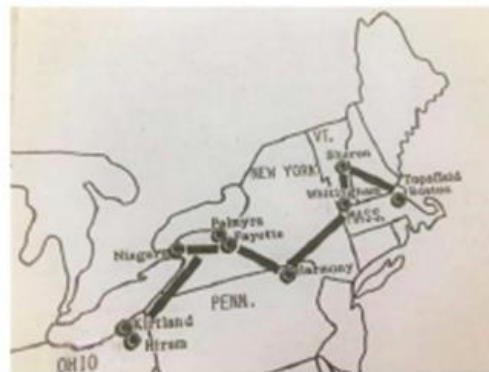


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Dinner Meeting Planned for June 23 Timely Subject: Health Care in So. Utah

The dinner will be held at our usual location and precautions will be taken in food handling and seating. You may wear masks if you so choose.

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IHC's Terry Draper will discuss the history of healthcare in Southern Utah and answer questions about the Covid-19 situation in our area

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Events

2020 Scholarships Awarded in Spite of Corona Virus

Many thanks to all our chapter members who assisted with our annual scholarship awards. We had planned to have a May dinner meeting to award the scholarships in person, but those plans were thwarted. So as not to keep everyone waiting, Roy and Cheryl Taylor along with committee member Durant McArthur contacted the awardees individually and made the presentations.

Scholarship Recipients for 2020

Crimson Cliffs	Jacob Daniel Sorensen
Desert Hills	Payton Matthew Plumb
Dixie	Dallin Holt Bundy
Enterprise	Nathan Karl Holt
Millcreek	Devin Rose Haley
Pine View	Cambrie Rose Richardson
Snow Canyon	Sophia Michelle Chandler
	Cash Kingsley Schmutz
Success Academy	Sienna Emily Reed
Tuacahn	Sofia Margherita Ravetto

Fourth Grade Essay Contest Winners

Thanks to Eldon Larkin and those who assisted him in carrying out the Fourth Grade Essay Contest at our local elementary schools. Many schools participated in writing stories about their ancestors. Winners at each school received awards of special coins.

Chapter Eternal

Chapter Member Charles Summerhays Passes Away



Former Cotton Mission Chapter member Charles Summerhays passed away recently. He will be dearly missed by our organization. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions private services were held.

Charles Callis Summerhays, 87, resident of Washington City, Utah lovingly returned home to his Heavenly Father on May 10, 2020 in St. George, Utah. Born June 30, 1932 in Salt Lake City, Utah to William Paul Summerhays and Grace Callis.

After returning from service in the Korean War, he attended school at Brigham Young University where he met his future bride Utahna Sorensen. They were married in the Salt Lake City Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on August 26, 1955. He is the father of six children, grandfather of 31 and great grandfather of 49.

After a distinguished career in business, Charles and his wife served 5 missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Nauvoo, Illinois Temple Mission (2); Apia, Samoa where they served a Humanitarian Mission and directed the Open House and dedication of the Apia, Samoa Temple; and the Church Family History Center in St. George, Utah. They also served as Ordinance Workers in the Los Angeles and St. George Temples.

He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by Utahna, his loving wife of 64 years, his children Kenneth Summerhays (Debbie) Utah; Ann (Rick) Hecht, California; Michael Summerhays (Margaret) Texas; Karen (Dale) Ellsworth, Utah; Shauna (Steve) VanDerHeyden, Utah; Lisa (Vincent) Ibarra, Oregon, Virginia (Rex) Butler, Arizona, and his 31 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and his two sisters Laura Stay and Julia Baker. His love for the Savior, family, and providing service to others were the priority and joy of his life.

Due to Covid-19, a private family memorial was held. Interment was held at the Washington City Cemetery.



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Awards Given as Elementary Schools Participate in Essay Contest

Because of Coronavirus restrictions our Essay Committee, headed by Eldon and Donna Larkin had to jump through some unusual hoops to complete the student essay award presentations this year.

As one of our flagship projects, the Cotton Mission Chapter contacts the local elementary schools and invites fourth graders to submit essays about their ancestors or other historical figures. The purpose, of course, is to further the mission of Sons

“The student essays were so well written they brought tears to our eyes.” --Eldon Larkin

of Utah Pioneers by helping our younger generation learn more about the sacrifices of those who have gone before them.

With assistance from the school principals and teachers, the best essays are chosen and special awards consisting of a bag of 20 Sacajawea gold dollar coins along with a special certificate is given to each winner.

Eldon Larkin, assisted by Thad Stewart and Del Ray Hammons presented the awards either individually at the students' homes, or in special small gatherings at the schools. Students also had special signs placed in their front yards, identifying them as winners. Many thanks to the committee members and their wives, and others who helped pull this off in spite of Covid-19 restrictions.



Eldon and Donna Larkin wearing their Corona masks



Students enjoyed the special lawn signs

Essay Awards

2020 Participating Schools

Thad Stewart presented awards to:

- 1. Washington Elementary 10 awards
 - 2. Riverside Elementary 11 awards
- Total \$200

Eldon Larkin presented awards to:

- 3. Crimson View Elementary 6 awards
- 4. Heritage Elementary 7 awards
- 5. Bloomington Hills Elementary 7 awards
- 6. Legacy Elementary 3 awards

Mel Ray Hammons presented awards to:

- 7. Santa Clara Elementary 20 awards

Next year 9 new elementary schools will be invited to participate

Special thanks to treasurer **Mel Duehlmeier** who took care of the finances for this project.



Eldon and Donna Larkin spent many long hours working on this project



Riverside Elementary school chose to give the awards at a special restricted event just for the winners and their parents.

Note: We will be publishing some of the winning 4th Grade student essays in each issue of our newsletter during the coming year. This is our first essay.

Major Augustus Poor Hardy *By Gavin Axle Law*

Augustus Hardy is from my mom's side of the family. He is my 6th great uncle. I read about him and his dad. I had a great connection with him because he helped establish St. George. He is an awesome man. So, here is his story.

Augustus Hardy was born at Georgetown, Massachusetts, on March 2, 1831. He was the son of Samuel Brocklebank Hardy and Caroline Bacon Rogers. He married Elizabeth Ann Capener, 18 Mar 1854, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. He had 7 children, 4 boys and 3 girls.

He arrived in Utah, October 12, 1850, having crossed the plains by ox team in Wilford Woodruff's company. He was sent on a mission to Parowan in 1851 by President Brigham Young to assist in building a fort. In 1852 he was sent to Fillmore to assist in building the State House. In 1853 he was scouting and guarding in the Walker Indian war.

On April 14, 1854 he was called by President Brigham Young to go on a mission among the Indians in southern Utah. Arriving at Fort Harmony he stayed there two or three weeks under John D. Lee who was in command at that post. On May 10, 1854, he, with Jacob Hamblin and Thales H. Hascal, left Fort Harmony and proceeded to the Santa Clara river, the home of the Tonaquint Indians, among whom they were to labor.

Arriving near where Washington now stands the small party of white men first met the Tonaquint Indians under Tutsugubet, their chief. Hamblin's party had an Indian named Amos with them who understood the language of the Tonaquint and acted as interpreter. He told Tutsugubet that the white men had come down to tell them about the Great Spirit to show them how-to do-good things and desired to live at peace with them. Hamblin's party had unsaddled, and they laid their rifles alongside their saddles and walked away from them to show their peaceful intentions. Tutsugubet acted very coldly at first but finally said if the white men talked straight it was alright and they could accompany them to their camp on the Santa Clara Creek.

Hamblin's party and the Indians quickly became friends. The gospel was preached to them and they were taught how to cultivate the ground and irrigate it. He moved from that place to St. George in 1867 and was appointed Bishop of the Indians by President Erastus Snow. He was appointed Colonel on President Snow's staff.

Major Hardy took an active part in the Indian troubles in this southern county from 1866 to 1871 and was proud of the Indian War medal bestowed upon him in recognition of his services he bore a commission as Major in the 3rd Reg of Infantry. He also served as sheriff of Washington County for eight years as assessor and collector for one term and US deputy marshal for one term.

Major Hardy was a quiet unassuming man of kindly and hospitable disposition. He built the Jail in St. George which is still standing in a place called Town Square, located by the famous Pizza Factory off Main Street. He is a great example to my family and I on how to treat and help people. I really liked learning about Augustus Hardy and I am glad that I am related to such a great man.

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COTTON MISSION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Chapter Meeting Sept 22 at Holmstead Ranch. Steven E. Snow to Speak

The Cotton Mission chapter will finally meet again September 22 at the Holmstead Ranch for our annual Scholarship fundraiser. We are delighted that LDS General Authority Emeritus Steven E. snow has agreed to speak to us.

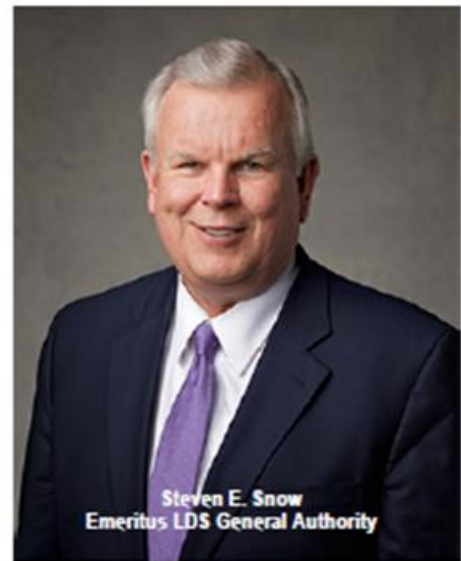
Instead of having a full dinner we will have pie and ice cream outside at 6pm, then move into the building for the talk by Elder Snow. Please wear masks.

This will be our fundraising dinner for our scholarship program, so we invite everyone to prepare to make a contribution.

Elder Steven E. Snow was released as a General Authority of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 2019. He previously served as a member of the Presidency of the Seventy with supervisory responsibility for the Utah Areas as well as the North America Central Area. He has also served as Executive Director of the Priesthood and Family Department, as President of the Africa Southeast Area of the Church, as Church historian and recorder, and as the Executive Director of the Church History Department.

Prior to his call to serve as a full-time General Authority of the Church, Elder Snow was a senior partner in the Utah law firm of Snow Nuffer. Elder Snow has been actively involved in supporting education, having served as a member and president of his local school board, chairman of the Utah State Board of Regents, and chairman of the Western States Commission of Higher Education.

The St. George, Utah, native attended Dixie College and earned his bachelor's degree in accounting at Utah State University and his law degree at Brigham Young University.



Steven E. Snow
Emeritus LDS General Authority

Directions: To get to Monte Holm's Holmstead Ranch travel north on Bluff Street which becomes Highway 18. North of Veyo turn right at the Baker Dam Reservoir sign and follow the paved road to the ranch. Please be prepared to wear Covid-19 masks.

New Displays in Pioneer Courthouse. Guides Needed

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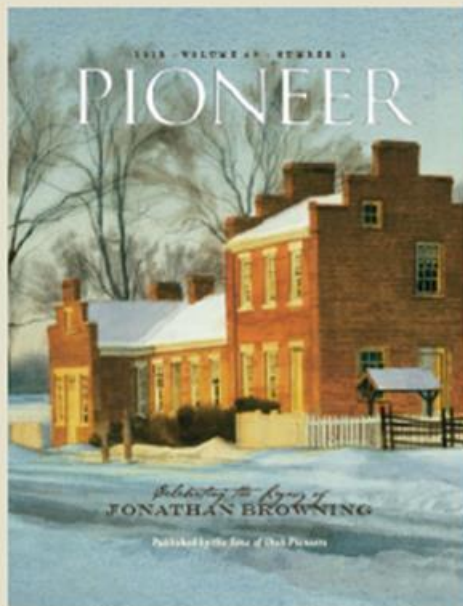
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Pioneer Courthouse

Give a *Pioneer Magazine* Subscription to Your Family and Friends



President Dan McArthur would like to remind our Cotton Mission Chapter members that the wonderful *Pioneer Magazine* is a great gift for family members and friends. Each issue is filled with stories and articles about the history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the story of our pioneers ancestors who paved the way for what we enjoy today. A subscription to the *Pioneer Magazine* is a perfect Christmas gift and a great way to introduce others to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Contact Bob Thornley 435-673-5818.

Note: We will be publishing some of the winning 4th Grade student essays in each issue of our newsletter during the coming year.

Ellen Pucell Unthank

By Bentli Calobee

My great, great, great aunt was 9 years old when she came across the plains with her family. On May 2, 1856 they joined a handcart company in Iowa City. It was led by Edward Martin and was headed to Salt Lake City, Utah. After they began the trek the winter weather hit. It was the worst winter weather they have ever had. She had 3 other people in her family traveling with her. Her mom's name was Margaret, and her dad's name was Samuel. Her older sister's name was Maggie and her name was Ellen, but they called her Nellie. Their last name was Pucell.

One day along the trek her mom became sick. So Samuel put Margaret in the cart and kept going. Then at one of the rivers Samuel fell in and his clothes froze. A couple days later he died. Margaret died ten days later. That meant Nellie and Maggie were alone on the trail. Luckily missionaries going back to England saw them and brought news to the companies in Salt Lake City.

On October 5, 1856 Brigham Young got a rescue team together and sent it out to find them. When the rescue team found them they were still alive but were cold and numb from the horrible winter freeze. Ephraim Hanks was one of the rescue team members who recalled finding several travelers whose extremities were frozen and about to fall off, or had already fallen off. The Pucell girls seemed to be in the same circumstances. When they removed their shoes and socks, chunks of flesh fell off. Ellen's legs were really bad and had to be cut off. So the rescuers performed the operation but they didn't have any anesthetic. They didn't have much stuff so they had to use the tools they had, which was a butchers knife and a carpenters saw. The rescuers had to cut her legs off just below the knees. Because the wound was so bad her legs never completely healed. So for the rest of her life she spent waddling in pain.

When she turned 24 she moved to Cedar City, Utah and married William Unthank. She had six kids and was really poor. She faced a lot of challenges and really tried her hardest to make the best of everything. She lived in a log cabin but still kept it super clean. She wetted and smoothed the dirt floor so normally it was smooth as a sidewalk. So she could feed and take care of her family she did other peoples laundry, knitted, and made stuff to sell.

Ellen spent most of her life doing acts of service. Ellen was in the life of many people. Ellen died at 69 in Cedar City. So we can remember Ellen Pucell Unthank there is a life-sized bronze statue made by Jerry Anderson that was put on the campus of Southern Utah University on August 13, 1991. The statue was dedicated by President Gordon B. Hinckley, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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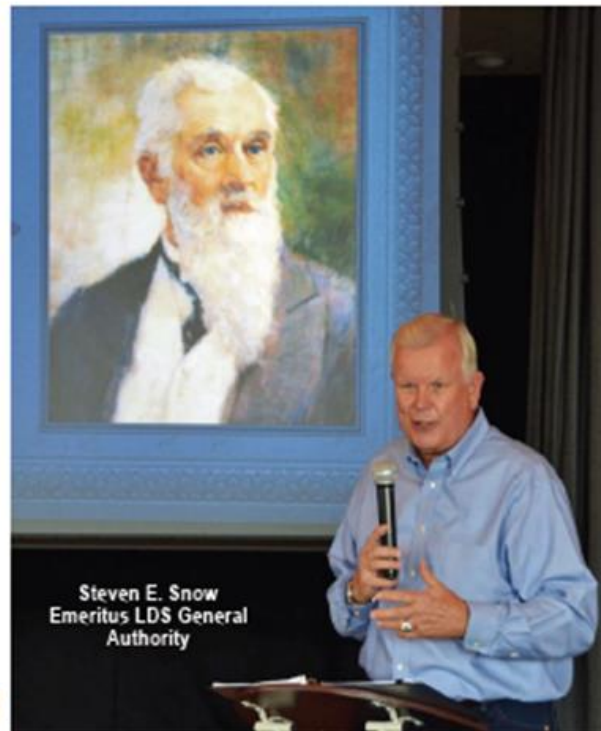
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Good Turnout for September 22 Meeting at the Holmstead Guest Ranch

Thanks for everyone who braved the current pandemic to appropriately meet for our September 22 meeting at the Holmstead Ranch. Everyone cooperated in social distancing measures and with appropriate masking indoors during the talk by Steven E. Snow. He was accompanied by his wife Phyllis.

We are grateful to all those who helped make it possible including Brent Miner, our program director and those who assisted with food. Of course a special thanks to Monte Holm who graciously allowed us to meet at his Holmstead Ranch group area adjacent to the lake.

This was a special evening with St. George native and LDS General Authority Steven Snow, who served as an LDS Church leader



Steven E. Snow
Emeritus LDS General
Authority



Enjoying dessert before the meeting

for many years including time as director of the Church History Department. He was released from those assignments in 2019. He was also a leader in education matters and a senior partner in the law firm of Snow Nuffer.

We are so grateful that Steve and Phyllis could spend the evening with us and share thoughts about the service and contributions of our own pioneer ancestors.

Photos from September 22 Meeting



Pie and ice cream before the meeting



Our speaker Steven Snow



Social distanced Pledge of Allegiance



Karen Green, A Moment in History



Large turnout to hear Elder Snow



President Dan McArthur and Brent Miner



The Jensens and the Rebers during Pledge of Allegiance



Singing "Are You From Dixie?"

Hildale Chapter Trek Scheduled for Saturday October 31

Chapter trek coordinator Royce Griffin has announced the Cotton Mission Chapter will enjoy a historical trek Saturday October 31.

SUP area vice president Dave Isom has agreed to guide us on a fun and informative trip over to the Hildale area, with several stops on the way. He will tell us about polygamy in those areas

We will gather at 9:30am at the Washington Albertson's parking lot for a prayer and car-pooling. From there we will travel to Hurricane city and meet up with Dave Isom at 10am at the Hurricane Heritage Museum on the corner of State Street and Main Street.

From there we will travel up the hill toward Hildale with a few historical stops and stories on the way.

We will end up at Maxwell Park on the north end of Hildale where we will learn about the area and enjoy a picnic lunch.

We need to know who is coming, so contact Royce Griffin at 435-313-0602 or email: thegriffins66@gmail.com



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Volunteer guides needed for Cotton Mission Room in Pioneer Courthouse

Adopt a Monument Program – Time for Members to Check Up on Local Monuments



Roland and Nellie Lee clean their assigned plaques at the Santa Clara Relief Society Hall

We all miss seeing each other on a regular basis. We do note that others are still observing our SUP Monuments. It is September again and time for a reminder to visit your chosen monument to make sure it gives the proper impression and undisturbed information to those stopping to read the history there. If you find things that need repair and you can do it yourself please do so. If not please report it to me for attention. May the Lord bless each of you with good health and fulfillment.

Charles Topham
SUP Adopt a Monument Chairman
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Alten Christensen

By McKay Ellis

My great grandpa Alten Christensen was a pioneer in the retail industry of southern Utah. He was also a pioneer with his faith.

The Store

In 1929, Alten opened Christensen's Department store in Richfield, Utah. It took a lot of courage to open a store at the beginning of the Great Depression. Banks did not have money to loan to new businesses, so he had to finance it himself. He lived on very little; in fact, he lived on the top floor of the store in a little apartment. He put all his profits back into the store.

Initially the store sold shoes, overalls, and fabrics. It was 20 ft x 30 ft or 600 square feet. After a year and a half, they moved to a bigger location. The store still thrives in Richfield today along with a location in Cedar City and St. George. My grandpa Clark and his two brothers continue to run these stores.

Faith

Alten was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In the window of Christensen's, he would put a couple copies of the Book of Mormon. Next to those copies there was a sign that said, "You are in Mormon Country, come inside for a free copy of the Book of Mormon."

Through his efforts, he gave over 100,000 copies of the Book of Mormon during his lifetime! He would give the Book of Mormon copies to hotels if allowed and put a copy in each room! In each Book of Mormon he donated to these hotels he would put a self-addressed envelope inside with a note. The note read, "If you want to learn more about the Book of Mormon, mail this back to (my great grandpa's) address." Once he got his envelopes, he sent them to the Missionary Headquarters where the missionaries then taught them more.

He had a map of the United States with push pins showing where all of those people who had responded lived. There was at least one push pin in every state.

Conclusion

I know my grandpa was a very kind and generous man. He worked hard to provide a better life for his family. His faith brought him so much joy that he felt it was important to share with others. I am grateful for his pioneering examples.

Photo: My great grandpa Alten Christensen is on the lower right. Standing behind him is my grandpa Clark Christensen, and his two brothers who still run the stores.



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COTTON MISSION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

60 Members and Guests Participate in Trek to Hildale and Colorado City Area

Some 60 Cotton Mission Chapter members and guests participated in the "Short Creek" trek on October 31. The group met at the Washington Albertson's and caravanned to the Hurricane Valley Heritage Park Museum where David Isom welcomed the group and introduced himself. David has a background and career in LDS Social Services and in retirement made a connection with the "Short Creek" community (Colorado City, Hildale, and Centennial Park). His experience with that community in hospice care and grief counseling gave him the experience to understand and explain the community dynamics.

He briefly explained the history of the Fundamentalist LDS movement going back to 1886 when President John Taylor was in hiding in Kaysville. The Fundamentalists allege that President Taylor gave the sealing authority to several men although their documentation of this is sketchy and suspect. The group then caravanned to Hildale and Colorado City and met with Ted Barlow. We visited the Rulon Jeff's and Warren Jeff's compounds, the Water Canyon High and Elementary Schools and the Leroy S. Johnson Meeting House. We drove by the Maxwell Wash site where it enters Short Creek and 13 people were drowned in a September 2015 flood that swept two vans away. We finished with a sack lunch picnic at the Maxwell Park.

David Isom and Ted Barlow explained the history and significance of each site. Ted is a former FLDS member who candidly told us about issues raised by Rulon and Warren Jeff's end of world and prison wall falling prophecies—how these personally affected him and others. Ted is currently employed as the facilities manager of the Water Canyon schools and told us about the rebirth of public school education in Hildale. He personally worked very hard on the Warren Jeff's compound and told us that a breaking point for him came when the workers finished this large compound in 90 intense working days at the request of the imprisoned Warren Jeffs, who said that the prison walls would come down if the compound was finished in time. That didn't happen. Earlier, the Jeffs (Warren was the aged Rulon's assistant) had predicted the Second Coming at the year 2000 if a task was finished in time. They were told that didn't happen because their followers were not faithful nor had they worked hard enough.

At the Johnson Meeting Hall, Ted recounted attending weekly Sunday meetings with 10,000 others and some of the on the spot separation of families and reassignment of families—wives and children—from men who were deemed unworthy and assigned to other men. There are two beautiful, large, mural paintings in one of the entry foyers of the Johnson Building: one of the Short Creek Community in the mid-20th Century and another of the Lee's Ferry and Lonely Dell Ranch of Leroy Johnson's youth.

Royce and Suzanne Griffin were gracious trek leaders. David Isom and Ted Barlow were fine, knowledgeable guides. Ted who has been through an emotional wringer with the Warren Jeffs led FLDS instability and turmoil. He was open and honest with his experiences and responses to many questions raised by the group. – *Written by Durant McArthur*

Photos from Short Creek Trek



Royce Griffin gives information to start the trek



L to r: Desteny Barlow, Ted Barlow, and David Isom



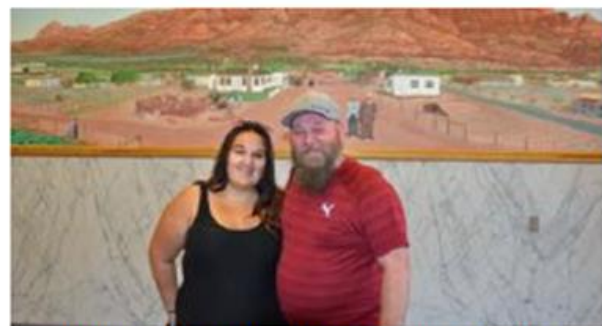
David Isom speaks at the Hurricane Museum Park



Ted Barlow speaks to the crowd



Part of our group in the FLDS Chapel



The Barlow's stand in front of 1950's painting showing his great-grandfather on the right



Having picnic lunch at Maxwell Park



Red cliffs rise above Maxwell Park

Note: We will be publishing some of the winning 4th Grade student essays in each issue of our newsletter during the coming year.

Mary Jane McCleve Meeks

By Acacia Barney

Mary Jane McCleve Meeks is my great, great, great, great grandmother. She was born on August 21, 1840. She was born in Belfast, Ireland.

Mary Jane lived in Ireland until April 19, 1856. She left because she was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and her family wanted to be with other people in the same religion. When Mary Jane left, her boyfriend gave her a pretty scarf. She knew she would never see her boyfriend or Ireland again.

Mary Jane arrived in Boston later in 1856. From there she went on a train to Iowa. From Iowa, her family joined a handcart company that was going to Utah. For most of the trip, Mary Jane carried her two year old brother on her back. She also helped carry another little boy on the way.

In Wyoming, Mary Jane's dad died. He died two days before they arrived in the Salt Lake Valley. They arrived in Utah on September 26, 1856. Mary Jane was 16 years old by then.

A couple of months later, Mary Jane met Dr. Priddy Meeks. They married the day after they met. He was 61 years old and she was 16 years old. After they married, Mary Jane moved to his home in Parowan. Mary Jane was Priddy Meeks' third wife. The other two wives were nice to her. Mary Jane and Priddy Meeks had ten children together.

Mary Jane helped her husband a lot with his doctor work. She was a midwife and delivered nearly 1000 babies.

Mary Jane and her family moved to the United Order (now it is called Orderville) in 1877. After her husband died she continued being a midwife.

Mary Jane died on January 19, 1933. She was 92 years old. She was buried in Orderville where my grandpa and grandma live.

I liked it when her boyfriend gave her the scarf. I liked learning about Mary Jane McCleaver Meeks.



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COTTON MISSION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

New 2021 Board Members Sworn in by Area Vice President



Photos by Bill Chapman



Area vice-president David Hinton conducts the swearing-in ceremony for 2021 leadership

have prevented our having a meeting this month. David Hinton conducted the swearing in ceremony for the new leadership and photos were taken of the new board by Bill Chapman.

On December 7, 2020 the board members of the Cotton Mission Chapter SUP met in the upstairs meeting room of Cache Valley Bank. Outgoing chapter president Dan McArthur conducted the session which was attended by Ralph Atkin, Rick Bentley, Rex Jensen, Don Burton, David Humphrey, Mel Duehlmeier, Lloyd Carter, Brent Miner, Roland Lee, Bill Chapman, and area vice president David Hinton. We were also joined later by Bob and Sally Thornley. Bob was honored by receiving a "Modern Pioneer" award. Ordinarily that presentation would be done at a chapter dinner meeting, but the Covid distancing requirements

Bob Thornley Receives Modern Day Pioneer Award

Robert K (Bob) Thornley is recognized as a Modern Pioneer for his many contributions to his family and ancestors, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the community of St. George, and the Cotton Mission Chapter of the National Sons of the Utah Pioneers organizations.

Bob was born on 7 July 1936 near Aberdeen, Idaho. His first marriage was to Mary Lou Heaps in the Los Angeles Temple in 1959 and they became parents of six sons. On the death of his wife (Mary Lou Heaps) from an automobile accident in 1990, he became a widower. Bob later met Sally Willford exiting the St. George Temple and after their courtship he married Sally on 6 March 1993 in the St. George Temple. He then became Stepdad to four additional children. He and Sally share a large family of 10 children, 55 grandchildren and 39 plus great-grandchildren with more on the way. He and Sally have great love for their descendants. He has lived in Idaho, California, and Nevada (31 years) and moved to St. George in 2005.

Bob served four years in the Air Force as crew chief on Aircraft & Power plant components. He was qualified to work on numerous components of jet and propeller-driven aircraft including the B-17. After discharge from the Air Force, he worked for 36 years for the FAA as an electronic engineer, again working on many (over 44) electronic components.

While still living in Mesquite, Nevada, Bob & Sally served a mission in 2000-2001 at the St. George Temple Visitors Center and Historic Sites. They learned to love St. George and eventually moved to St. George in 2005. He loves family history and has spent the past 20 years serving at the Historic St. George Live (with Sally) while portraying Jacob Hamblin. His portrayal of Jacob Hamblin is unforgettable by all that have had the privilege of witnessing his dress, actions and knowledge.

Bob has served in four (4) Bishoprics both in Nevada and Utah as a Counselor or as Executive Secretary. He has also served as a Ward and Stake Missionary. He also is as a member of the Stake High Council. His favorite calling was as a Primary Teacher. In addition to his church service, he is a gifted computer expert willing to help anyone in need. The single sister friends and neighbors (of Bob & Sally) love and appreciate him. He is willing to attempt fixing anything. Bob was ordained to the Office of Seventy by Marvin K. Ashton.

Bob's service in the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneer's spans thirteen years. He and Sally first became involved in the Cotton Mission Chapter when they attended the National Convention held in Richfield. They have been dedicated attendees of the National Convention since then. Bob served as the Community Involvement Director in 2008 and 2009. This assignment included 4th Grade Essays, High School Scholarships, St. George Live, Government Relations and Celebrations. He was selected to serve as President Elect in 2010, President in 2011 and Past President in 2012. He has also served as the Pioneer Magazine representative for the Chapter as well as the St. George Live Coordinator since 2013.

He has touched the lives of many in so many areas it is hard to imagine how he has found the time and energy to accomplish so much. He serves in a silent, even anonymous manner that no one even knows about. He is to be commended for doing much more than he has ever been asked to do without seeking any recognition or reward of any kind. He is truly a living example of "Christ-like" service and a modern day pioneer.

It is our pleasure to recognize Robert (Bob) K. Thornley as our modern day pioneer and present the Cotton Mission Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, Modern Day Pioneer Award to him.



Don Burton, Bob Thornley (holding award) and Sally Thornley

December Board Meeting

Photos by Bill Chapman



2021 president David Humphrey



Don Burton presents award to Bob Thornley



Don Burton reads citation



Board members meet in the top floor meeting room at Cache Valley Bank



Front row l to r: Rex Jensen, Brent Miner, David Humphrey, Dan McArthur, David Hinton. Back: Mel Duehlmeier, Don Burton, Lloyd Carter, Ralph Atkin, Rick Bentley

Note: are publishing some of the winning 4th Grade student essays in each of our newsletters during the year.

My Grandpa Sharp

By Paige Hays

Hi, my name is Paige Hays. My mother is Cindy and she is the fifth daughter of my grandpa, Richard Sharp. He was born on February 23, 1942 at Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah. He is 78 years old and lives in Sunnyvale, CA.

My grandpa was raised in Plain City, Utah and enjoyed fishing, and hunting. He liked going duck and rabbit hunting with his father and brothers. He liked outdoor activities and did really well in scouting. He earned his Eagle Scout award as a kid. One thing that he is proud of is the fact that he never missed a day of school in his life.

During his school years, he played football and also was on the swim team at Weber High School. My grandpa does not have any pets currently, but as a kid he had a dog named "Ring."

My grandpa had a good sense of humor growing up as a twin. He often switched places or classes with his brother Robert. My grandpa went to college at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. He earned his BS in manufacturing engineering and attended Santa Clara University where he received his MBA.

My grandpa has lived in four different places in his life: Plain City, UT; Ogden UT; Scotland (during his mission) and finally in Sunnyvale, California where he currently lives.

My grandpa told me that his favorite vacation was a trip he took as a teenager to Los Angeles, which included time at Disneyland and Las Vegas.

When I asked my grandpa if he could have lunch with any person, dead or alive, who would it be? He replied "Jim Meldrum" his good friend in high school and college.

I also asked my grandpa what the weirdest scar he ever had was. He told me that when he was six, he jammed his finger in a door which caused the tip of his finger to fall off.

I also learned that my grandpa worked for Northrop Grumman Industries as an engineer. He designed a lot of things, but the most interesting thing to me was his last project where he helped design a platform to launch Patriot Missiles from submarines.

In conclusion, I learned many things about my grandpa Spaulding Sharp that I had not known before. He is a very kind and adventurous person whom I am glad to know more about.

APPENDIX A

COTTON MISSION **MINUTES - 2020**

SUP Board of Directors meeting

January 6, 2020

Call to order: 9:05

Prayer: Dan McArthur

Attendance: Dan McArthur, Lloyd Carter, Rex Jensen, Ralph Atkin, Max Turpin, Dave Humphries, Mel Duehlmeier, Kent McComb, Dave Isom

Ralph Atkin moved to approve minutes, motion carried

1. Dan sought direction on dealing with Golden Corral and the menus for the monthly dinner. Lloyd and others provided useful information. Dan asked about a lifetime membership for Monte Holm, the form, the cost, etc. It was agreed to get that done. Mel provided a copy of the form.
2. Don Burton requests a copy of Hyrum Smith's memoriam so it can be included in the yearly report. Dan asked about an updated membership list. 106 members currently.
3. Mel gave the financial report. Mel needs an audit, we can do it at the next executive meeting. General account, \$14,675.24. The scholarship account is now \$63,170.32. Both scholarships and essays come from this account. Dave Humphries moved to accept the financial report; motion carried. Dave Isom indicated the 2019 financial report is due at national headquarters February 15th. Mel indicated it would be done by that date.
4. Ralph asked for Pat Cook's phone number at national, regarding memberships, led a discussion about lifetime memberships, the cost, and names of some who should be lifetime members. Mel indicated all membership information is on the website. Ralph asked if we should invite Hyrum Smith's son to become a member of the SUP. We need to develop younger members. Discussion followed regarding lifetime versus local dues. Other names were mentioned as possible good members for the SUP. Let's challenge the members to bring in new members.
5. Dan reviewed that Roland Lee will be the speaker for the January dinner meeting. A discussion followed about possible speakers for 2020. Gene Sturznegger will be the speaker for February. Other possible speakers, Travis Seegmiller, Steve Snow, Erland Petersen, Don Snow, Wayne Hinton, Kevin Smith, Jonathan Hafen,
6. Max requested the organizational chart for the Cotton Mission chapter be updated. Kevin is responsible for the organizational chart, and updates, etc. Bob Thornley has two responsibilities, maybe call someone else to take one of his responsibilities.
7. Dave Isom reminded us about the Brigham's Ball to be held in Salt Lake City on Saturday. There will also be a training provided by National for all presidents and presidents elect February 29th, from 10 until 2 pm, they serve lunch.
8. Kent McComb asked about the call list he has, should be up to date. He urged the chapter to return to having a "Moment in History" at each monthly dinner meeting. All agreed, and all agreed these need to be brief. Ralph suggested Thad Stewart would be a good choice to be responsible for planning these for upcoming dinners.
9. Lloyd urged we update the call list, and the membership list, etc. Dinner meetings are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday this year except September and December, and there is no July meeting.
10. Ralph urged the board to schedule the full year, and schedule the scholarship dinner early so we know that date, then we can schedule a speaker. Lloyd believes the Holmstead has been schedule, but Thad Stewart will know. Let's verify this with a Mr. Lyon, who runs things there.

11. Rex mentioned a woman in his ward who is a Mother Teresa type who ministers to the homeless in Las Vegas. She could use a case of hard bound copies of the Book of Mormon, if any would like participate. Dan said he would get a case.

Prayer: Mel Duehlmeier

Adjourned: 10:00 am

SUP Board of Directors meeting

February 3, 2020

Call to order: 9:02

Prayer: Max Turpin

Attendance: Dan McArthur, Dave Isom, DelRay Hammonds, Mel Duehlmeier, Max Turpin, Ralph Atkin, Kevin Jenkins, Don Burton, Kent McComb

Minutes: Max moved to approve the minutes, motion carried.

1. Dan thanked everyone on the board for their service. Dan reviewed the year's schedule and dinner schedule. The schedule for the scholarship dinner is set. September 22nd is date now scheduled for the Holmstead Ranch. Steven Snow will be the speaker for the scholarship fundraiser dinner. December date is moved to December 15th. No meeting in July. February dinner will be the third Tuesday.
2. Tuffey Ruth will be the February speaker. Terry Draper will be the March speaker. Lee Bracken will be April speaker, on the Mountain Meadows Massacre. It was pointed out that April is the scholarship dinner, so Lee Bracken may be moved to a later month.
3. Max reported the sound system seems to be working well now. Media publicity is rather non existence because we have no newspaper now. St George News might be an option. We need to get Bill Chapman's picture in the newsletter. He does a great job with all the photos, we need to recognize him. Dan asked about the name badges at the dinner. Kevin Jenkins reported they are looking at a different system than what we have been doing. It has not been settled yet. Max said the magnetic badges work well, as a possibility.
4. DelRay reported on the elementary schools now involved in the essay program. Rick Bentley no longer involved in the essay program, Eldon Larkin is now in charge of the essays. Durrant McArthur is helping and will be in charge next year. There are nine high schools involved in the scholarships. \$12,000 will be needed for scholarships this year. A motion was approved for the needed scholarship amount. There are now eleven elementary schools involved in the essay program, so will need \$1,100 for the essays. A motion was approved for the \$1,100 amount.
5. Mel gave the financial report. We made about \$100 on the dinner last week. The grand total in the general account is \$15011.65. The scholarship fund has \$61,230.32. One of the scholarships will not be cashed, Lacy returned from her mission and will not be going to college. Mel reported he has two new memberships. A discussion followed about membership enrollment forms. Two people paid for the dinners but are not members. There were questions about membership, payments, local and national dues with some members. All members must be a national member in order to be a local member. Mel indicated he needs to have an audit after the meeting. Rex and Ralph offered to stay. A motion carried to approve the financial report.

6. Kevin reported his efforts on verifying the Cotton Mission membership roster, and the call lists. He reported that some members have died, some have moved, plus national does not show that some have paid up membership. Pat (at national) reported nine names who have paid that we did not have on our list. Pat also no longer listed 24 names that we show on our list. A few have paid dues in the last couple of weeks. The total membership now is 84. Kevin reviewed the names of those who are no longer involved, and other issues that we need to get clarification on. Assignments were given to several board members who will follow up with individuals whose status is in question. Don proposed that each be responsible for those on their call list. Kevin reviewed the list of those in question. Board members will confirm with those on Kevin's list if they desire continued involvement with membership. Kevin asked if those who have not paid membership dues, but continue to attend the dinners; do we continue to call them? Non paying members will not be on the call list. Nonmembers who attend dinner will be listed as guests. Ralph asked for clarification on the cost of membership dues for both national and local. First year membership is \$35, thereafter the annual dues is \$60 for national, \$20 for local. There is a separate application for lifetime membership. Dave is going to suggest they combine the two forms.
7. Don Burton reported the annual history has been completed. Dave Isom confirmed national still wants a hard copy. Dave will deliver our copy. Don requested that Rex send him copies of the minutes in Word format, rather than copied into the email. Rex agreed. Royce essentially works alone, we need to get him some help on his committee.
8. Kent McComb reported he has distributed some of the maps.
9. Ralph; Hyrum Smith needs to be taken off my list. Monte Holms needs to be put on my list. Still needs to get Monte signed up for a lifetime membership.
10. Dave Isom discussed the February 29th chapter presidents training. Lunch will be served. Dave would like to send out lists of activities/treks, etc to other chapters. He also needs to know approximately how many people from this chapter will be attending the February 29th training.

Adjourn: 10:17

Prayer: DelRay Hammonds

SUP Board of Directors Meeting, March 2, 2020

Prayer: Kent McComb

Minutes: DelRay moved to approve, motion carried

Attendance: Brent Miner, Dan McArthur, Lloyd Carter, Dave Isom, Del Ray Hammonds, Kent McComb, Max Turpin, Don Burton, Rex Jensen, Kevin Jenkins.

1. Dave Isom reported on the training last week in Salt Lake. Membership and dues are still an issue. Talked of online access for membership data. Cotton Mission Chapter awarded a "Chapter of Excellence" award for 2019, only five chapters received this award. There are 48 SUP chapters in the organization. Trail markers can now be accessed online. Grave markers for pioneers who arrived in Utah before 1869 are available. There is a form to remove those members who are deceased.

2. Don Burton reported on chapter histories. It appears no one reads the histories submitted by the chapters. National is also wanting to digitize all their information. Cotton Days is April 18-23. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; we need our equipment and volunteers there on those days.) Dean Terry's equipment will need to be moved April 18th. Volunteers are needed for Cotton Days. Don recommended we put the student essays in the newsletter; something we no longer do. Most agreed it would be good.
3. Dan asked for reports on follow up to some memberships in question. Paul Furr can no longer be a member. Tom Craner said he will send in his \$20. Bill Earhardt passed away. Gaylon Poulson has moved to Salt Lake. Jeff Westover lives in Smithfield, get no response from him. Information to go on the monthly dinner printed program should be sent to Rex (text 435-319-4518, or email rgjense@gmail.com) Alan Hackworth's status is not determined; he does come to the dinner meeting but owes dues.
4. Kent McComb moved for a marker at Mormon Well (Beaver Dam), motion carried. The Miller Cutoff was put in in 1869 to avoid the Virgin River route. The Miller Cutoff became the winter route. Don asked if it would make sense to put the marker near Old Highway 91. Markers cost about \$200 to install.
5. Brent stated that Teri Draper will be the speaker at this month's dinner meeting. Also that Steven Snow is committed for the September scholarship dinner at Holmstead Ranch.
6. DelRay reported that the scholarships and essays are going well. Will have about 13 schools participating this year.
7. Kevin reported on the organizational chart. He is trying to update the chart with accuracy, remove those no longer involved or deceased. Kevin asked if Bill has video equipment. We could video speakers and put it on you tube. Max will check on it.
8. Max will make a list of possible news agencies and see what they will give us publicity on. There are now 125 memorials for Cotton Mission chapter members. Max asked if the chapter history was posted on our website; Kevin thought so.

Adjourned at 10:15

Closing prayer: Dan McArthur

SUP Board of Directors Meeting

June 1, 2020

Attendance: Dan McArthur, Dave Humphreys, DelRay Hammons, Max Turpin, Rex Jensen, Gene Duehlmeier, Don Burton, Dave Isom, Ralph Atkin, Brent Miner, Lloyd Carter,

Prayer: Dave Humphreys

Call to order: 9:04 am

Dan expressed his feelings that it is good to see everyone again. No minutes from zoom meeting last month. Dan explained the history on past canceled meetings. Rec Center would not allow us to meet last month, but we can meet this month.

Mel: reported the scholarship checks are going out this week. There are ten scholarships this year. Gene distributed the list of scholarship winners. General account balance is \$14,741.48, scholarship fund balance is \$61,332.04. Don asked if we could publish one or more essays in our

newsletter, perhaps give time at dinner meeting for one of the essays. Copies should be sent to Roland Lee. Dave H moved to approve the financial report, Max seconded, motion carried. Don: reported on certificates, asked for latest minutes. No one took minutes of the zoom meeting. Memoriam for Bill Earnhardt mentioned. Suggested better effort for recognizing modern day pioneers.

Brent: Teri Draper from IHC will be the speaker for the June dinner, should be interesting because of the coronavirus events. Steven Snow will be the speaker for the September 22nd scholarship dinner at Holmstead Ranch. Working on October and November. A second speaker has been ordered for the sound system. Moment in History was brought up. Brent asked about the Kent McComb band schedule.

DelRay: reported on school essay contest. Santa Clara Elementary made signs honoring the winners. Six schools participated. Asked for membership copies. Gene had copies.

Max: Asked if the next three months of speakers will be in the newsletter? Yes. Will put notices in the Washington City News and the Senior Sampler for publicity

Ralph: discussed Monte Holm lifetime membership. Monte indicated to Ralph that he had paid for a lifetime membership. Suggested getting the temple workers as SUP members. Discussion followed on how to contact former temple workers. Don suggested Roland Lee could put something in the newsletter regarding the temple workers and the SUP. Dan will talk to Roland Lee.

Lloyd: told of interesting conversion story of a soldier in Vietnam on guard duty. Lloyd discussed the gospel to him through the night. His wife was a member, he was not. He told his wife he had quit smoking because he was going to be baptized. Lloyd had known nothing of this conversion for 50 years until recently.

Dave Isom: Pioneer Magazine has option for the visually impaired, can received an audio version. We need nominations for national offices from St George chapter. Rexburg encampment is still on, should be very good this September. Chapter of Excellence awards have been modified somewhat. Super Duper is postponed until next year, the July trek is also postponed until next year.

Dave H has been approached by Janene Vanderbrugen for SUP assistance at the old St George courthouse museum, volunteers, etc.

Will have executive committee meeting on fourth Monday.

Wesley Burr and Ken Peterson want to be removed from the chapter.

Prayer: Brent Miner,

Adjourned at 10:07am.

SUP Board Meeting

September 7, 2020

9:05am, call to order

Attendance: Dan McArthur, Lloyd Carter, Max Turpin, Dave Humphrey, Don Burton, DelRay Hammonds, Rex Jensen

Prayer, Dan McArthur

Minutes, DelRay moved to approve minutes.

Charles Summerhays has been memorialized and his certificate will be given to his brother Dave.

Steven Snow will be the speaker at the fundraiser dinner at Holmstead Ranch on September 22, 2020.

Dan raised the question, regarding the September fundraiser dinner, "Should we meet?" Discussion followed. Lloyd suggested hoagie sandwiches could be provided for the meal. Lloyd also proposed the event might be held in the Tabernacle. Rex asked if the fundraiser dinner could be held outside. Max proposed we eat outside and have the speaker inside. Rex stated he felt it important that we meet. That we need the feeling of community, and that it is important we meet. It was determined we should meet but have an outside dessert rather than a dinner. Two choices of pie, and ice cream will be provided. So dessert will be served outside but the speaker will be inside, masks will be required. The event will be filmed so those not in attendance can still view the event.

Discussion was held about the "Dixie" issue and the Washington City statue of early pioneer leader Covington. A letter of support for the statue will be sent to the Washington City government.

Rex proposed we still have treks since they are usually small groups, are outside, and the weather is still permitting. Dan will contact Royce Griffin about the possibility of still having a trek or two this year.

Adjourned, 9:34 am

SUP Board Meeting

October 5, 2020

Attendance: Dan McArthur, Ralph Atkin, Rex Jensen, Kent McComb, Mel Duehlmeier, DelRay Hammonds, Dave Isom, Dave Humphrey, Lloyd Carter, Kevin Jenkins

Prayer: Ralph Atkin

Call to order, 9:01 am

Minutes of last meeting emailed to members, DelRay moved to approve minutes, motion carried.

1. Mel gave the financial report. The fundraiser at Holmstead Ranch brought in \$6395, a little below last year, but still ok. This gives us about \$59,000 plus, in the scholarship fund. We have \$21,321.00 in the general fund. Financial report was approved.
2. Attendance at Holmstead Ranch dinner meeting was 93. Ralph observed we had some members who don't normally attend. Dan thanked the board for making their calls. The pie and ice cream was a hit...with extra-large servings of ice cream. We had pies and ice cream left over.
3. Dave Isom reported the next national board meeting will be via zoom on October 24th, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The chapter should have its president elect chosen before that date.
4. Discussion on president elect for next year. A post meeting was held by the executive committee to recommend a president elect. Dave Humphrey will talk to the three that were recommended to ascertain who will be willing to serve in that capacity next year.

5. Don Burton sent in his report on honoring a Modern Day Pioneer, John Mathews from our chapter. Don recommended we also honor Thad Stewart, Bob Thornley and Mel Duehlmeier.
6. Next dinner meeting was discussed. The WCCC still limits us to 50 people. There were several recommendations made. After discussion, it was decided to have a trek (would be outdoors). Maxwell Park near Hillsdale was decided upon with box lunches. Several people with inside information about the history of polygamy at Hildale were mentioned. Ralph moved we contact Royce Griffin and Dave Isom will lead the tour and arrange for the presentation, motion carried. Date of the trek to be Saturday, October 31st. Dan stated we need to get this trek information to Roland Lee so it will get in the newsletter.
7. Kent McComb recommended putting up a historical marker on the old wagon road north of Beaver Dam, west of old highway 91. This is called the Miller Cutoff or the Mormon Road. This road was the wagon route from St Thomas to St George. A motion was made to approve Kent's recommendation for a trail marker, motion carried.
8. Kevin reported he's working on putting up some photos from the Holmstead Ranch scholarship meeting.
9. Ralph reported that Monte Holm will donate his ranch for our scholarship fundraiser dinner every year in the future.
10. DelRay reported we should have an additional elementary school in our writing contest next year.

Prayer, Kevin Jenkins
Adjourned, 9:50 am

December 7, 2020

Call to order: 9:01am

Prayer: Dave Humphrey

Attendance: Dan McArthur, Brent Miner, Don Burton, Dave Hinton, Dave Humphrey, Rick Bentley, Lloyd Carter, Ralph Atkin, Rex Jensen, Roland Lee, Mel Duehlmeier, Bill Chapman, Bob and Sally Thornley

Excused: DelRay Hammond, Eldon Larkin, Kent McComb

Minutes: Don Burton moved to approve minutes, motion carried

1. Mel Duehlmeier, gave financial report. We have \$59,477.77 in the scholarship account. Lost \$5 on the trek lunches. \$14,832.05 in general account. Financial report was approved.
2. Dave Hinton: National could you some financial assistance, COVID has interrupted their income stream, and revenue has been reduced by over \$100,000.00 Will take up this question in a future board meeting. Also, please don't schedule in conflict with national schedule. National has also returned the local dues collection to the local chapter, a change from this past year.

3. Don Burton: awarded Bob Thornley the Modern Day Pioneer award and read his long list of service to the SUP and the community. Thad Stewart was also given the Modern Day Pioneer award but he was not able to attend.
4. Roland Lee distributed and reviewed the chapter organizational chart. He requested input, additions, corrections, so the chart can be updated and made correct.
5. Dave Hinton swore in the new Board of Directors with Dave Humphrey as the 2021 president, and Brent Miner as the President Elect. He advised Dave Humphrey to obtain and submit an updated officer form. This form can be printed off the national website. Group picture was taken by Bill Chapman.
6. Dave Humphrey: asked approval for a January zoom meeting, which was granted. Rick Bentley asked for help in identifying additional speakers for future meetings. Dave also moved to approve the new board of directors, seconded and approved.

Adjourned: 9:55 am

Prayer by Dan McArthur