

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER

SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

2021

**DONALD E. BURTON
CHAPTER HISTORIAN**

**HISTORY OF COTTON MISSION CHAPTER
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 2021

The new officers and board members for 2021 were installed at the Chapter Board Meeting on December 21, 2020. The board was installed by David Hinton, National Area Vice President for Southern Utah & Nevada Chapters. The following officers and directors served during 2021:

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



Photo by Bill Chapman

Officers, directors and committee chairman serving during the year contributed to the success of the chapter. Due to the pandemic (COVD19), President Humphrey and the Board of Directors were faced with changes in dinners and treks held throughout the year. Dinner/Zoom meetings were held in February (Zoom), April (Scholarship Awards), June, August, September, October,

November and December. Three (3) treks were held in March, May and October. Monthly newsletters were written (thanks to the effort of Roland Lee) and provide details of the chapter activities. Additional contact was made with members by use of call lists from the Chapter Directors to check on members. Special thanks to President David Humphrey and the Executive Board are extended for their leadership during this second difficult year of COVID19.

Nine (9) board meetings were held during the year and copies of the minutes are included in Appendix A starting on page 78

Membership

The year began with a total of seventy (70) chapter members on the rolls. By the end of the year, a total of seventy (70) members of record were enrolled. COVID19 has had a significant effect that prevented ordinary efforts in recruiting new members. 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 through May).

Three (3) chapter members passing away during the year were Richard Bentley, Brent Miner and Robert Jackson. The three (3) have all had memoriam requests submitted to the National SUP office and the obituaries are included on pages 6-9.

Modern Day Pioneer awards were submitted for Thad Stewart, Mel Duehlmeier, and Don Burton. The citation details are included in the January Newsletter for Thad, the June Newsletter for Mel and the October Newsletter for Don. The citation details are also included on pages 10 - 14.

Monthly Chapter Meetings/Activities

The effects of COVID19 limited many dinners and treks during the year. Formal Chapter Dinner Meetings were held on in June, August, September, October, November and December. 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. Three (3) super treks were held as described in the in the March, May and October newsletters.

Other activities including the Cotton Day Celebrations (assisted by the local Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Camps), the Scholarship Awards dinner (reduced numbers) and the National Encampment in Idaho in September were held. Some Chapter members participated in the SUP Area Training in October by ZOOM. **Details of all activities are included in the Chapter Newsletter (pages 14 thru 77.)**

Chapter Activity Highlights

Dinner meeting speakers and participants included Loren Web (February – ZOOM Presentation, Ralph Atkin (June), Jon Green (August), Gilbert Jennings (September - Fund Raising Dinner for

Scholarships), Derek Rowley (October), Lee Bracken (November), Christmas Program & Music (December). Other significant activities included our scholarship program where nine \$1000.00 scholarships were awarded (April/May), essay program (twelve elementary schools with 143 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 2020 Chapter Excellence Award presented to David Humphrey during National Leadership Training in February 2021.

Some members attended the National Encampment held on 9-11 September 2021 in Rexburg, Idaho.

IN MEMORIAM

In remembrance of

Richard S. Bentley, Jr.

Who has been a valuable member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
and will be commemorated in our IN MEMORIAM database

August 2021

Chapter Eternal

Chapter Member Rick Bentley Passes Away



Richard Sullivan Bentley Jr.

We are sad to report that our faithful chapter member Rick Bentley passed away recently. We are indebted to Rick for his service to our chapter board as Member Services Director. He will be missed.

Richard Sullivan Bentley Jr was Born in Denver CO, on Nov 11, 1939, to Richard Sullivan Bentley and Noma Cox Bentley He moved to Butte MT, and later to Lewiston ID where he worked at JCPenney Company and on the family ranch. Because his family roots were in St George, he attended Dixie High School participating in football, basketball and track. He loved all sports, but his favorite was golfing with friends.

He served as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the West Spanish American Mission, Spanish speaking, from 1960-1962. Returning home, he married his high school sweetheart, Adele Baird, on Dec 21, 1962 in the St George Temple. After graduating from BYU in accountancy, he enjoyed a career as an internal auditor for a national accounting firm, controller in Las Vegas, and controller for land development companies in St George, UT, and Las Vegas, NV.

He and Adele served three additional missions: Bishop Storehouse directors in Las Vegas, NV., Institute directors in Santa Monica, CA, and office missionaries in Pittsburgh, PA.

Richard is survived by his wife of 58 years Adele, Washington, UT; his son Randall (Brandi) Bentley, Las Vegas, NV; his daughters Kellyanne (Adam) Taylor, Las Vegas, NV, Karen Bentley, St George, UT and Kimberly (Cory) Jones, Las Vegas, NV; 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Darlene (Kenneth) Nickell, Pleasant Grove, UT. He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers William Bentley, Gordon Rene Bentley, and Jerre Bentley.

Funeral Services were held Monday, July 26, 2021, at 11:30 am at the Buena Vista Washington Stake Center, 860 N Fairway Dr. Washington, UT with a viewing prior to service from 10:30 -11:15 am. Interment was at the Washington City Cemetery at 1:00 pm.

Arrangements were made under the direction of Spilsbury Mortuary, 110

Lawrence Brent Miner Obituary

Lawrence Brent Miner, age 69, passed away Nov. 23, 2021, at St. George Regional Hospital. Brent was born on Feb. 22, 1952, in Salt Lake City and was the second son to Lawrence John, and Julie Miner. Along with his parents and older brother he moved from Cottonwood Heights to St. George in 1968. Here in St. George, he attended Dixie High School, graduating in 1970.

He was a proud Dixie Flyer his entire life, often busting out his blue and white letterman jacket out any time my sister Ashlee or I tried to assert that our other St. George High Schools were better. From 1971-1973 he served a LDS mission to the Australia – West Mission, covering nearly the entirety of the Australian Outback from Adelaide to Darwin, and Perth to Alice Springs.

Brent was married to the love of his life, Debbie Lancaster on October 11, 1974, in the Salt Lake City, Utah Temple. They enjoyed 47 wonderful years of marriage, the majority of it in the home they built together in Bloomington in 1978. There was nothing that our father loved more than doting on his

loved wife. Taking care of my mom was his number one priority and delight.

A life-long learner with unwavering curiosity, Brent pursued a number of different careers throughout his life. Of all the work he did, he most loved working in broadcasting like his father before him. From a young age he loved radio and worked in just about every role he could within that field. From being the Official Disc Jockey for KDXU's Teen Night programming, to being the co-founder of MB Broadcasting.

He was a recognized member of the Utah Broadcasters Association and owned or ran several local radio and TV stations with MB Media Group, including the local Fox 13, and Channel 3 TV Channels, K55DL, KDXU-AM, CZEZ, and KWBR-LP and others. Beyond broadcasting, Brent created several different companies like Tritex and Brave industries, he worked to help start the Catalogue Chanel, provided the media coverage for the Senior PGA Tour, served on several different boards of directors, and did commercial voice overwork. He is also remembered for his Smooth Jazz 105.7 radio station that continues to run to this day.

Amongst numerous careers, he still found time for side projects like inventing the level guard for contractors – a patent he later sold to the Stanley Tool Company in the early 1980s that is still in production today. Or the government contract bids he won and fulfilled for the AR-15 brass catch bag, and the Barrett .50 Caliber Rifle Field Drag Bag that he invented with the companies he founded, Tritex and BRAVE industries.

In the mid-2000s, Brent transitioned to his most recent career as a Realtor in the Southern Utah area. He was one of the most recognized and awarded Real Estate Agents in the region. He loved working in real estate for the opportunities it gave him to meet many people and fulfill his role as the self-appointed Ambassador to Washington County.

In his spare time, he loved working in his community and church: He served as a Stake Counsel member, executive secretary for several bishoprics and was a devoted and incredible scouting leader. He was also the president-elect 2022 of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. He also loved to travel and had an adventurous spirit to the end.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents; his in-laws: Jack and Fern Lancaster; his older brother, William John Miner; and his son in law, Eugene Connelley (Lindsay). He is survived by his wife, Debbie Lancaster Miner; his children: Ashlee (Jason), Lindsay, Lacey, Chanel (Jermiah), and Jackson (Kate); and 12 grandchildren: Jayden, Isabelle (Dyiamond), Jacob, Criegh, Shaw, McCall, Jarick, Lozlin, Layla, Easton, Cooper, Juliette (Due April 2022).

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 29, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Bloomington Stake Center, 200 West Brigham Road, St. George, Utah. Interment is in the Tonaquint Cemetery.





Robert "Bob" Boyd Jackson

July 18, 1932 - November 28, 2021

Robert "Bob" Boyd Jackson

Robert "Bob" Boyd Jackson, 89, passed peacefully at his home in St. George, UT Sunday morning, Nov 28, 2021. Robert was born July 18, 1932 in Ogden, UT to Allyn Boyd Jackson and Virginia (Dixon) Jackson. The second of four sons, older brother William "Bill" Allyn Jackson married Louann Murray, and younger brother James "Jim" Fredrick Jackson married Joan Borger, and younger brother Don Sherman Jackson.

Growing up in Riverdale, UT, Robert graduated University of Utah in 1954, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. Robert and Jacqueline "Jackie" Moss were married in the Logan Temple July 7, 1954. Robert and Jacqueline are active members in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and served a mission in Boston, MA. Robert served as Bishop of a Weber State Collage singles ward.

As an Engineer Robert worked for Shell Oil and Marquardt Corp. before starting "Classic Construction", a real estate development and construction business where he thoroughly enjoyed his work. In 1983 Robert moved his family to St George, UT, but every year, Robert and Jacqueline enjoyed spending summer at their cabin in Liberty, UT.

Genealogy and family history was important to Robert, he was a life member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and The Mayflower Society. Robert compiled a book on his mother's ancestry, and with his brother James "Jim" create one for their father's ancestry.

Hobbies include repairing, and restoring items around the house, cars, trucks, boats, and RV's. Robert enjoyed traveling, seeing new places, and visiting historical sites. He loved spending time with his family and friends whether a picnic, a day at the lake, or a week camping in the Grey's River Valley, WY or on Lake Powell.

Robert is survived by his wife Jacqueline "Jackie", son Mark, daughter Julie Empey (Bret), son David (Patricia), daughter Jennifer, 7 grandchildren and 10 great-grand children. Also surviving, younger brothers James "Jim" (Joan) and Don. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, older brother William "Bill" (Louann) and granddaughter Candice.

A graveside service will be held in the Ogden City Cemetery on December 11, at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers the family requests a donation to a charity of your choice.

Thad Stewart Receives Modern Pioneer Award

Thanks to
Don Burton

Thad C. Stewart, a faithful member of our chapter received the Modern Pioneer Award at the January 4, 2021 board meeting of the Cotton Mission Chapter Sons of Utah Pioneers.

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Thad was born and raised in the small town of Meadow, Utah. He spent his summers working on conservation crews for the Forest Service with his father, from whom he learned the art of dutch oven cooking.



He and his wife Racquel were high school sweethearts at Millard High School and married in 1960. They moved to St. George in 1968 and recognizing the construction growth of the area, Thad opened Dixie Lumber Company in 1970, which still serves the building materials needs of southern Utah. His expertise in this industry qualified him to serve on the Washington County Planning Commission for many years.

Thad became a member of the Cotton Mission Chapter in 2008 and has served in many capacities, especially assisting with the Washington Cotton Days wagon display for many years. The chapter also enjoyed his cowboy entertainment, singing and playing the guitar at activities. He guided the chapter faithfully and skillfully during his term as chapter president in 2018.

He has always enjoyed horses, hunting, and the outdoors and has shared that experience with many others. His family has enjoyed a cabin at Pine Valley and for many years he and Raquel explored such areas as Hamblin Valley in their side-by-side.

As a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Thad served as Bishop, stake mission leader, and as a beloved youth leader. After moving to Bloomington, Thad spent 9 years as a Temple worker before the temple closed for remodeling.

Thad and Racquel currently live in Bloomington and are the parents of three children, nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.



Modern Pioneer Award

Photos by Bill Chapman

Mel Duehlmeier Receives Modern Pioneer Award

At our June dinner meeting long-time chapter member Mel Duehlmeier received a modern pioneer award for his service to family, church, and community. Don Burton made the presentation and read part of the following citation. Congratulations to Mel and his wife Jan.



Don Burton presents award to Mel Duehlmeier

CITATION: Melvin J Duehlmeier 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 Washington, and the Cotton Mission Chapter and National Sons of the Utah Pioneers organizations.

Born 12 September 1943 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Married Janice Hammond July 27, 1966, later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple March 14, 1968. The parents of 3 boys and grandparents of 6. They raised their sons in Salt Lake City and then moved to Logandale Nevada to fish, golf and water ski for 8 years. They

later moved to the St. George in 2004 and love being in Washington.

He was not born into Utah Pioneer Heritage but certainly came from pioneer stock. His parents were immigrants from Germany that came with a rich heritage of missionary work for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Germany. His paternal grandparents were the first baptisms in their village and were responsible for many people joining the church. His wife has a rich Utah Pioneer history and he loves studying those histories.

Mel served 6 years in the army reserves during the Viet Nam War. He began working for the Salt Lake County Surveyors office in 1967 and retired from there in 1997. He always worked hard to provide for his family and always had more than one job, working nights and weekends.

He has held many Church positions with honor giving each job his best. As a young father of toddlers, he was often seen taking his boys to young men's meetings and service projects. He served as the High Priest Group Leader in the Washington Buena Vista Stake for several years and provided a watchful eye on many elderly men and women in that critical role. As always, many great relationships were made with the ward members. He served two (2) fulltime missions with his wife Jan. They first served two (2) years at Heber Valley Girls camp where they were loved by all of the girls and leaders and made lifelong friends with other missionaries. Mel and Jan also served for one (1) year as Live at Home proselyting missionaries in Buena Vista Stake Washington.

Mel was first introduced to the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers because of Dave Rogers and Gail Hammelwright, his golf Buddies in about 2004/2005. His service in the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneer's spans more than fifteen years. Mel served as Scholarship and Essay committee chairman. Elementary School (4th Grade) pioneer essays and High School Scholarships Awards. He also served on the trails and Monuments Committee in 2015 to help get the Temple Trail Marker posts installed.



Don Burton reads citation to Jan and Mel Duehlmeier

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The next significant position has been as treasurer of the chapter with eleven or twelve 12-chapter presidents. He still holds that important position today and carefully tracks and cares for the Chapter's resources. Mel and Jan have been supporters and participants in many other Chapter events such as treks, Cotton Days, and monthly chapter dinner meetings. Mel (and) Jan have touched the lives of many in so many areas. 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 Melvin J Duehmeier as our modern-day pioneer and present the Cotton Mission Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, Modern Day Pioneer Award to him.

Donald E Burton, Modern Pioneer
COTTON MISSION CHAPTER, SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS
November 2021

CITATION: Don Burton is recognized as a Modern Pioneer for his many contributions to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, his family and ancestors, the community of St. George and Washington County, and the Cotton Mission Chapter and National Sons of the Utah Pioneers organizations

He has served as Young Men Coach, Finance Clerk, 2 Bishoprics and as Bishop for 6 ½ years in the 21st Ward in Layton, Utah, High Councilor for 8 years in the Valley View Stake. Family history teacher and Church Service mission with Laura for 6 years and St. George Family Search Center for the past 11 years. Many have reaped the benefits of his loving teaching ability.

His service with the Sons spans 14 years, joining the Chapter in 2007 where he served as Pioneer History Director from 2008 to 2011 and again from 2017 to 2021. He served as President Elect of the Cotton Mission Chapter in 2012, President in 2013, Past President in 2014, Area Vice President in 2015 and 2016 and again serves as Pioneer History Director where is has been instrumental in the set-up of the park for Cotton Days.

He had great insight in family history. He has willingly helped so many people without recognition or rewards. He truly loves family history. When the family history center receives new equipment, he is always ready and willing to learn how to run it. He has a deep knowledge of the Family History Programs and shares them lovingly. He has touched the lives of many in so many areas kt is hard to imagine how he has the time or energy to accomplish so much. He is truly a living example of Christ-like service and a modern-day pioneer.

Don married his best friend 63 years ago in the St. George Temple. Hey are the parents of 4 Children, 19 Grand-children and 18 g-grandchildren and he loves his family and they love him.

He worked for Hill Air Force Base as a Civilian Engineer for 22 Years. He then took a job with NASA as an Engineer and Manager. He worked for the for 18 years. He really loved working for NASA on the Solid Rocket Booster.

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President David Humphrey presents Modern Pioneer Award to Don and Laura Burton

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David Humphrey Leads Chapter in 2021

Photos by Bill Chapman



Chapter President David Humphrey

On January 4, 2021 the board members of the Cotton Mission Chapter SUP met in the upstairs meeting room of Cache Valley Bank. Past chapter president Dan McArthur and Kevin Jenkins were excused. The session was conducted by our new 2021 president David Humphrey. Others attending were Max Turpin, Rick Bentley, Kent McComb, Rex Jensen, Don Burton, Mel Duehlmeier, Brent Miner, Royce Griffin, Roland Lee, Bill Chapman, and area vice president David Hinton.

We were also joined later by Thad and Racquel Stewart. Thad was honored by receiving a "Modern Pioneer" award (See tribute page 2.) Ordinarily that presentation would be done at a chapter dinner meeting, but the Covid distancing requirements have prevented our having those meetings.

Thad was honored for his service to the Cotton Mission Chapter as well as his lifetime of service to the St. George community and the LDS Church. Long-time

friend and chapter member Roland Lee gave a tribute to Thad prior to his receiving the "Modern Pioneer Award," an etched glass plaque. Pictures were taken by Bill Chapman.

Royce Griffin discussed ideas for treks during the Covid and presented the board with a list of 15 different historic locations to consider. One idea is to have smaller groups of four or five couples select different treks and report on them later. Chapter members are asked to select their top 5 or 6 and email them to Royce. (See list on page 6)

Area vice president David Hinton reported that the SUP National Headquarters is facing a financial predicament due to the Covid shut-down of the headquarters building in Salt Lake City. Income has been lost from groups who previously rented the building for events. A discussion was held, and a proposal accepted for the Cotton Mission Chapter to donate \$1000 to help with the financial deficit.

Derek Rowley was commended for his fine work in building the new SUP online web site which is packed with great historical information including life stories. Some of the board members present reported they had challenges with signing up for the website. David Hinton offered to look into it.

Roland Lee asked for new input on changes in the Organizational Chart and it was reported Kevin Jenkins is working on a new 2021 roster to make available to the chapter members.

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January Board Meeting

Photos by Bill Chapman



Roland Lee presents Modern Pioneer award to Thad C. Stewart



President David Humphrey



Area VP David Hinton



Pioneer History Chairman, Don Burton



Everyone masked appropriately at our Board meeting

Elder Steven E. Snow Zoom Meeting January 21



Steven E. Snow

The Hurricane Chapter has invited us to join them for an evening with former Church Historian Elder Steven Erastus Snow January 21. He will speak with us about the life and contributions of his ancestor, Erastus Snow. Elder Snow has been a general authority of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since 2001. He served as the Church Historian and Recorder from 2012 until 2019 when he was released. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Details will come later with the Zoom Link.



Erastus Snow

Thanks to Eldon Larkin

*Note: This is one of the winning 4th Grade student essays.
We will be printing others in the coming newsletters.*

My Ancestors By Madalyn Ellis

In the year 1856 George Fredrick Housley, my great, great, great, great grandfather and his mother left England to come to Utah to be with the saints. First they sailed for five weeks on a ship called "Horizon" to Boston. Then they took a steam boat to Iowa, where they joined the Willie and Martin handcart companies. They camped in Iowa for three weeks while the handcarts were being made.



While they were in Iowa a gentleman told them they would starve to death if they went that late in the season. George wanted to wait, but his mother wanted to go. She asked him to wait while she prayed about it. A little while later, a fellow traveler came into their tent singing, telling George's mother that she should take George and they would be all right. She knew this was an answer to her prayers and George told her they would go to the valley.

When they started all was well, but then their spirits were dampened. Many of the company became sick, and many died. People started loading their things onto other's wagons to make room for the sick, making the wagons heavier. Supplies started running low and they got less food. Then the weather turned cold and many froze to death. Supplies dropped even more and then they got 4 ounces of flour per person per day. Many died from starvation. They arrived at Sweet Waters River a bit later. When they arrived they were all tired and some too weak to move. A man named Stone was going to an Indian camp, but before he got there he was eaten by wolves. When some people in the camp found him, he was only legs and boots.

Rescuers were sent from the valley to go and find the travelers but they couldn't find them, so they decided to turn back. One rescuer said he would go all the way to the states, but he would find them. Around noon, a horseman came riding into George's camp. He encouraged them to make another start. Many had the will to move forward but not the strength and collapsed on the ground and froze to death.

Soon the rest of the rescuers came to the camp and they brought supplies with them. That night George had to sleep in a tent that had one boy on each side, but in the morning the 2 boys were both dead. George was so depressed that when the company came, he hid behind a rock, hoping to die. A bit later, one of the rescuers found him, wrapped him in a blanket and put him on the man's horse. They caught up with the company a day later. George had to sleep in a wagon that had a dead man in it.

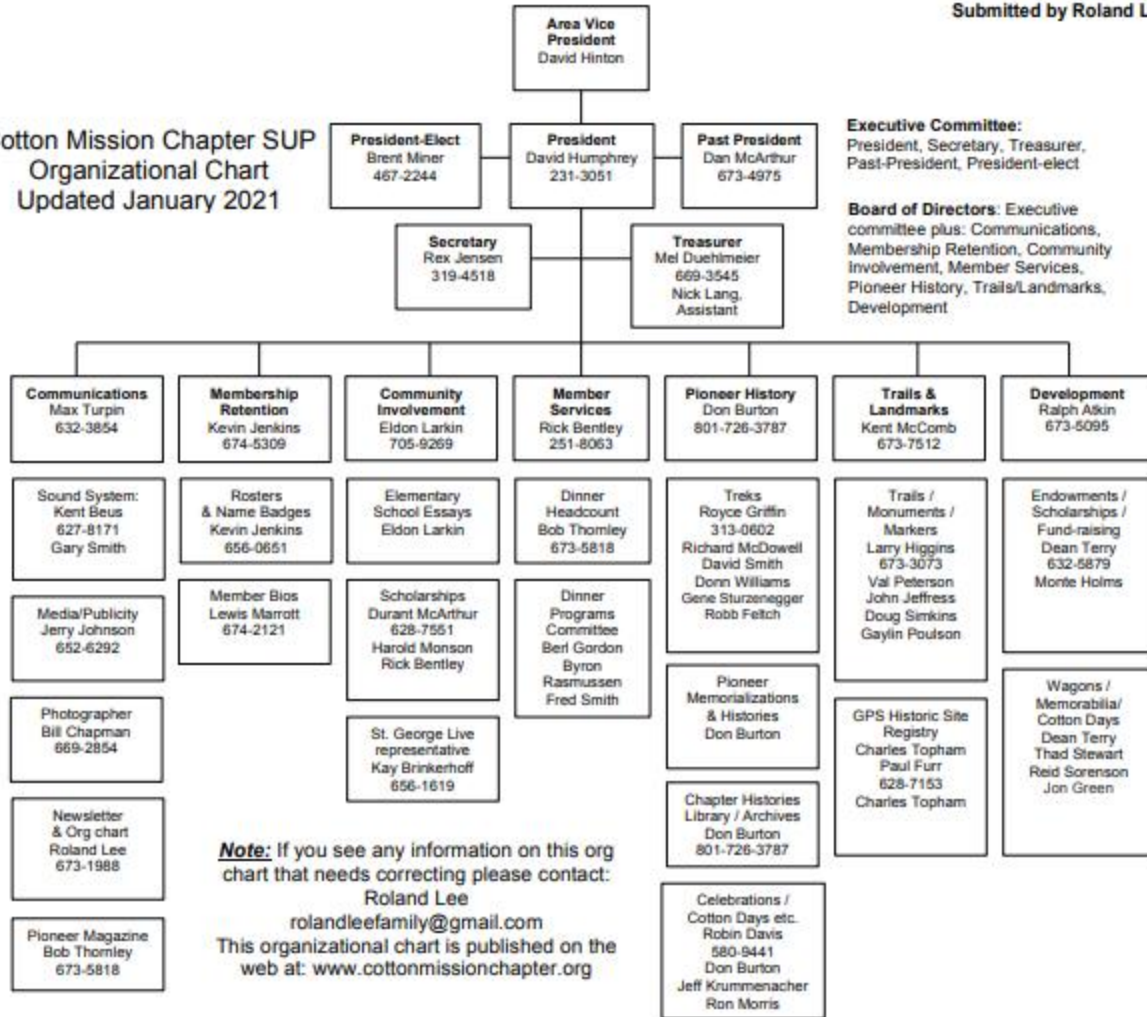
On Nov. 29, George's birthday, they arrived in the Salt Lake Valley. George and his mother were taken in by friends, who were awaiting their arrival. Their friend would only allow George a limited amount of bread because he was afraid it would kill him. In our history book, George wrote this, "But after they had gone to meeting I finished the whole pot pie which had been prepared for the family, and I am alive yet and I have been hungry to this day."

Years later, George was at his son's home talking with his son's father-in-law, Marshall Allen, talking about old times. Then Marshall brought up going to assist the hand cart company. He talked about seeing a dark spot in the rocks up ahead. It was a young man. Marshall said he wrapped him in a blanket and set him on his horse. In Marshall's journal it says, "then George spoke up and said 'the horse had one white leg, a white stripe in its forehead and the rest of it was coal black' Marshall said "yes". Then George said 'it was a bright plaid blanket', Marshall asked "how do you know?" George said " Because I was the one you found."

George Housley is my great, great, great, great grandfather on my mother's side. What I learned from this story is when hard things happen it's not the end of the world.

Submitted by Roland Lee

**Cotton Mission Chapter SUP
Organizational Chart
Updated January 2021**



2021 Presidency and Board members

Photo by Bill Chapman

Ideas for Future Chapter Treks

Please Help Us Choose

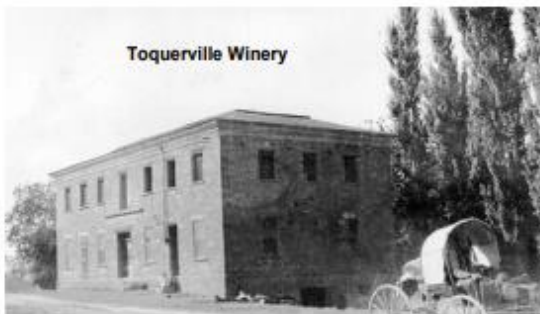
Compiled by Royce Griffin

Royce Griffin, director of our treks has suggested the following possibilities for future treks. He has asked for input from the members on the choices. Please help us by listing your top five or six picks from the following list. Please email your answers to Royce Griffin at: thegriffins66@gmail.com

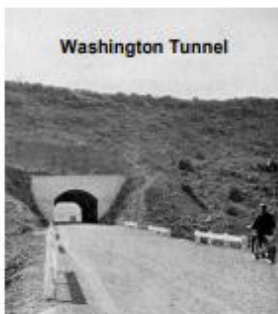


1. Washington City: Covington Mansion, Adair Springs and Warm Springs.
2. Downtown St. George walking tour including: Anton Ivins/Gardner Home, Judd's Store, Bentley House, Woodward School and others.
3. Black Mountain Petroglyphs located south of the city and the Glitter Hole.

4. History of Big Hand, Dick's and Sugar Loaf Cafes
5. The Virgin River Bridge.
6. Hilga Seegmiller's Historic Farm.
7. San Daniel Campsite (Escalante Expedition) north of Pintura and Starlite Gardens Dance Pavilion.



8. Toquerville historic sites: old homes, winery and church.
9. Snow Canyon lava tubes.
10. Virgin City: Parker home, old city hall, jail and Virgin Oil Field.
11. Red Cliffs Anasazi site west of Harrisburg



12. Old Highway 91 and Washington Tunnel
13. Red Hills Desert Garden.
14. Terry Ranch and old town of Hebron near Enterprise.
15. Browse Guard Station and giant sequoia tree.

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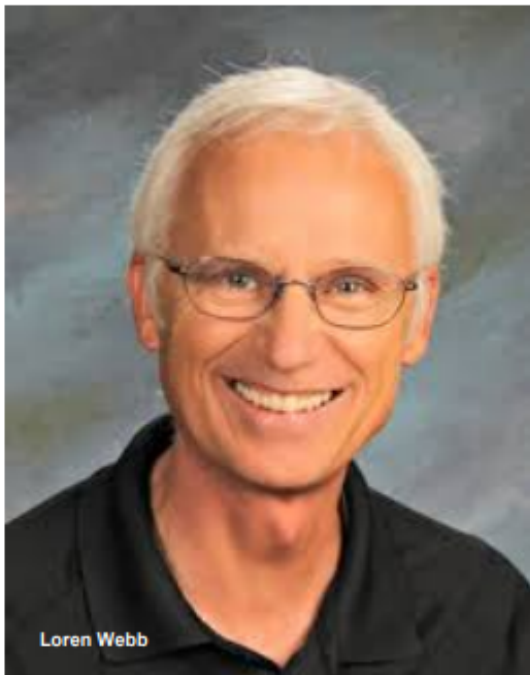
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COTTON MISSION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Loren R. Webb to Speak at Zoom Meeting



Loren Webb

Mark your calendars. On Tuesday February 16 at 6:30pm educator and journalist, Loren R. Webb, will be the speaker for our chapter meeting. Loren will make his presentation via Zoom. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm and we will send a special link via email so you can watch from your home computers.

Loren R. Webb is the director of the Washington County Historical Society and author of *Southern Utah Memories*, a new book chronicling the history, events and people who influenced the development of southern Utah communities. A native of St. George, Loren grew up working on his father's dairy farm. He graduated from Dixie College in 1977 with an Associate Degree and received his bachelor's degree in journalism and history in 1979 from Brigham Young University returning in 1981 to receive his master's degree in communications.

His 21-years of news reporting about southern Utah people, places and events make *Southern Utah Memories* a special 472-page heritage book treasure.

Local author, historian and former Dixie College president Douglas Alder reviewed Loren Webb's new book and said, "This is an unusual book. There are 81 stories. They do not appear in chronological order. Readers will understand the book better if they know that the author worked for newspapers in Washington County for 21 years. Each week he presented them with an article about some historic place or person in the area. After doing all that, he decided to put them in a book. As a result, readers can enjoy 81 stories about southern Utah, all of them well documented, but they are placed in the book as the author chose and one story does not relate to the one before or the one after. Nonetheless, the reader finds them so interesting that she/he keeps reading. "

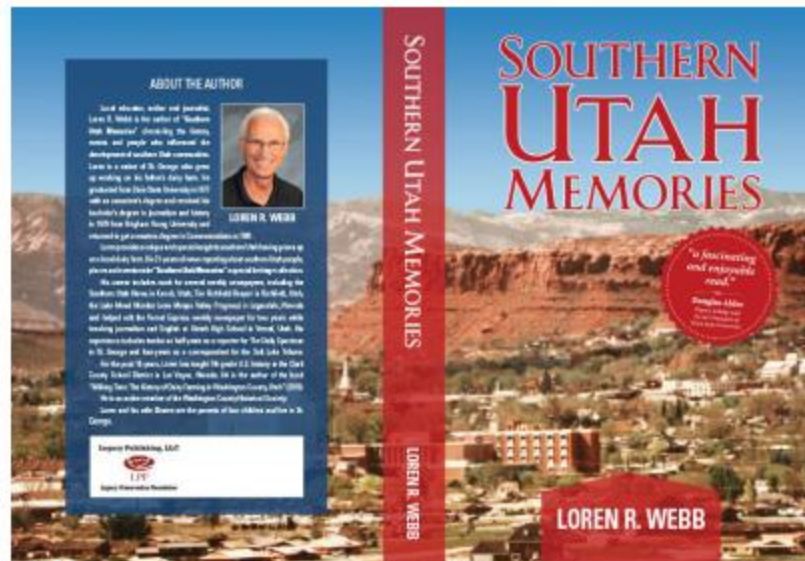
The following are excerpts from a review of Loren's new book by Douglas Alder.

Story 11 is one of the more important articles. It is about the U & I Sugar Company. It is

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Review of *Southern Utah Memories* by Douglas Alder

based on an interview with Doug Quayle and Harold Cox. For 50 years farming in Washington County was actively involved in raising sugar beets and extracting the seeds for sale. The St. George operation was part of U & I Sugar Company located in Salt Lake City. The St. George plant was a great benefit to hundreds of farmers who could get sugar beet seeds and sell them. By 1979 U & I Sugar closed the St. George plant, which was located in the pioneer opera house.



Another interesting story is Number 14, "How Utah Got Its Size and Shape." The article reviews the early history of the region—the Anasazi Indians, the Spanish impact, the Dominguez and Escalante Expedition, the mountain men such as Jim Bridger. Then the Mormon treks to Utah led to the establishment of Mormon control. Soon this led to an application to Congress to be a U.S. Territory that included present-day Utah, Nevada, northern Arizona and southern California. In March of 1861 Congress created the Nevada Territory, leaving what became the Utah Territory with boundaries like today, which do not include southern California or northern Arizona or Nevada. The article is extensive but insightful.

The story of Rockville in story 36 is a classic. It portrays the families in 1862-3, the establishment of irrigation, the role of leaders: James Lemmon, Isaac Behunin and John R. Crawford. Initially the people in Rockville raised cotton but soon changed to wheat and corn. James Jennings is quoted saying, "Everyone worked hard and was happy," in the middle of the article. Today Rockville is still functioning well.

Story 16, about Anthony W. Ivins, is important. It describes the significance of Ivins' many efforts of protecting the Shivwits Indian Band and becoming one of the promoters of a very large cattle industry, being a missionary in Mexico and later being a leader of the Mormon colonies when they were being driven out of Mexico. He became an apostle when Heber J. Grant was president and became influential in convincing the state to take over Dixie College in the 1930s. It is obvious that the town of Ivins was named for him and he donated property for a Paiute Indian Reservation.

A Zoom link for Loren Webb's talk will be emailed to Cotton Mission Chapter members later in the month.

Thanks to Eldon Larkin

*Note: This is one of the winning 4th Grade student essays.
We will be printing others in the coming newsletters.*

Great Grandpa Lee

By Hinckley Gubler

I wanted to pick my Great Grandpa Lee because he is very important to me. He always makes me laugh and is always supporting me. When I'm feeling sad, he cheers me up. He is a really good person to me. He is always in a good mood and tries to make people happy even if he has no idea who the person is. He is always up to playing with me and likes to make people happy. I love him very much. My family means everything to me and he's part of my family. Great Grandpa Lee is awesome.

My Great Grandpa Lee's full name is Gary Arthur Lee. The last name Lee comes from the English and means "one who dwells by the river. Gary is more fun- it translates to brave spear hunter. Great Grandpa Lee's birthday is May 11, 1942. He was born in the first months of World War 2. He grew up in the area of Los Angeles county known as the San Fernando Valley. For fun growing up, he enjoyed and really liked playing outside. Back then, when he was really young, an ice cream cone cost ten cents. Also, when he was really young, they had one of the first televisions. He was in one of the first generations of having a television. He worked very hard in the summer and earned enough money to purchase a car. When he was growing up, he wouldn't have ever dreamed of having a phone that you could carry around in your pocket. Growing up, he had what was known as a party line. One day he went to a world fair and they introduced a phone that you could actually push buttons and make the phone dial. As time went by, they made a thing called an answering machine that he could hook up to his phone and listen to messages he had missed.

He looked up to his mother, however his father drank so much up to the point of divorcement. He did look up to his father, but he did an awful lot of drinking. He looked up to his brother Ron. He died before I was born. He also has a little brother named Mike that he looks up to also.

As a kid, he didn't know what he wanted to be. He liked to draw and in elementary school he did a lot of it. So, at the time he thought he would be an artist. In elementary school he made a science project of a volcano. He made half of the volcano and made molten lava and magma on the other side. His teacher thought it was so good that he kept it to show other classes in the future. In Junior High, they were talking about blood and the heart, so he made a chart with all the major blood vessels and arteries, and that teacher kept that chart. He even won some art contests. He majored in art and his minor was printing.

Great Grandpa Lee didn't know what to do after that, so he went to the Air Force and they straitened him up. That made a huge difference in his life. He went to the military and trained then he came back and got a job working as an aircraft loadmaster. That person rides on a cargo plane and takes care of the cargo loading and everything. He was an air crew member from 1960 through 1967.

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One thing he learned from his parents was -- Don't drink! It's bad stuff! Two: when he was a young pup in high school, he thought it was cool to smoke but when he went to the Air Force, they were very strict, and he quit smoking.

Great Grandpa Lee later got a job where his dad worked in the motion picture industry. His dad would paint the sets, added wallpaper, and made sets look old when they were actually just painted. He got the job as a painter. So, he worked there for six years and decided he wanted to work at an art department, so he had to go to school at night. He became a Set Designer there and he got promoted to Art Director. If you add all of his initials, it makes "GAL". A nickname for Arthur is Arty. He sometimes would pick up his phone when someone called him and reply, "Hello, art department, Art speaking."

My great grandpa likes excitement! He has been skydiving 125 times while over the age of 50. His grandkids make him happy. He says if you read the first line in the Book of Mormon it states "I Nephi being born of goodly parents". That's what he tried to be. He wanted to be a good parent. He always keeps all the stuff his children and grandchildren and even his great grandchildren give him.

His religious beliefs changed his whole life. He was a rather foul person. He was 27 when he joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints with my Great Grandma. Before that, he was having a hard life. His language was terrible, but he cleaned up his language and cleaned up his act.

One hardship is one my mother went through too. Her mother died (Great Grandpa's daughter) and it was really hard, but on the other hand, they learned a lesson too. He knew that Heavenly Father understood the program that we all get a body and we are all going to die at some point. He knows we will all be together again one day.

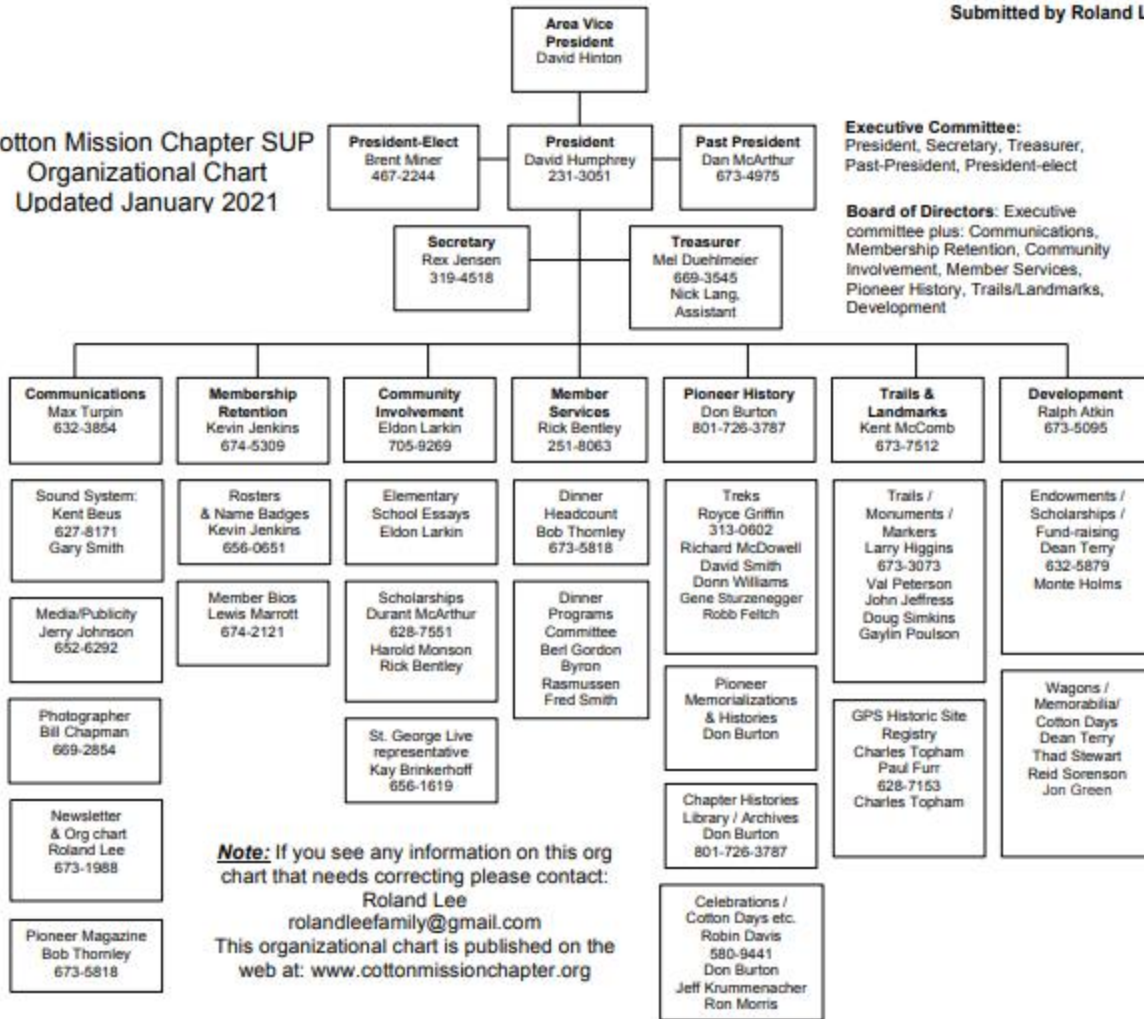
Great Grandpa Lee believes that the most important thing he had done in his life was to be a good father. His advice is to listen to the prophets. Also, be honest and do what is right. If you follow through and follow the prophets and be honest in everything you do and be true to your marriage and do what is right, you will be happy. You always want to do your best and it will come back to you.

I love my Great Grandpa Lee so much and am grateful for his example in my life. This essay helped me to learn a lot about my great grandpa and it taught me a lot of things. I am so grateful that he did this with me. I look up to him a lot and he means a lot to me. I know that he will always have my back. This essay helped me bond with my great grandfather a lot and I am so happy that he took the time so that I could interview him and I am so happy that he let me do this essay about him. I love him very much and I know he loves me too. He really truly is a great Grandpa in both ways.

What I learned from this story is when hard things happen it's not the end of the world.

Submitted by Roland Lee

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Washington Trek Planned for Friday March 12

On Friday, March 12 we will enjoy a trek to visit several historic sites in Washington City. This trek was previously scheduled for January but was postponed due to the weather. Now that we are enjoying spring weather it is a great time to get outdoors again.

We will assemble at the Washington city park at 10 a.m.

where George Staheli, a long-time member of the Washington County Historical Society, will discuss the historic Pioneer Plaza, then lead us to Adair Springs, on to the historic Covington

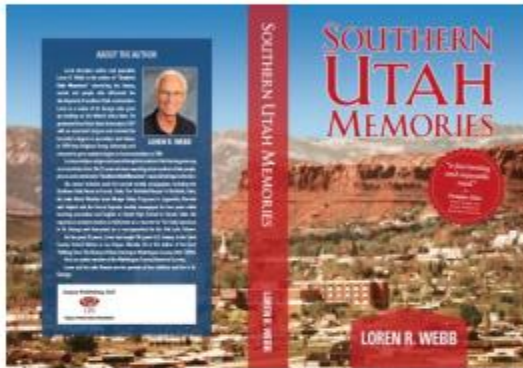
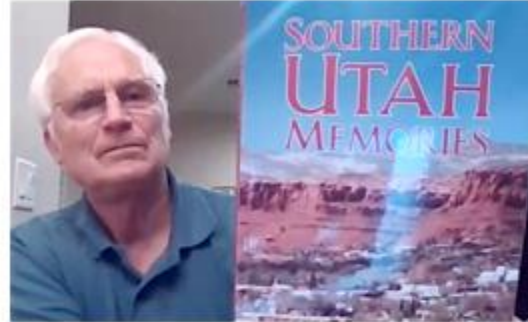
house and then to Warm Springs (The Boilers) before returning to the city park for lunch.

Please let us know if you would like to join us, and also if you would like a box lunch. We will be outside for the activities so it should be relatively safe but of course we can wear our masks. Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling Royce Griffin 435-313-0602 or e-mail: thegriffins66@gmail.com.



Recap of Loren Webb Zoom Talk

On Tuesday February 16 our chapter enjoyed a Zoom presentation with educator and journalist, Loren R. Webb. Loren is the current director of the Washington County Historical Society and author of *Southern Utah Memories*, a new book chronicling the history, events and people who influenced the development of southern Utah communities. The 472-page book includes a variety of essays from his 21 years as a news reporter in southern Utah.



Loren selected a few stories from his book to share with us, then answered a number of questions about southern Utah history from our chapter members. It was amazing how much history has been experienced personally by members of the chapter.

A native of St. George, Loren grew up working on his father's dairy farm. He graduated from Dixie College in 1977 with an Associate Degree and received his bachelor's degree in journalism and history in 1979 from Brigham Young University returning in 1981 to receive his master's degree in communications.

March 1 Board Meeting Report

The Cotton Mission Chapter leadership held a board meeting March 1 to discuss plans for upcoming events. Those attending were President David Humphrey (conducting), Brent Miner, Don Burton Eldon Larkin, Ralph Atkin, Rick Bentley, Max Turpin, Kent McComb. Several board members were excused. Among the key items discussed were:



- Cotton Mission Chapter received the 2020 Chapter Excellence Award from the National Headquarters. The award is given to those chapters who qualify by meeting various criteria from a variety of key areas.
 - We received a letter from National Headquarters thanking us for our generous contribution of \$1000 helping support the national operations.
 - Our chapter has submitted the names of four deceased chapter members to receive special memorials, with their names engraved on a special plaque at National Headquarters. Included are Melvin T. Smith, Paul K. Weaver, Richard J. Bradford, and James L. Fraser.
 - National Symposium scheduled for April 24 in Salt Lake City. (See more about the speakers on page 5)





Elder and Sister Holland Present Video of Their Southern Utah Roots

Those who attended the on-line 2021 version of “RootsTech” were treated to a tender and touching personal history tour by Jeffrey R. Holland and his sweet wife, Patricia. Teaching us how important our

connections are with our children and ancestors, Elder and Sister Holland visited the places where their ancestors settled and where they grew up in southern Utah. They were joined by their three children Matthew, Mary Alice, and David as they shared family memories in this 48-minute video.

Everyone who has seen this wonderful presentation were deeply touched and tears flowed freely. We recommend that all members of our chapter set aside a special time to watch this by following this link:



<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/live-session/elder-and-sister-holland-keynote->



Saturday April 24, 2021

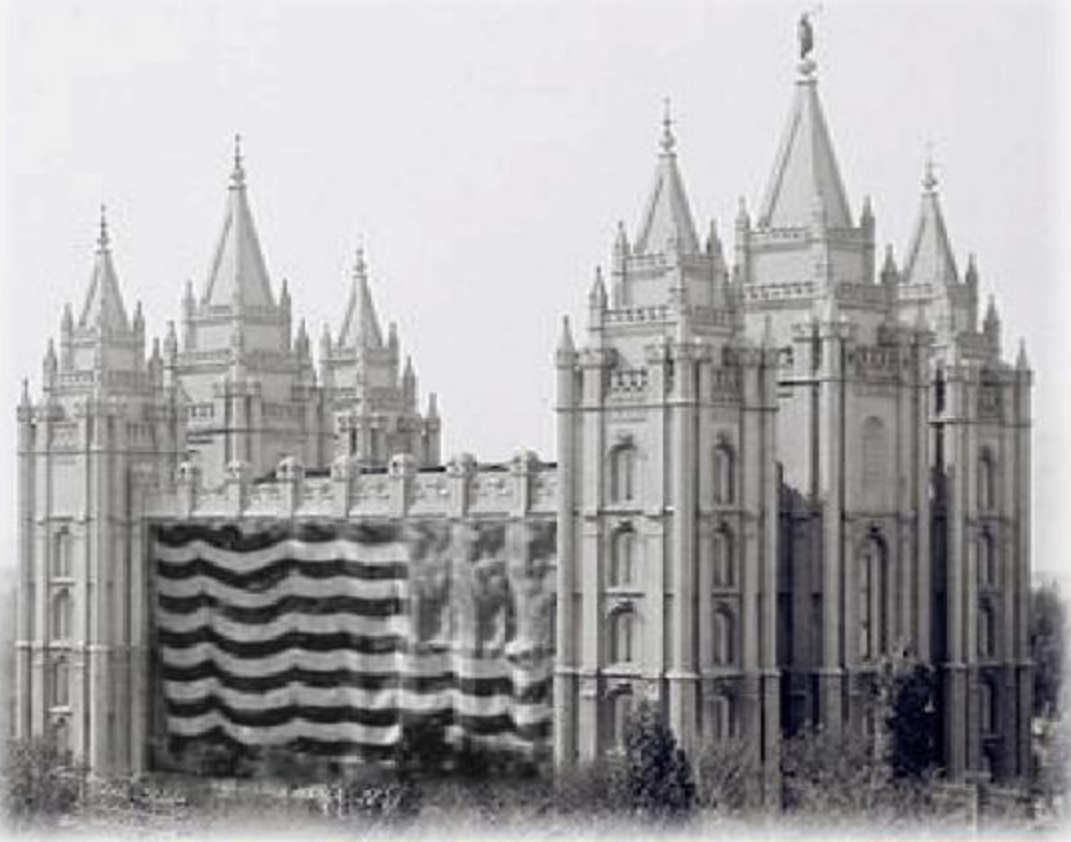
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Saturday April 24, 2021 Historic Symposium

Presenters



Thomas G. Alexander is Lemuel Hardison Redd Jr. Professor Emeritus of Western American History (Brigham Young University) and author, co-author, editor, or co-editor of twenty-seven books and monographs and more than a hundred fifty articles. He has served as officer in many historical organizations. His prizes including the Evans Biography Award, the Western History Association Honorary Life Membership, and the BYU Karl G. Maeser Distinguished Faculty Lecture (the highest award given to a faculty member). Writings include: *Things in Heaven and Earth, the Life and Times of Wilford Woodruff, A Mormon Prophet* (2nd ed. 1993); *Utah, the Right Place* (3rd ed. 2003); *Brigham Young and the Expansion of the Mormon Faith* (2019).



Katherine Kitterman is the Historical Director for Better Days 2020, a nonprofit dedicated to sharing Utah women's history. She is the co-author of two recent books about the history of women's voting rights in Utah: *Champions of Change: 25 Women who Made History*, and *Thinking Women: A Timeline of Suffrage in Utah*. Katherine has previously worked as a researcher on the Saints project at the LDS Church History Library, and developed public programming in Washington, D.C. at Woodrow Wilson House, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Holocaust Museum. Katherine is currently a Ph.D. candidate at American University. Her dissertation analyzes the rhetoric of women's struggle for suffrage in nineteenth-century Utah, highlighting the two-way connection between suffragists in West and East.



Matthew C. Godfrey is a general editor and the managing historian of the Joseph Smith Papers. He holds a PhD in American and public history from Washington State University. He is the author of *Religion, Politics, and Sugar: The Mormon Church, the Federal Government, and the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, 1907-1921* (2007), as well as the co-editor of *The Earth Shall Appear as the Garden of Eden: Essays in Mormon Environmental History* (2019) and *Business and Religion: The Intersection of Faith and Finance* (2019).



Wayne K. Hinton is a retired professor of History from Southern Utah University where he taught for 38 years, 18 years as Department Chair. He has published four books, two of which won book awards, has contributed chapters to eight books, and published over 30 articles in professional journals. He belongs to many professional organizations and besides being past National President of the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers, he has been vice-chair of the Utah State History Society, national vice-president of the Old Spanish Trails Association, and has served on the program committee of the Mormon History Association. Wayne served as a researcher for two years at the Church History Library working on the Joseph Smith papers and the George Q. Cannon journals. He has given keynote addresses, participated in past symposiums and did a post doctorate in environmental studies which has led to several consulting opportunities with the National Park Service and the National Forest Service.



Elder LeGrand R. Curtis Jr. was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 2, 2011. He is the Church Historian and Recorder, the Executive Director of the Church History Department, and chairman of the Book of Mormon Visual Library Steering Committee. He also serves on the Scripture Committee and the International Coordinating Committee.

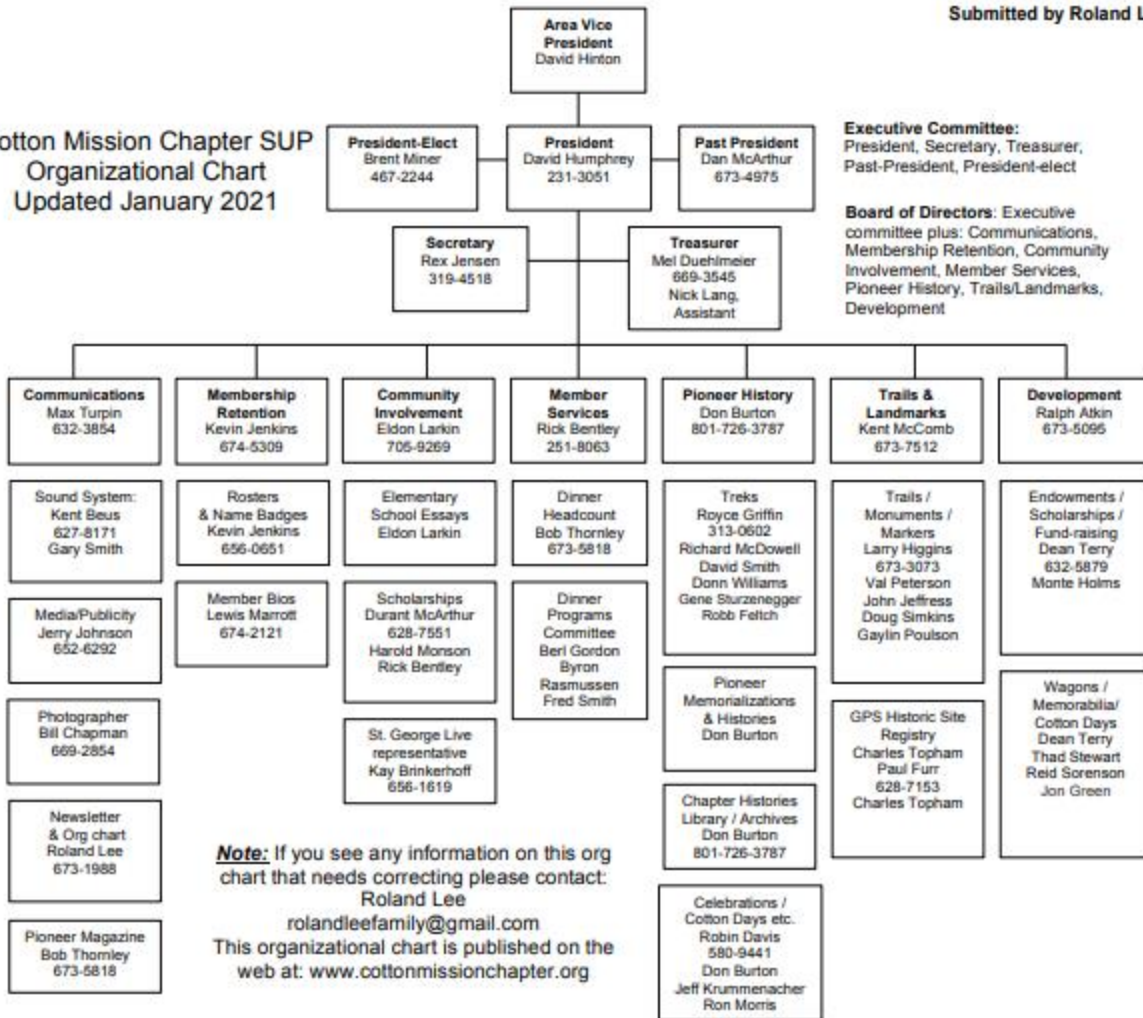
LeGrand Raine Curtis Jr. was born in Ogden, Utah, on August 1, 1952. He married Jane Cowan in January 1974. They are the parents of five children.

Elder Curtis has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in Italy, bishop, high counselor, counselor in a stake presidency, stake president, president of the Italy Padova Mission (1998-2001), and Area Seventy.

His career includes work as an attorney and partner in the law firm Manning Curtis Bradshaw & Bednar and as an adjunct professor at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University.

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Scholarships Will Be Awarded at April 20 Meeting

Students from area high schools will receive scholarships at a special Cotton Mission meeting April 20 at 6pm. Due to the Corona virus restrictions only the students and their representative family members will be present along with a few Cotton Mission chapter leaders who will make the presentations. Other chapter members and their wives will be able to watch the proceedings virtually via Zoom (See link below.)

Each \$1000 scholarship has been donated in whole or part by members of the Cotton Mission Chapter. Thank you to all who have been so generous. Overseeing the scholarship program is Durant McArthur, assisted by Harold Monson and Rick Bentley and their wives who do a fantastic job.



Members can watch the scholarship awards via Zoom using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81758238505?pwd=SWUwRkxpK0wxaW1sK2xzMFdmNHBJUT09>

Meeting ID: 817 5823 8505

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Get Ready for Washington Cotton Days May 3-5



Cotton Days is on again! The City of Washington has announced that Cotton Days *will* be held May 3 through May 5. Our Cotton Mission Chapter participates each year by providing a show of wagons, buggies, and even a stage coach from Dean Terry's collection. Chapter members and their wives spend a few minutes with each elementary school class describing how the wagons were used in times past.

We also have a wonderful display of farm implements and antiques that the children just love to see. As always we will need our chapter members to volunteer to help set up and run the displays. Don Burton (801-726-3787) is organizing this year's event assisted by his committee. Please mark the date. This is one of the flagship events of the year for our organization.

Re-cap of March 2021 Trek

Photos by Bill Chapman

Learning About the Cotton Mission

On Friday, March 12 the Cotton Mission chapter members and their wives enjoyed a trek to visit several historic sites in Washington City. This trek was previously scheduled for January but was postponed due to the weather. Unusual spring snow in southern Utah tried to sideline this trek again, but a good turnout of hearty souls braved the weather for every rewarding and informative trek.

Our group gathered first at the historic Washington Heritage Pioneer Plaza where historian George Staheli explained about the unique historical features of Dixie's first city. We learned the history of Dixie's Cotton Mission and about the pioneer Cotton factory first built in 1866. The factory flourished for a short time, but a softening of the market after the Civil War made it less profitable. For a time it was the largest factory west of the Mississippi River. Although not a real money-maker it was a great tool for binding the people. It gave them both work and a purpose which helped establish Utah's Dixie. The factory was shut down in 1904, and was used for other purposes and businesses over the years. In 1985 Norma Cannizzaro started a major effort to re-furbish this important building. Today the building still exists as the home of Star Nursery and is a stately reminder of the pioneer's heroic efforts to eke out an existence in the desert. Thanks to Royce Griffin and his Trek committee for organizing this wonderful trek.



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George Staheli tells the history of Washington City



The Rogers, David Smith, David Humphrey, and Krummenachers



George Staheli speaks to the group



Norma Cannizzaro restoration



Pictures of the Cotton Factory



Statue in the museum



Royce Griffin, our trek organizer



Enjoying box lunches



Lunch after the trek

*Note: This is one of the winning 4th Grade student essays.
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Anthony “Tony” Joseph Melessa By Sophia Harvey

Antonino Giuseppe Milici was born August 21, 1921 in Osceola Mills, Pennsylvania, to Salvatore Milici and Giuseppa Bertolami. He had 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Charles, Teno, Joseph & Josephine (Twins who died when they were born), Caterina, and Theresa. When Tony was about 3 years old his mom got sick so they went back to Sicily to try to get her help because she couldn't speak English well. When they found out Giuseppa was not going to get better and their passport was about to expire, Salvatore, Tony's dad, did not have enough money to bring the whole family back to the United States so he only came back with the boys. Giuseppa, Tony's mom, was left in an insane asylum in Messina and the girls were put in an orphanage somewhere in Sicily.

On January 13, 1925, Tony, his dad, and his brothers came back to the United States. Soon after they got back, their house in Pennsylvania burned down so they moved in with his uncle in Lorain, Ohio. On July 6, 1926 Tony was put into Lorain County Children's Home in Oberlin, Ohio with his brother Teno because their dad didn't have enough money to take care of them anymore. He went to school there until he was in 5th grade. While he was there his dad came to tell them that his mom died on February 28, 1928. He said in his journal that he and his brother cried and cried.

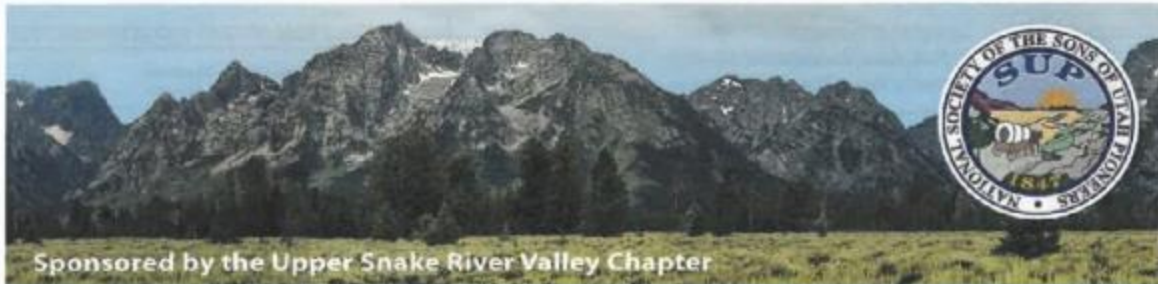
His dad came back for him August 25, 1931. He graduated from Lorain High School on June 7, 1939. He was the only person in his family to graduate High School. Tony's brother Teno joined the Navy with the name Melessa that the children's home gave them, so they all went and changed their name legally to Melessa on April 30, 1942.

When he graduated high school, it was during The Great Depression and his dad couldn't pay for him to go to college. He wanted to join the Navy and his dad said no so he joined the C.C.C. He got paid \$1 a day but he had to send \$22 a month back to his family to help them survive and he only got to keep \$8 a month. He was sent to Leeds, Utah to work. Then he built a camp in Enterprise, Utah in the summer of 1940 and that's where he met his wife Rowena Truman.

On October 22, 1942 Tony was drafted to the Army and was assigned to the Air Force. Tony asked for an assignment on a bomber crew. He was stationed in Lecce, Italy as a part of the 344th Bomb Squadron of the 98th Heavy Bombardment Group. On his 35th air raid over Romania his plane was hit and lost one engine with another not working right. The pilot had to land their plane in Turkey.

While Tony was MIA, he crossed enemy lines to find his sister Theresa, who was too old to still be in the orphanage but the nuns let her stay and earn her way by teaching the other kids. After he met his sister Theresa for the first time since he was a kid, she told him their older sister Caterina died in a flu epidemic at 19 years old. Theresa thought Tony was there to bring her home to the United States. He told her he would come back for her after the war. He was able to help his brothers bring her back to the United States in 1953.

Tony came back to the United States and ended up in Enterprise and lived there the rest of his life. He married Rowena Truman on October 10, 1944 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was baptized as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on January 7, 1967. Rowena and Tony had 5 kids together, and 21 grandkids. They lived in the same house in Enterprise from 1946 to his death. He worked for the City of Enterprise as the water system manager for more than 20 years. Tony died April 9, 2006 from complications of a heart surgery at 84 years old.



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SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS - NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

September 9-10-11, 2021 Rexburg, Idaho



Leaving Rexburg—Visit the Fort Hall Replica in Pocatello. Also the Bannock County Historical Society Museum, the Museum of Clean, and the original ZCMI building including Kirkham's Old Car Collection and Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Museum. Hosted by Portneuf Chapter—Full day tour



Leaving Rexburg—Visit Idaho Potato Museum in Blackfoot. Also tour Spudnik Equipment Manufacturing Company which makes potato diggers, planters and harvesters for world-wide use. Hosted by Grove City Chapter—Full day tour



Leaving Rexburg—Hosted tour of the INL (Idaho National Laboratory) in Idaho Falls. Government site features research and development of nuclear energy technologies, and support of National Defense and Homeland Security. Also visit the first nuclear plant to produce energy. Hosted by Eagle Rock Chapter—Full day tour



Leaving Rexburg—Travel to Harriman State Park, Upper/Lower Mesa Falls, Johnny Sack's historic cabin by Big Springs. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Full day tour



Leaving Rexburg—Tour of the Idahoan Potato Processing Plant in Lewisville, Idaho. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Half day tour



Tour Rexburg's Legacy Flight Museum, The Museum of Rexburg (history of 1976 Teton Dam flood), Rexburg Historical LDS Tabernacle walking tour, Romance Theater restoration project, and Rexburg's own Florence's Exquisite Chocolates. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Half day tour



Escorted tour of the Brigham Young University Campus and many of its buildings. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Half day tour

Full-day Treks (tours) are from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm—Transportation by highway bus is included.

Half-day Treks (tours) are from 8:30 am until Noon, and from 1:30 until 5:00 pm—Transportation by van is included.

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Heritage Essay Awards to be Presented

Over 143 young people from 12 area elementary schools will be getting awards this month as part of our annual "Heritage Essay Contest."

Each year the Cotton Mission Chapter invites fourth-grade children to learn about one of their ancestors and write a 300-word essay telling about that person. The essays are submitted to our chapter essay chairman, Eldon Larkin, whose committee reads and scores them. All will get certificate awards but the overall winners will each receive a bag containing 20 dollar coins.

"You should see the look on their eyes when they open their bags of coins," Eldon said.

Thad Stewart and DelRay Hammons helped score the essays and other chapter members will assist in making the presentations at the various schools. If you are willing to help make the presentations please contact Eldon at 435-705-9269.



A bag of 20 dollar coins is given to the essay winners

We Need Helpers for Cotton Days This Week

Cotton Days is on this week May 4 through May 6 and we need helpers to share pioneer history with area second-graders. Our Cotton Mission Chapter participates each year by providing a show of wagons, buggies, and even a stage coach from Dean Terry's collection.



Chapter members and their wives spend a few minutes with each elementary school class describing how the wagons and implements were used in times past.

We also have a wonderful display of farm implements and antiques that the children just love to see. As always we will need our chapter members to volunteer to help set up and run the displays. If you are willing to spend a couple of hours this week please call Don Burton (801-726-3787) This is a main event of the year for our organization.

Re-cap of April 2021 Meeting

Photos by Bill Chapman

Scholarships Awarded at April Meeting

The Cotton Mission Chapter presented scholarships to deserving seniors from area high schools at our April 20 meeting. The recipients joined with parents and school counselors to receive the awards from the Cotton Mission leaders. Scholarship committee chairman, Durant McArthur and his committee made the presentations live, while the remainder of the chapter members watched via Zoom technology due to the Covid virus restrictions. Following the ceremony dessert treats were served. Scholarship recipients included: Brinlee Brooks, Success Academy; Emily Gomez, Pine View High School; Calvin Habel, Crimson Cliffs High School; Adam Holt, Enterprise High School; Kirk Jackson, Tuacahn High School of the Arts; Charles Kerr, Dixie High School; Sarah McArthur, Desert Hills High School.



2021 Scholarship recipients pose with Durant McArthur



Durant McArthur, Scholarship Committee Chairman



Kirk Jackson and parents



Emily Gomez



Charles Kerr, Dixie High School



Brinlee Brooks



Kevin Jenkins handling the Zoom presentation



Sarah McArthur receives her award



Emily Gomez and Dad



Ginger Wade, Counselor

*Note: This is one of the 2021 winning 4th Grade student essays.
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My Ancestor By Natalie Alvarado

My great great great grandma Elizabeth Crook Panting Wilkes Cranney was born in 1827 and died in 1891.

My ancestor Elizabeth was an immigrant from England who joined the LDS church and then left her drunk husband in England and crossed the plains pulling a hand cart with two young children.

Elizabeth had strong faith and was very determined. The leader of the handcart company did not want any single ladies on the trip and she told him that she would pull the cart the whole way.

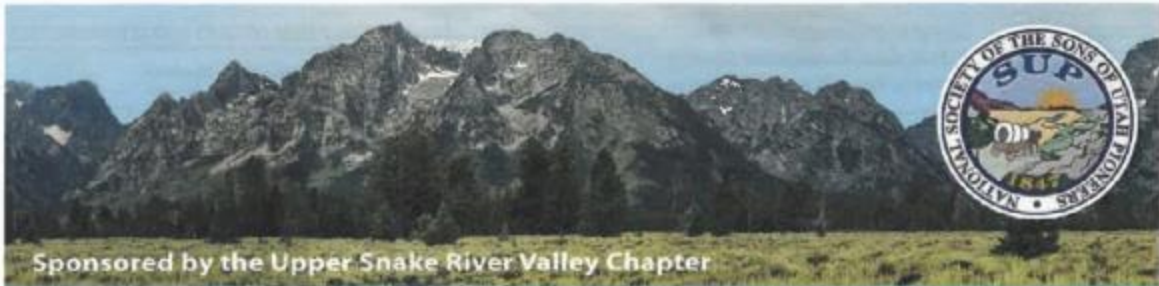
These are some amazing stories and miracles that happened to Elizabeth while she crossed the plains.

One cool story I heard was when Elizabeth got on a train to go American her husband that was drunk got on the same train he passed right by her and did not recognize her.

Another cool miracle was when Elizabeth was crossing the plains and the hand cart company was running low on food. Elizabeth gathered buffalo chips in her apron to help start a fire. A man appeared and ask how the company was doing. She said many were ill and out of food. He took her to a cave and gave her dried jerky meat to share with others in the handcart company. She forgot to thank him but he could not be found. She told everyone in the handcart company they said it must have been an angel.

Elizabeth was not lucky with love she married three different men. Her first husband , who was from england was not happy that she joined the church. Her second husband, who is my great great great grandpa went to California for the gold rush she did not want to go with him. She then married a doctor in poligamy and was a second wife. She had many children.

I am very proud of my ancestor Elizabeth for pulling a handcart with two children. I hope someday I am as strong as my ancestor Elizabeth Crook Panting Wilkes Craning.



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SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS - NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

September 9-10-11, 2021 Rexburg, Idaho



Leaving Rexburg—Visit the Fort Hall Replica in Pocatello. Also the Bannock County Historical Society Museum, the Museum of Clean, and the original ZCMI building including Kirkham's Old Car Collection and Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Museum. Hosted by Portneuf Chapter—Full day tour



Leaving Rexburg—Visit Idaho Potato Museum in Blackfoot. Also tour Spudnik Equipment Manufacturing Company which makes potato diggers, planters and harvesters for world-wide use. Hosted by Grove City Chapter—Full day tour



Leaving Rexburg—Hosted tour of the INL (Idaho National Laboratory) in Idaho Falls. Government site features research and development of nuclear energy technologies, and support of National Defense and Homeland Security. Also visit the first nuclear plant to produce energy. Hosted by Eagle Rock Chapter—Full day tour



Leaving Rexburg—Travel to Harriman State Park, Upper/Lower Mesa Falls, Johnny Sack's historic cabin by Big Springs. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Full day tour



Leaving Rexburg—Tour of the Idahoan Potato Processing Plant in Lewisville, Idaho. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Half day tour



Tour Rexburg's Legacy Flight Museum, The Museum of Rexburg (history of 1976 Teton Dam flood), Rexburg Historical LDS Tabernacle walking tour, Romance Theater restoration project, and Rexburg's own Florence's Exquisite Chocolates. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Half day tour



Escorted tour of the Brigham Young University Campus and many of it's buildings. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Half day tour

Full-day Treks (tours) are from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm—Transportation by highway bus is included.

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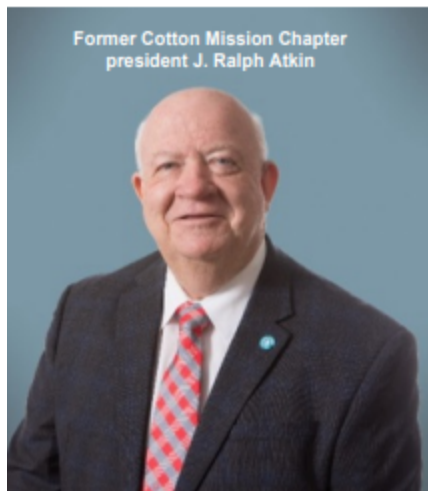
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Finally! In-person Dinner Meeting June 29. Speaker Will be J. Ralph Atkin



Former Cotton Mission Chapter president J. Ralph Atkin will be the after-dinner speaker at our June 29 dinner meeting. This will be our first live “in person” dinner since the Covid virus shut everything down in 2020. As before, we will meet at 5:30pm to socialize, and the meeting will begin at 6:00pm. Our meeting place is the same location on the east side of the Washington Community Center.

“Ramblings with Ralph” is going to be the topic of the speaker. And Ralph has much to share with us about business development of southern Utah. He is the founder of SkyWest Airlines and helped bring Café Rio and Red Hills Golf Course to our area. He and his wife Cheri have given much time, energy, and financial support to Dixie

State University and are at the forefront of the drive to keep the spirit of “Dixie” alive.

Ralph is a lifelong resident of St. George, a graduate of Dixie State University, (AS), Brigham Young University (BS) Accounting, Golden Gate University (MBA) and the University of Utah (JD). He has maintained a private law practice in St. George with an emphasis in Business and Estate Planning.

- Ralph served as Chairman of the Utah Travel Council for nine years and as the Director of Economic Development for the State of Utah, from 1991-1993. He served on the National Advisory Council for the BYU Marriott School of Business from 2004 to 2011 and he was the recipient of the 2010 Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award. Ralph and his wife Cheri both served as members of Dixie State University’s National Advisory Council as well as co-chairs of the Centennial Campaign Committee.

- He and his wife Cheri have tirelessly served Dixie State University as co-chairmen of the Centennial Campaign Committee and have been instrumental in securing funds for the Jeffrey R. Holland Centennial Commons, the Atkin Tutoring Center, the Udvar-Hazy School of Business building, the President’s Loop and D-Circuit, Dan’s Cove, the Dixie Paver Centennial Project, and seven memory gardens.

- Ralph served a mission to England for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in his youth and recently served as a church public affairs volunteer alongside his wife in Turkey. He and his wife, Cheri have eight children and 25 grandchildren.

Re-cap of May 2021 Activities

Photos by Bill Chapman

Sharing Pioneer Legacy with Young People at Washington Cotton Days

The Cotton Mission participated in Washington City Cotton Days May 4-6, which is one of our flagship events. Don Burton organized 15 members of our chapter and Jan Duehlmeier gathered 15 members of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (see chart) to bring about this wonderful tribute to our pioneer history. Second graders from local elementary schools rotated through our display every 10 minutes to learn about pioneer life, see our displays of wagons and antiques, and even get to pull a handcart. *(continued on next page)*

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Several members served more than one shift.



Hundreds of second grade students enjoyed learning about the pioneers at Washington Cotton Days

Washington Cotton Days

Photos by Bill Chapman



Students get to examine antique kitchen tools and farm implements

As part of our Washington Cotton Days displays we brought a stagecoach, covered wagon, buggies and more to put on display, courtesy of Dean Terry and his family. Both chapter members and their wives dressed up in pioneer costumes to conduct the tours. The Terry family was requested to leave the display up so that local residents could enjoy the remainder of the Cotton Days activities on Friday and Saturday. What a great way to help our young people learn about the pioneer legacy of our area.

Fourth Grade Essay Winners Receive Awards



Eldon Larkin and Thad Stewart present awards at Little Valley School

Over 143 young people from 12 area elementary schools participated last month as part of our annual "Heritage Essay Contest."

Fourth graders wrote 300-word essays about one of their ancestors or a historical person. The essays were read and judged by essay chairman, Eldon Larkin, and other chapter members. He was joined by Thad Stewart and others to visit the schools and make the awards. Top Winners each received a bag containing 20 dollar coins. (See essay on page 6)

Re-cap of May 2021 Activities

Photos by John Jeffress



The old Grafton Church and School House



Visiting Rockville



Leon Lewis talks to us about the old church in historic Grafton

May Trek to Virgin River Pioneer Towns with Hurricane Chapter SUP

It was fun to get outdoors for another live trek in May. The Cotton Mission Chapter was invited to join members of the Hurricane Chapter SUP for a fun and informative trek to Grafton, Rockville and Springdale on Saturday, May 22.

Leon Lewis, a great historian and resident of Rockville, led the tour and helped us understand the history behind those three communities.

We assembled at 9:15am at Zions Bank located on State Street and 3rd West in Hurricane where we started the tour of the pioneer towns. This gave us a chance to get out and learn a little history while rubbing shoulders with members of our own chapter as well as meet and get acquainted with some of those from the Hurricane chapter. We finished off the tour with sack lunches.

Thanks to our trek chairman Royce Griffin for the great job he does organizing our events. Thanks as well to the Hurricane chapter for the invitation to join them.



Member Spotlight

M. Rick Erickson

Brief bios are always something of a tricky subject to undertake. One doesn't want to bore the reader nor come off as arrogant or conversely, too self-effacing. I hope the reader will forgive me if I come off as any of the above. I'm honored to be a member of the SUP. The blood of 16 different pioneer families flows through my veins and I'm keenly aware of my responsibility to honor and remember them.

I'm a 6⁺ generation St. George native and a descendant of many of the original settlers of St. George, Santa Clara, Gunlock, Veyo, Pine Valley, Mesquite and Bunkerville. Among the families who were called to settle Dixie, I'm descended from the Cottams, Leavitts, Bunkers, Burgesses, Jarvis and Pulsiphers. I was initially prompted to join the SUP at the urging of Dan McArthur, who has been a mentor to me since the death of my father.

I'm a student of history, particularly the history of our area and the sacrifices and contributions made by so many who have come before us. One way I can honor my heritage is to be part of an organization like the SUP that celebrates their lives and furthers their commitment to be good men. I'm also privileged to teach a community education class at the University on the history of St. George and local communities. I hope I'm educating those new to our area on the rich heritage this community and correct any misconceptions or false narratives about this area.

I grew up in St. George, the son of Donn D. Erickson and Margaret Cottam. I served a mission in the Philippines, Quezon City Mission from 1990 to 1992. I've been married to Sharon Davies for 27 years and am the father of four children. For the past 15 years I've been employed as a prosecutor for Washington County. Prior to that I served as assistant St. George City attorney and St. George City prosecutor. I serve on the stake high council for the St. George stake. My hobbies include hiking, genealogy, history, writing and shooting sports (*just a more benign way of saying I like shooting guns*). I'm also running for St. George City Council this year.

Lest the reader think the "M" at the beginning of my name is some kind of weak way to seem erudite or important, I can quickly assure you it's not. My father thought that giving me the first name of Marion would be a great idea in the latter half of the 20⁺ century. Dad was an admirer of Apostle Marion G. Romney and his uncle Bert Marion Christiansen, both of whom it should be noted grew up when Marion was less of a girl's name than it is today. People are usually fond of telling me that John Wayne's first name was Marion to which I usually respond, "Yeah but notice he changed it pretty quickly!" Needless to say, I go by my middle name of Rick. I'm looking forward to being part of this great group of men.



*Note: This is one of the 2021 winning 4th Grade student essays.
We will be printing others in the coming newsletters.*

My Great Grandpa Schumann

By Taylor Nielsen, Santa Clara Elementary

My great grandpa Siegfried Schumann was born on August 21, 1928. He was born in Breslau Silesia Prussia Germany. His dad was named Artur and his mom was named Selma. He had one sister named Vera and she was 16 years older than him. He had another sister born before him, but she died before she was a year old. His parents owned a food store and they lived in an apartment building. Siegfried loved to play near and swim with his friends in the Oder River that was ½ a mile walk from his house.

When the war started in 1939, my great grandpa had to collect and save every item, like foil, metal, lightbulbs, and meat bones to make soup. They had to wait in lines to get food and they would only get one meal per day. In 1944, on a Sunday, during church the sirens went off, which meant in ten minutes they would be attacked by enemy planes. The members were ready to leave for their shelter and the branch president said "Before we leave we will ask our Heavenly Father for protection." Then he prayed. The planes flew over the city and not one bomb was dropped. That was a miracle.

On December 1, 1944 my great grandpa was drafted into the German military, at 16 years old. His life was protected many times. He always said a prayer when he was afraid. He told other soldiers about God and prayer. "When you are in danger nobody but the Lord can help you." On May 4, 1945 my great grandpa saw colorful flares shooting into the air and the next morning, May 5, he was told the war was over. My great grandpa and thousands of German soldiers became prisoners of war.

In 1946, still a prisoner of war, my great grandpa asked the military police if he could go to church, he promised to come back and they allowed him to go. One of the times he went to church, by a miracle he saw his father and sister. It was a happy reunion because they thought he had been killed.

By the end of 1947 He was released from the prisoner of war camp. My great grandpa met a woman named Anneliese who was planning to leave for America in two weeks. He was disappointed because he really liked her. Something fell through and she ended up not being able to go and it was a blessing because they had time to fall in love and get married. They were married on December 20, 1951. They had a great desire to live in America so they worked and saved all they could. After lots of paperwork, shots, and money, they finally were able to travel to America on March 28, 1953.

My great grandma was six months pregnant with my grandma as they boarded the ship to America from Holland. After a rough 9 days on the ocean, they arrived in New York on April 6, 1953. My great grandpa said in his journal "As we passed the Statue of Liberty, every passenger was on deck and watched silently with some tears in their eyes. That statue represents liberty." They toured New York for a few days and then took a bus to Salt Lake City, Utah.

I am proud that my great grandpa had faith as he went through hard times. I am happy that he wanted to make a better life for his family. He was a pioneer for our family.





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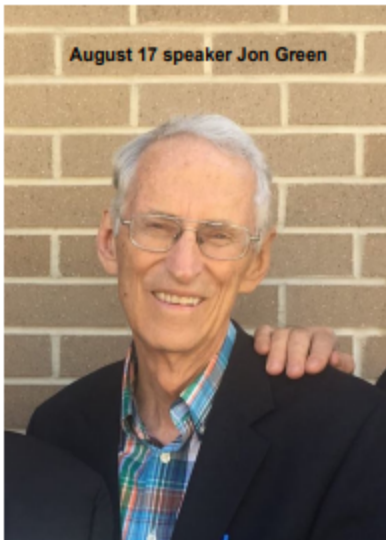
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No Meetings in July - Next Meeting Aug. 17



August 17 speaker Jon Green

As is customary for our chapter we will not be holding any meetings during the month of July. This is to allow our members to travel and enjoy the summer month with their families. We will resume our dinner meetings again on August 17 in our regular location at the Washington City Community Center. Our speaker will be our own chapter member Jon Green. Jon is a retired Brigham Young University professor of Humanities.

September 16-17 is the National Encampment sponsored by the chapter in Rexburg Idaho.

September 21 we will hold our scholarship fundraising dinner at Rod Orton's cabin in Pine Valley.

We will have additional dinner meetings October 19, November 23, and December 21, so get those dates on your calendars.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July	No meetings
August 17	Dinner Meeting at WCCC Speaker: Jon Green
September 16-17	National Encampment in Rexburg Idaho
September 21	Scholarship Fundraising Dinner at Rod Orton's Cabin in Pine Valley
October 19	Dinner Meeting at WCCC Speaker: TBA
November 23	Dinner Meeting at WCCC Speaker: TBA
December 21	Dinner Meeting at WCCC Speaker: TBA

Re-cap of June 2021 Dinner Meeting

Ralph Atkin Tells the Story of Atkinville

At our June 29 dinner meeting Ralph Atkin shared the story of his ancestors William and Rachel Thompson Atkin who joined the Church in England and followed the Saints to make a new life in America. In 1868 they were called to settle Dixie and eventually began homesteading a 160-tract of land below the Virgin River which they called Atkinville. It is now the location of Sun River Development.

The Atkins raised hundreds of sheep and had a great little community that attracted St. Georgians for picnics in the summertime. They kept ice from their pond underground so they could make ice cold lemonade. President Wilford Woodruff made Atkinville his temporary home when hiding from the authorities who were trying to arrest him for polygamy. What a great pioneer story right here in Utah's Dixie!

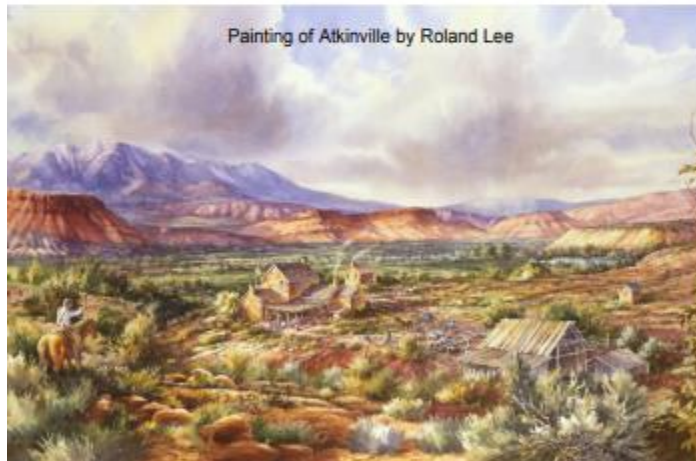
Photos by Bill Chapman



William and Rachel Atkin pictorial display



Ralph Atkin tells about the Atkin family in Dixie



Painting of Atkinville by Roland Lee



The buffet dinner was catered by Golden Corral



Lloyd Carter and Sally Thornley



Neal Hoss Supports Utah's Dixie



A large turnout for Ralph Atkin's presentation

Modern Pioneer Award

Photos by Bill Chapman

Mel Duehlmeier Receives Modern Pioneer Award

At our June dinner meeting long-time chapter member Mel Duehlmeier received a modern pioneer award for his service to family, church, and community. Don Burton made the presentation and read part of the following citation. Congratulations to Mel and his wife Jan.



Don Burton presents award to Mel Duehlmeier

CITATION: Melvin J Duehlmeier 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 Washington, and the Cotton Mission Chapter and National Sons of the Utah Pioneers organizations.

Born 12 September 1943 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Married Janice Hammond July 27, 1966, later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple March 14, 1968. The parents of 3 boys and grandparents of 6. They raised their sons in Salt Lake City and then moved to Logandale Nevada to fish, golf and water ski for 8 years. They

later moved to the St. George in 2004 and love being in Washington.

He was not born into Utah Pioneer Heritage but certainly came from pioneer stock. His parents were immigrants from Germany that came with a rich heritage of missionary work for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Germany. His paternal grandparents were the first baptisms in their village and were responsible for many people joining the church. His wife has a rich Utah Pioneer history and he loves studying those histories.

Mel served 6 years in the army reserves during the Viet Nam War. He began working for the Salt Lake County Surveyors office in 1967 and retired from there in 1997. He always worked hard to provide for his family and always had more than one job, working nights and weekends.

He has held many Church positions with honor giving each job his best. As a young father of toddlers, he was often seen taking his boys to young men's meetings and service projects. He served as the High Priest Group Leader in the Washington Buena Vista Stake for several years and provided a watchful eye on many elderly men and women in that critical role. As always, many great relationships were made with the ward members. He served two (2) fulltime missions with his wife Jan. They first served two (2) years at Heber Valley Girls camp where they were loved by all of the girls and leaders and made lifelong friends with other missionaries. Mel and Jan also served for one (1) year as Live at Home proselyting missionaries in Buena Vista Stake Washington.

Mel was first introduced to the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers because of Dave Rogers and Gail Hammelwright, his golf Buddies in about 2004/2005. His service in the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneer's spans more than fifteen years. Mel served as Scholarship and Essay committee chairman. Elementary School (4th Grade) pioneer essays and High School Scholarships Awards. He also served on the trails and Monuments Committee in 2015 to help get the Temple Trail Marker posts installed.



Don Burton reads citation to Jan and Mel Duehlmeier

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The next significant position has been as treasurer of the chapter with eleven or twelve 12 chapter presidents. He still holds that important position today and carefully tracks and cares for the Chapter's resources. Mel and Jan have been supporters and participants in many other Chapter events such as treks, Cotton Days, and monthly chapter dinner meetings. Mel (and) Jan have touched the lives of many in so many areas. 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 Melvin J Duehmeier as our modern-day pioneer and present the Cotton Mission Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, Modern Day Pioneer Award to him.

Member Spotlight

Roger D Erickson is 6th Generation Native



Roger D Erickson is a 6th generation St. George native, or as he likes to say, "my ancestors settled the area and we never left."

He is a descendant of many of the original settlers of St. George, Santa Clara, Gunlock, Veyo, Pine Valley, Mesquite and Bunkerville. Among the families who were called to settle Dixie, he is descended from the Cottams, Leavitts, Bunkers, Burgesses, Jarvis and Pulsiphers.

He is the father of 3 amazing children and has been married to the former Mindee Jeffery for the past 23 years. He obtained his associate degree from Dixie State University, and his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Utah. He has worked in acute mental health since 1999. He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and is employed by Intermountain Healthcare working in the Intensive Care Unit at St. George Regional Medical Center. He is also a member of the Utah Critical Stress Incident Management Team where he is deployed to debrief and support first responders following traumatic accidents and events. He is currently the president of the Southern Utah Chapter of the University of Utah alumni association.

He is an avid bibliophile and amateur historian and musician in his free time. He has a deep reverence for the history of the area, and tries to live a life that honors those generations who preceded him and who sacrificed so much to be here. He is grateful to be counted among the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, and looks forward to being actively involved.

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Jon Green to Speak at Dinner Meeting Aug 17



Jon and Karen Green

Cotton Mission Chapter member Jon Green will be the speaker at our August 17 dinner meeting. His topic will be "Dixie Heroes Who Changed My Life." As usual, the dinner meeting will be at the Washington Community Center and begins at 5:30pm.

"Even though I was born in L.A. in 1940, I claim St. George as my home town," Jon said, "because we moved here in 1943 where I grew up among the salt-of-the-earth descendants of the pioneers who eked out a meager living in this unforgiving desert."

Jon went on to say, "Even though my mother felt like an 'outsider' most of her life--we were some of the first non-pioneer types who moved here--I never felt anything but deep gratitude for the people I grew up amongst."

After leaving on a mission to Germany in 1960, and graduating with a B.A. and M.A. at BYU in 1968, Jon went east for a PhD in comparative arts at Syracuse University, where he and Karen had their first child, Erin. They returned to Provo to accept a position in BYU's Department of Humanities, Classics and Comparative Literature, and had nine additional children. They enjoyed 35 years of teaching what Jon described as "the best and brightest the Church has to offer."

Following that they served three full-time missions in Berlin, Germany, Vienna, Austria and South Carolina.

"Because I have Dixie sand in my veins, my wife agreed to let me return to St George in 2012 to live out our golden twilight years. It has turned out to be one of the best choices we've ever made," he said.

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Chapter Eternal

Chapter Member Rick Bentley Passes Away



Richard Sullivan Bentley Jr.

We are sad to report that our faithful chapter member Rick Bentley passed away recently. We are indebted to Rick for his service to our chapter board as Member Services Director. He will be missed.

Richard Sullivan Bentley Jr was Born in Denver CO, on Nov 11, 1939, to Richard Sullivan Bentley and Noma Cox Bentley He moved to Butte MT, and later to Lewiston ID where he worked at JCPenney Company and on the family ranch. Because his family roots were in St George, he attended Dixie High School participating in football, basketball and track. He loved all sports, but his favorite was golfing with friends.

He served as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the West Spanish American Mission, Spanish speaking, from 1960-1962. Returning home, he married his high school sweetheart, Adele Baird, on Dec 21, 1962 in the St George Temple. After graduating from BYU in accountancy, he enjoyed a career as an internal auditor for a national accounting firm, controller in Las Vegas, and controller for land development companies in St George, UT, and Las Vegas, NV.

He and Adele served three additional missions: Bishop Storehouse directors in Las Vegas, NV., Institute directors in Santa Monica, CA, and office missionaries in Pittsburgh, PA.

Richard is survived by his wife of 58 years Adele, Washington, UT; his son Randall (Brandi) Bentley, Las Vegas, NV; his daughters Kellyanne (Adam) Taylor, Las Vegas, NV, Karen Bentley, St George, UT and Kimberly (Cory) Jones, Las Vegas, NV; 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Darlene (Kenneth) Nickell, Pleasant Grove, UT. He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers William Bentley, Gordon Rene Bentley, and Jerre Bentley.

Funeral Services were held Monday, July 26, 2021, at 11:30 am at the Buena Vista Washington Stake Center, 860 N Fairway Dr. Washington, UT with a viewing prior to service from 10:30 -11:15 am. Interment was at the Washington City Cemetery at 1:00 pm.

Arrangements were made under the direction of Spilsbury Mortuary, 110

Planning Underway for Future Treks

Royce Griffin, our treks chairman reported that there are a couple of exciting treks being planned for the fall. Final dates have not been established but we will be notified when plans become concrete.

A September trek will include a visit to Brian Head including the old CCC camp where our chapter president Dave Humphrey's father worked.

Also being looked at is a road trip to the Delta area in October to visit the old Japanese internment camp called "Topaz." Topaz had a peak population of 8,100 and recorded 11,212 people processed into the camp while it was in operation from September 11, 1942 to

October 31, 1945. Included will be a tour of Delta's Topaz Museum and finally a stop at old Fort Deseret.

We are grateful to Royce and his planning committee for always coming up with outstanding treks for our chapter. If you would like to make any suggestions contact Royce at 435 313-0602.



Topaz Internment Camp about 1943



Remains of old "Fort Deseret near Delta, UT



Visiting the Topaz museum in Delta

*Note: This is one of the winning 4th Grade student essays.
We will be printing others in the coming newsletters.*

Melvin Alonzo Robinson

By Colt Martin Fourth Grade - Mrs. Payne



My great-great grandpa Melvin Alonzo Robison was born in 1899 in Fillmore, Utah. Growing up on a farm, he had 2 brothers and 2 sisters. When he was young, he was given a lot of chores to do on the farm every day. He had to cut and carry wood, feed the chicken and pigs, and weed and water the garden. He learned to work hard but also took the time to play with his brothers and sisters. At the end of the day when all their chores were done, they would go to the pond to swim and catch frogs. Family was everything to him. When he was 18 years old, his little brother was hit in the head while stacking hay and the doctor wasn't sure he was going to live. My great-great grandpa was in the desert taking care of the cattle when he got word his brother was hurt. He was so scared and worried that he rode his horse 70 miles across the desert that night to where his little brother was at the hospital. He was so sad when his brother and best friend died the next day.

They had their own farm, and he taught his children the same things his Dad taught him to work hard and to love, protect and take care of your family. He didn't even own a radio as he felt it took away from their family time to just talk to each other and spend time together. They had a lot of pigs that needed to be fed and watered all day long. When his sons were old enough to work the farm without him, he would constantly take off for 2 weeks at a time with his older brother to round up wild horses to sell and provide extra money for his family. He would build a sage brush holding pen close to a hole and keep the horses away so that when they were really thirsty, he could drive the horses into the corral. He would spend the next week calming the horses down deciding which ones he wanted to keep to sell. His children would get upset with him for leaving them to do all the work on the farm as he was off having fun chasing horses. A few times they were allowed to go along, and they quickly realized it was not all fun and games.

My great-great grandpa died when he was 77 years old. My mom was raised on the same farm and even grew up in the house that my great-great grandpa had built for his family. I love hearing stories about my ancestors and my heritage, and it is even better when I can see the places they grew up. My grandma told me that my great-great grandfather was an honest, hardworking man. He taught his family to love each other, to love their church and God, and to work hard. All these things I can see were passed down to my grandma and my mom. I hope to pass these same things on to my children when I grow up.

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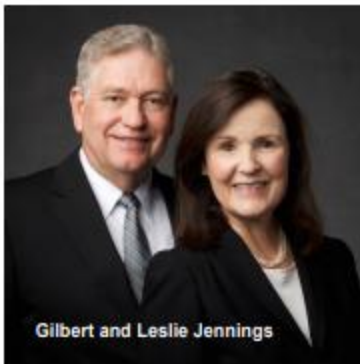
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Gilbert Jennings to Speak at Scholarship Fund Raising Dinner September 21



Gilbert and Leslie Jennings

Our chapter fund raising dinner for the scholarships will be held September 21 at Rod Orton's cabin in Pine Valley. Rod has agreed to let us use his Pine Valley Home for the gathering. Rod has a large Barn/Meeting area that will seat more than 80 guests. The address is 74 S 400 W, Pine Valley, UT. It is next door to the South of the Don Ipson white frame house.

This dinner is a major source of the funding for our scholarship

program.

Gilbert M. Jennings and his wife Leslie have contributed much to our community over the years. Gilbert is the owner of JMI Property Services and has constructed and managed many properties in St. George. He is a former high councilor and bishop and he and his wife Leslie were called to serve as visitor center directors at the Kirtland Historic Site.



2020 Scholarship recipients

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August Dinner Meeting Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

Jon Green "Dixie Heroes Who Changed My Life"



We had a large turnout at the August meeting to hear Jon Green



Jon Green uses a powerpoint to talk about his life



Jon Green



An attentive group



Karen and Jon Green



The Buffet Line



Maxine Humphrey



Area Vice President David Hnton and his wife



Gail and Bonnie Miles singing



Listening to Jon Green's talk

Oct 8 Trek to Topaz Internment Camp in Delta

Plans have been finalized for trek on October 8, 2021. According to Royce Griffin, our Treks Chairman, we will take a road trip to the Delta area to visit the old Japanese internment camp called "Topaz." Topaz had a peak population of 8,100 and recorded 11,212 people processed into the camp while it was in operation from September 11, 1942 to October 31, 1945. Included will be a tour of Delta's Topaz Great Western Museum and a stop at old Fort Deseret State Park.

During World War II Japanese people living in America were displaced from their homes and businesses and were gathered into the barracks at Topaz. It was a sad experience for



Topaz Internment Camp about 1943

these good people, most of whom were solid American Citizens, with children who were born in America. But the fear and terror of the war with Japan resulted in this government policy. Today the barracks are gone but Topaz will be remembered as a monument to the tragedy of war.

We are grateful to Royce and his planning committee for always coming up with outstanding treks for our chapter. If you would like more information contact Royce by phone at 435 313-0602.



Remains of old "Fort Deseret near Delta, UT



Visiting the Topaz museum in Delta

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My Ancestor Gene Probst

By Madden Probst Fourth Grade - Mrs. Smith, Bloomington Elementary

Here are some great things that my ancestor, Gene Probst did. He was born and raised in Midway to Karl and Kree Probst and he also grew up in the Great Depression learning that even at an early age he had to work hard. He helped his family work at the age of six, Tending sheep, Raising foxes, and milking the cow. He also loved music at an early age and his father played in a local band and he still enjoys music. He was a great boxer and football player as a young man and he was the first Eagle Scout from Midway and excelled at physical activities and hunting.

As a graduate of Wasatch High School, he earned a scholarship to play quarterback at Utah State University. Quickly, however, World War Two began to have an impact on his team and the draft began to call up many of his friends and upper class-men. He decided not to hesitate to serve his country and enlisted in the Navy at 18. For 28 straight months, he served aboard the USS Oak Hill in many capacities. His service included fighting in 7 major engagements in the Pacific, including the liberation of the Philippines. Gene loved his time in the Navy and he had many experiences serving our country that he treasures to this day.

Soon after he returned from the war, he met and married his sweetheart, Darlene Turnbow of Heber City. Together they raised a large family of 8 children, 32 grandchildren, and 58 great-grandchildren. His family remains his most important and prized undertaking. Serving them to this day has been his greatest life's work. Gene quickly chose a career path that included running the family farm and laying brick and stone. He built his own company over the years that allowed him to provide for his growing family and participate in Midway's political affairs. He served several terms as a City Councilman and eventually served three terms as Midway's Mayor. During these times, he was instrumental in building and gaining funding for many of Midway's most important infrastructure projects, including the construction of Midway City's office building.

In 1988 Gene helped his wife Darlene realize a lifelong dream of opening their own restaurant. The Burgermeister was a family-run restaurant featuring authentic Swiss plates, homemade desserts, and Darlene's favorite home recipes. Together, they spent their time building a truly genuine experience where people came together to enjoy amazing food, family, and company. Darlene and Gene shared their time and talents with everyone who walked in, greeting and treating everyone like family. This was a cherished time in their lives.

Gene still loves to sing and play guitar and shares his talents in church services and other personal occasions. Gene loves woodworking in his shop and spends almost every day planning and building beautiful pieces of furniture and hand-crafted gifts he shares with his family and friends. When not in his shop you will find him enjoying his garden or singing to his sweetheart at the Midway Cemetery.

His commitment to family endures beyond any other aspect of his life. Surrounded in Midway by most of his children, he has a great posterity that he loves and serves tirelessly. Service has been the central role of his life, whether it was on behalf of our nation during the war, during the growth of Midway, in his religious service, or his own personal family, Gene has consistently served all. He is proud of his heritage and the deep Swiss roots his family planted in Heber Valley nearly 140 years ago. In conclusion, these are some amazing facts about my Great Grandpa Gene Probst.

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Friday Oct 8 Trek to Topaz Internment Camp And Fort Deseret in Delta

After much planning by the Treks committee all systems are go for our trek to the Topaz Internment camp and other sites near Delta. Treks Chairman, Royce Griffin reports that we will gather at 7:30 a.m. on Friday October 8 in the Albertson parking lot in



Topaz museum in Delta

Washington then caravan up I-15 to the Holden turnoff, which is just north of Fillmore, and then follow highway 50 to Delta where we will assemble at the Topaz Museum located on 55 West Main.

Following a discussion at the museum, the director will then lead us out to the site of the Former Japanese Internment Camp. After returning to town we will have lunch at the Hwy 6 & 50 Drive Inn Restaurant.

Following lunch we will then visit the Great Basin Museum located on 45 West Main then drive a few miles southwest of the city to see the remains of old Fort Deseret, an adobe fortification constructed in 1866 as a protection against Chief Black Hawk and his warriors. We should conclude the trek around 3 p.m.

For those who might want to travel up the night before, several motels are available in the area including:

- A. Days Inn, located in Delta on 527 E. Topaz Blvd. 435-879-3403
- B. Budget Motel located in Delta 75 So. 360 E. 435-864-4533
- C. Best Western, located in Fillmore on 905 No. Main 435-743-6895

If you or members of your family and friends plan to attend, please let us know so we can get a head count. Weather permitting, we hope to see you there. If you have any questions please contact Royce Griffin at:
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September Dinner Meeting Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

Gilbert Jennings Talks About Kirtland and "Old Crackfoot"



Gilbert Jennings has an impressive collection of memorabilia about Mitt Moody and "Old Crackfoot," Pine Valley's last grizzly bear

We are grateful to Rod Orton for opening up his Pine Valley lodge for our September scholarship fund raiser. We enjoyed dinners from Chik-fil-a followed by a wonderful talk by Gilbert Jennings. Gilbert related the experiences he and his wife had while directors of the Kirtland Ohio Visitors Site. Then he turned to a historic story is he is fond of. He told us about Milton "Mitt" Moody, a well-known hunter and ranger who spent years trying to track down "Old Crackfoot," a killer grizzly bear that had roamed the Pine Valley mountains. A number of professional hunters and their dogs had been brought in, but could never get the bear who had killed livestock for over 30 years on the mountain. Finally, in a life-and-death encounter Mitt was able to bring the bear down. Gilbert showed his extensive collection of historic relics related to the event, including the rifle used to kill Old Crackfoot.



Rod Orton's Pine Valley lodge provided a perfect meeting place



Neal Hoss leads the flag ceremony



Royce Griffin discusses trek



The Green's enjoy a box meal from Chik-fil-a



Gilbert Jennings



Rod Orton and wife with Dan McArthur



Neal Hoss, David Humphrey and Rod Orton



Robin Davis with Jan and Mel Duehlmeier

*Note: This is one of the winning 4th Grade student essays.
We will be printing others in the coming newsletters.*

My Ancestor Rodney Badger

By Olivia Shaffer Fourth Grade

Have you heard of Rodney Badger? I am his great-great-great-great-great granddaughter. He was a man of great courage and bravery. He was known for a selfless act, and many people look up to him.

Once you read this you will see the great things my great-great-great-great-great grandfather did and his kind actions. Rodney Badger was born on February 4, 1823 in Waterford, Vermont. He died April 29, 1853 in Weber River, Utah. He was 30 when he died. It was one hundred and sixty-eight years ago and counting. When Rodney was twenty-three years old he chose to accompany a pioneer company. He was *very* athletic, an amazing swimmer, a woodsman, and a frontier scout. Rodney came to Utah on July 24, 1847 with the pioneer company. A little after, he became sheriff of Salt Lake county. Rodney was fearless, and by being fearless he lost his life doing something noble that no other sheriff did. A family of *seven*, a mom and six children, lost control of their cattle and fell into the river trying to cross a bridge. All *seven* tried to get out. Rodney, without a second thought, jumped in to *save* the family and carried them, one by one, out of the river. He *saved* the mom and four of her children but at the last two kids he was too tired. He jumped in anyway and he and the last two children got swept away in the river's current and drowned. Even though Rodney and the last two children drowned, Rodney's heroic act meant that a mom and her four children were *saved* and were still together as a family.

In 2007, master sculptor, Lena Toritch, won a sculpting competition in the nationals. She made heroic size bronze statues for the Utah Law Enforcement. She created three sculptures that inspire people to work harder to become the heroes of today. One of the statues is of Rodney Badger. He was the first Utah law enforcement officer to lose his life helping people. Lena Toritch shows him carrying a tired child to safety. It also shows that he is tired as well, and soaked from the river.

I admire Rodney for his fearlessness, and, like Rodney, I want to help others if it's the right thing. I honor him for choosing to do what is right. I will always remember him for his courageous actions.

As you can see, my great-great-great-great-great grandfather (Rodney Badger) was a *brave* and loyal man. He did great things for people. I hope this information helps you understand what I learned about Rodney Badger, his great deeds, and why we honor him.



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Lee Bracken to Speak About Mountain Meadows at November 23 Dinner Meeting

Lee Bracken will be the speaker at our chapter dinner meeting November 23. The meeting will be held as usual at the Washington Community Center, beginning with meet-and-greet at 5:30pm followed by dinner and speaker.

Lee Bracken has been involved with the Mountain Meadows Monument for many years, and was a key leader in establishing the modern memorial that exists today. As former Bishop he was on hand to speak during the monument dedication in 1999. He will discuss the monument, and share the story behind the efforts put forth by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to memorialize the Mountain Meadows massacre and establish better feelings between the Church and descendents of those killed.

In addition to being a former bishop, Bracken has served multiple terms as Mayor of Enterprise, Utah. He runs the Enterprise True Value hardware store, which displays a number of mounts which he has acquired as a big game hunter. One photo on display shows Lee with a cougar that is bigger than he is. Lee also helps manage the Bracken family farm in Enterprise, consisting of 2500 acres of the best quality hay.



Lee Bracken was a speaker at the dedication of the Mountain Meadows Monument in 1999

October Dinner Meeting Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

Derek Rowley Demonstrates "SUP Online" Website



Derek Rowley takes us through the "SUP Online" website which he single-handedly built from scratch

Cotton Mission Chapter member Derek Rowley, who is the sole producer of the national "SUP ONLINE" website, gave an outstanding presentation at our October 19 dinner meeting. He used a projector to take us through the website together, and we were truly astounded by what he showed us. Originally conceived as an online chapter for those SUP members who do not live in a specific chapter area, the website has now grown into a massive resource for *all* chapter members.

The website now includes video clips, podcasts, stories, articles, histories, and all kinds of historical information. One of the most intriguing parts of the website is the ability for SUP members from all chapters to submit information to the website from their own computers. Derek has done an outstanding job, which requires countless hours of personal work each week. Everyone should visit www.suponline.org and see what is available.

Don Burton was presented a Modern Pioneer Award for his many years of service to the Cotton Mission Chapter. Gary Adams gave the Pioneer Moment in History.



President David Humphrey presents Modern Pioneer Award to Don and Laura Burton



Bonnie Miles, Suzanne Griffin, Susan Hoss



Gary Adams



Neal Hoss celebrated a birthday



Tom and Allison McArthur with Max Turpin



Kent and Clara Beus

October Trek Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

Trek to Topaz Internment Camp and Delta Sites



A great turnout for the day trek to Topaz Internment Site, museum and other Delta area historical sites

On Friday October 8 our chapter made a trek to the Topaz Internment camp and other sites near Delta. Treks Chairman, Royce Griffin reports that the group traveled first to the Topaz Museum. Following a discussion at the museum, we were led out to the site of the former Japanese Internment Camp.

After lunch we visited the Great Basin Museum and drove a few miles southwest of the city to see the remains of old Fort Deseret, an adobe fortification constructed in 1866 as a protection against Chief Black Hawk and his warriors.



Inside the Topaz Museum



Scott Bassett shows monument



Shell flowers



Examining brick work on 8ft. Manhole



2 inch diameter shell art



The Topaz Museum shows relics of Internment



Studying museum displays



Lunch at Zapita's Restaurant

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My Great-grandma Barbara Hales

By Eliana Barbara Allen, Fourth Grade Bloomington Hills Elementary

I'm going to tell you about my great grandma Barbara Hales. My parents named me after her because she was a good person. I learned about her from my parents, my grandma and grandpa, from my uncles and aunts, and my siblings telling stories about her and we have a book that has some things about her and we used to read it as a family every Sunday. My mom printed a paper about the meaning of the name and it tells a little bit about her too. And my older brother has a scrapbook with some photos in them with her. When Barbara was a baby her belly button hadn't tied all the way, so it untied and when her older sister came into the room Barbara was laying in a puddle of blood. Her sister ran and got her dad, and her dad helped tie her belly button shut. Barbara almost died. Because Barbara was the tenth and youngest child her brothers and sisters often joked about giving her to the bishop for tithing. Barbara's dad knew how to play the violin, so when they came home from church every Sunday her dad would get his violin and would play hymns. Barbara had a bunny but then one day someone stepped on it and it died. In school she skipped two grades because she was really smart. She graduated when she was at age fifteen, then she went to Idaho State University and received a teaching certificate. Then she went back to her hometown and taught 3rd and 4th grade. And when she started teaching she was age seventeen! She was seven years older than me and my teacher is only 21! And it is her first year. When she was done teaching school, she went back and earned her Masters degree. And she ended up teaching at Utah State University.

Barbara was nicknamed "the book lady" because she would write poems and she made a book of her poems and she filled her house with books and sold them to little children. She also gave books to the school district so if little kids did not have books at home they would at least have one book at home! She really loved Heavenly Father. I know that because she was really forgiving and she never said bad words and all the books she left us are really good. Barbara was born when they used oil lamps and died when airplanes, phones, electricity, computers, and more were invented.

She was hit by a car two times, and the second time she died. She died by a distracted driver hitting her and killing her. There were so many people at her funeral that they didn't have enough chairs because the whole town loved her so much. My great grandfather forgave the distracted driver that killed her. I learned that because my great grandfather forgave the distracted driver that killed great grandma Barbara, I should always forgive people no matter what they do. If my great grandmother Barbara was here, she would love that she gave us so many books that we have a huge library upstairs. And that we all love to read so much. I'm grateful that I've realized that I have a lot of characteristics like my great grandma Barbara. For example, I like to read, I love coloring, I love to be by the Savior, and I love bunnies. And I have always loved playing with little children and helping them read.

On Sleep

Asleep a lot
Is good to be
When you are one
Or two or three.

But when you are
Say eight like me
Awake a lot
Is best to be.

My grandpa's ninety
And you see
His eyelids close
So easily.

I guess he thinks
He's two – or three.

--Barbara Hales

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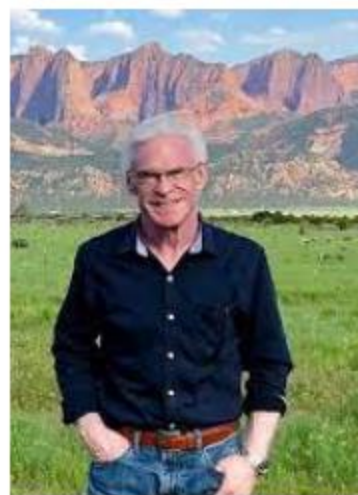
Chapter President-elect Brent Miner Passes Away due to Covid-related Pneumonia

It was a shock to learn during our November chapter meeting that our dear friend and president-elect L. Brent Miner had passed away that day. He had been hospitalized with Covid-19 that turned into severe pneumonia which tragically ended his battle with the disease.



Brent with Paul Harvey

Brent was a prominent leader of the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers serving in many positions. He did a great job lining up our chapter meeting speakers before being tagged as our president-elect for 2022. We will miss his smiling face and friendly nature. Our condolences to his wife Debbie and their extended family. (See obituary on page 3)



Chapter president-elect Brent Miner

Christmas Dinner Program December 21 Features Vocal Group and Special Election

Plan to attend our special Christmas dinner meeting on December 21. We will enjoy a nice musical program and share the spirit of the season. Chapter member Jon Green will accompany a vocal group from the Fairway Ward who will present an evening of Christmas music as well as some fun sing-a-longs.

During the business portion of our meeting the area vice president, David Hinton, and current president, David Humphrey, will present a discussion and vote on the new leadership for 2022. This special election is necessary due to the sudden loss of president-elect, Brent Miner, who passed away November 23.



Painting by Del Parson

The location is the Washington Community Center. We will begin with a meet-and-greet at 5:30pm followed by dinner at 6pm catered by the Golden Corral Restaurant.

November Dinner Meeting Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

Lee Bracken Discusses Mountain Meadows Monument



Lee Bracken



Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

On November 21 the Cotton Mission Chapter enjoyed hearing from Enterprise businessman and former bishop Lee Bracken who was heavily involved in establishing the current monument honoring those killed in the Mountain Meadows Massacre. While serving as bishop in Enterprise he was asked by President Hinckley to assist in carefully removing the old monument in preparation for the beautiful new monument we have today. "The Mormon Bishop" he became the media face of the project and the recognized church representative working with the descendents of the Fancher wagon train. In that role he took many trips to Arkansas and earned the trust of the people, eventually helping soften some of their negative feelings towards the LDS church. Working together, the remains of the deceased pioneers were removed, placed in wooden coffins, and safely re-buried on the site. Descendents brought jars of Arkansas soil which was ceremoniously spread beneath the coffins so they could rest on Arkansas soil. Lee related many spiritual events which accompanied the project.



Guests at the buffet line. We enjoyed turkey and dressing catered by the Golden Corral Restaurant



Pioneer moment about cattle industry and cowboys on the Arizona Strip



Discussing the Mtn. Meadows monument



Joyce and Tom Craner with Max Turpin



A friendly greeting



Guests visit with Lee Bracken before dinner

Lawrence Brent Miner Obituary

Lawrence Brent Miner, age 69, passed away Nov. 23, 2021, at St. George Regional Hospital. Brent was born on Feb. 22, 1952, in Salt Lake City and was the second son to Lawrence John, and Julie Miner. Along with his parents and older brother he moved from Cottonwood Heights to St. George in 1968. Here in St. George, he attended Dixie High School, graduating in 1970.

He was a proud Dixie Flyer his entire life, often busting out his blue and white letterman jacket out any time my sister Ashlee or I tried to assert that our other St. George High Schools were better. From 1971-1973 he served a LDS mission to the Australia – West Mission, covering nearly the entirety of the Australian Outback from Adelaide to Darwin, and Perth to Alice Springs.

Brent was married to the love of his life, Debbie Lancaster on October 11, 1974, in the Salt Lake City, Utah Temple. They enjoyed 47 wonderful years of marriage, the majority of it in the home they built together in Bloomington in 1978. There was nothing that our father loved more than doting on his

beloved wife. Taking care of my mom was his number one priority and delight.

A life-long learner with unwavering curiosity, Brent pursued a number of different careers throughout his life. Of all the work he did, he most loved working in broadcasting like his father before him. From a young age he loved radio and worked in just about every role he could within that field. From being the Official Disc Jockey for KDXU's Teen Night programming, to being the co-founder of MB Broadcasting.

He was a recognized member of the Utah Broadcasters Association and founded or ran several local radio and TV stations with MB Media Group, including the local Fox 13, and Channel 3 TV Channels, K55DL, KDXU-AM, KZEZ, and KWBR-LP and others. Beyond broadcasting, Brent created several different companies like Tritex and Brave industries, he worked to help start the Catalogue Chanel, provided the media coverage for the Senior PGA Tour, served on several different boards of directors, and did commercial voice overwork. He is also remembered for his Smooth Jazz 105.7 radio station that continues to run to this day.

Amongst numerous careers, he still found time for side projects like inventing the level guard for contractors – a patent he later sold to the Stanley Tool Company in the early 1980s that is still in production today. Or the government contract bids he won and fulfilled for the AR-15 brass catch bag, and the Barrett .50 Caliber Rifle Field Drag Bag that he invented with the companies he founded, Tritex and BRAVE industries.

In the mid-2000s, Brent transitioned to his most recent career as a Realtor in the Southern Utah area. He was one of the most recognized and awarded Real Estate Agents in the region. He loved working in real estate for the opportunities it gave him to meet many people and fulfill his role as the self-appointed Ambassador to Washington County.

In his spare time, he loved working in his community and church: He served as a Stake Counsel member, executive secretary for several bishoprics and was a devoted and incredible scouting leader. He was also the president-elect 2022 of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. He also loved to travel and had an adventurous spirit to the end.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents; his in-laws: Jack and Fern Lancaster; his older brother, William John Miner; and his son in law, Eugene Connelley (Lindsay). He is survived by his wife, Debbie Lancaster Miner; his children: Ashlee (Jason), Lindsay, Lacey, Chanel (Jeremiah), and Jackson (Kate); and 12 grandchildren: Jayden, Isabelle (Dyiamond), Jacob, Criegh, Shaw, McCall, Jarick, Rozlin, Layla, Easton, Cooper, Juliette (Due April 2022).

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 29, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Bloomington Stake Center, 200 West Brigham Road, St. George, Utah. Interment is in the Tonaquint Cemetery.



*Note: This is one of the winning 4th Grade student essays.
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My Great-grandfather Golden Stettler

The ancestor I choose for my essay is Golden Stettler. He is my great grandfather. He was born in his house, he lived at 672 East 9th North. Also, he was born on January 6, 1918 at 4:05. My great grandfather almost never left his neighborhood, then he left to serve a part of World War 2. When he started going to school his parents started to speak more English, and less Swiss. But when they were talking to family they tried to talk in Swiss as much as they could. Golden had one older brother and two younger brothers.

When they all where together they did strange and dumb things. The next block there was a swiss man who had an orchard. They would go to the orchard and jump the fence and pick ripe fruit. Then the man who owned the orchid would yell at them and chase the four boys out of the orchard. His father always had cows. They would take the cows on a walk in the neighborhood. Also, most neighbors wouldn't have fences so they would have to keep the cows from invading the neighbors' yards.

When Golden was five years old his father was called for a mission back in Switzerland. When he was six, his mother taught his family to read and to also write, so when they were in first and second grade, they mainly skipped a grade. Him and his brother were the two who skipped.

My grandfather was six years old when he went out to his chicken coop, there was no chicken at the time. In the chicken coop there was nothing but dry corn stalks. One day he was playing with matches in the chicken coop and the corn stalks caught on fire. He ran to the front yard and hid. His mother was at Relief Society teaching, so his aunt was actually the one to call the fire department. When this was happening school was getting out. When the fire department came it made a lot of noise. Lots of kids followed it to his house. They followed to the back yard where the chicken coop was up in flames. They saved the barn, but did not save the chicken coop. The chicken coop was burnt to the ground, destroyed. They couldn't find Golden, he was under the front porch. "It was an open porch" he said. When the firemen finished up and stopped the fire and went home. They still couldn't find him. Now it was dusk, so his mother was helping find him.

One of his neighbors was searching the front yard and other neighbors yards to look for him. Then they finally looked under the porch (where he was hiding) and found him. His mother sent a letter to his father. They will never forget that experience. That is my Ancestor, Golden Stettler!!!!

APPENDIX A

COTTON MISSION **MINUTES - 2021**

SUP Board of Directors Minutes

January 4, 2021

Attendance: Dave Humphrey, Max Turpin, Rick Bentley, Kent McComb, Roland Lee, Mel Duehlmeie Griffin, Brent Miner, Rex Jensen, Dave Hinton

Prayer: Max Turpin

1. Mel gave the financial report, \$14,630.16 in the general account, close to balance of last year. The Scholarship account has \$59,477.77, there is \$5,000 outstanding in scholarships. This is slightly below year's balance.
2. Dave asked about the dinner meeting, should we have it? a zoom meeting? The Exec Board felt that meetings should not be held at the present time. Discussed the Mormon Battalion zoom presentation possibility. Dave Hinton mentioned the Mormon Battalion visitors center has changed quite a bit and recommends their presentation.
3. Trek options were presented by Royce Griffin. Several options were discussed, and several methods carrying out the treks. He mentioned local walking treks around St George and Washington City. Several trek options were presented and board members voted on their preference. Royce will tally the votes back. Don moved we have two treks per month. There was general agreement the treks are increasingly important in the absence of dinner meetings.
4. Dave brought up a request by the Old County Courthouse that we hold our board meetings there. We agreed we would hold the February board meeting there and see how we like it.
5. Thad Stewart was awarded the "Modern Day Pioneer" award by Roland Lee who gave a brief bio life of service to the SUP and presented the award.
6. Dave passed out small membership recruitment cards to the board members. Dave also requested that everyone on the call list be called every month to see how they are doing, if still active in the SUP, etc, whether we have a dinner meeting or not. Dave also mentioned the scholarships need to be worked on right now.
7. Don Burton mentioned he is missing two months of minutes...if anyone has them please send copies.
8. Dave Hinton discussed several national issues. National is hurting financially because of the impact and needs help. Don moved we give \$1000 to national, motion carried.
9. Roland Lee passed out copies of the organizational chart and asked for input regarding changes, member, etc.

Adjourned: 10:26 am

Prayer: Brent Miner

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Cotton Mission Board Meeting February 2021 Board Meeting

Attendance: Ralph Atkin, Brent Miner, Eldon Larkin, Dave Humphrey, Max Turpin, Mel Duehlmeier, Dave Isom, Kent McComb, Rick Bentley, Kevin Jenkins, Rex Jensen

Call to order: 9:07am

Prayer: Rick Bentley

1. Mel; bank account balances given (Cache Valley bank \$59,787.77, Wells Fargo Bank \$14,390.16). Financial report moved and approved. A financial audit will take place today after the meeting.
2. Max; may need a replacement for Kent Buse. Bill doing great job with the photography.
3. Eldon; scholarships and essay contest. We had 8 schools participate last year, could have up to 13 this year. Tom McArthur is working with the high schools.
4. Rick; member services committee is functioning. Asked if anyone knew Fred Smith, I cannot contact him.
5. Kent; BLM is difficult to deal with. I left copies of the Temple Trail brochures at Pipe Springs.
6. Ralph; Monte Holm is working on my committee.
7. Dave Humphrey; Nick Lang brought all his stuff to me. We need a replacement for Nick. Dave proposed a virtual meeting for February, motion carried. Brent suggested Loren Webb as a speaker, Dave H. suggested Dr. Richard Irion. Rex recommended, because of poor acoustics in the old courthouse, that we broadcast the zoom meeting from somewhere else, all agreed. Dave asked for a motion to pay for a you tube account, motion carried.
8. Mel Reviewed the membership list. membership is down, new membership s needs to fill out the form and pay dues when signing up for SUP.
9. Kevin Jenkins; gave a report and recommendations on the need to change the SUP webpage host.

Prayer: by Kevin Jenkins

The acoustics were so poor in the courthouse, and because we were more spread out, my recording app was mostly inaudible; consequently, I had to rely solely on my written notes for the minutes. There may be some gaps or errors in the minutes.

June 7th Board Meeting Minutes



Rex Jensen <rgjense@gmail.com>

to Brent, Dan, Dave, David, Del, Don, Kevin, Max, Mel, Ralph, me, Rick, Royce

Call to order, 9:04 am

Prayer: Max Turpin

Attendance: Dave Humphrey, Brent Miner, Rex Jensen, Max Turpin, Royce Griffin, Don Burton, Mel Duehlmeier, Eldon Larkin, Dave Hinton, Kent McCombs, Kevin Jenkins.

Mel Duehlmeier gave the financial report. \$14,258.26 in the general account, down a little from last year. \$58,332.84 in the scholarship account. Four scholarship checks have been written. Still have some obligations from the past two years because some have gone on missions.

1. Eldon Larkin reported on the elementary school essays. 12 schools participated this year, very good interest by the schools and students to participate in the essay contest.
2. Dennis Miner reviewed the minutes from last month (Rex was absent)
3. Dave excused Ralph Atkin and Rick Bentley, who are not able to attend today. Asked about the Moment in History. Don Burton urged we give a clear time limit on the Moment in History. 5 to 7 minutes should be the limit.
4. Don Burton reported on Cotton Days. 15 men and 15 women volunteers helped out. Could have used additional help. 650 children attended.
5. Dave Humphrey reviewed the upcoming calendar of events:
June 29th will be a regular dinner meeting at the WCCC. Ralph Atkin will be the speaker.
No meetings in July
August 2nd, next board meeting at Cache Valley Bank
August 17th, dinner meeting at WCCC. John Green will be the speaker
September 16-17 is the National Encampment in Rexburg, Idaho
September 21st will be the scholarship dinner at Rod Orton's cabin in Pine Valley. The Holmstead Ranch is no longer available.
October 19th, dinner meeting at WCCC
November 23rd, dinner meeting at WCCC. It is two days before Thanksgiving but it was decided to have the dinner anyway.
December 21st, Christmas dinner at WCCC
6. Dave Hinton encouraged us to promote the national encampment. He asked if our chapter would like to host another national encampment. It is a big undertaking and will be discussed at a later date.
7. A trek is tentatively planned for the month of October. Royce will determine the trek and the date.
8. Dave Humphrey asked who we put in charge of the Moment in History. (Rex reviewed past minutes and found a couple of names were discussed but no decision was made at the meeting)
9. Dave Hinton suggested using Jay Evans, from the Hurricane Chapter, for the December entertainment.
10. Max reported that Bill Chapman does an excellent job with the photography for the chapter, treks and meetings, etc.
11. Kent McCombs wants to do a Mormon Wells sign in the fall. Explained a sign was erected at Shoal Creek, west of Enterprise, known as the Death Valley Cutoff, and a route to the California gold fields. The BLM is a little difficult about putting up SUP signs. He also has extra temple trails brochures. Several suggestions were made for disposing of them, including making them available at our dinner meetings.
12. Dave Hinton explained that the Mormon Battalion took an American flag and added a bear to the flag. The flag can be seen at the SUP headquarters in SLC.
13. Making a new chapter logo was discussed. Roland Lee could do this. Dave recommended we appoint an understudy to do (learn) the making of the newsletter, currently being done by Roland Lee. Dave Humphrey asked if Kevin Jenkins could learn to do the newsletter. He said that he

could. Kevin Jenkins explained that the organizational chart has also been a real challenge. Dave Hinton stated that the Cotton Chapter newsletter is by far the best in all of the SUP, and Roland Lee has been recognized for producing the best newsletter.

14. Dave Hinton is writing a history of Hurricane and is looking for photos of the original bowery in Hurricane.

Prayer: Eldon Larkin

Adjourned: 10:12 am

Date: August 2, 2021

Attendance: Dave Humphrey, Max Turpin, Eldon Larkin, Rex Jensen, Kevin Jenkins, Roland Lee, Dave Hinton, Dan McArthur, Kent McComb

Call to order: 9:10 am

Prayer: Kevin Jenkins

1. No treasurer report (Mel is out of town)
2. Dave Humphrey reported he spoke with Don Burton about memorializing Rick Bentley, who passed away recently. Don is taking care of that.
3. Dinner meeting will be August 17, at the WCCC, Jon Green will be the speaker. The Executive Board will meet on August 16th.
4. The National Encampment on September 16-18th, will be held in Rexburg, Idaho. Dave Hinton gave a strong endorsement for the national encampment.
5. Dave Hinton reported on a symposium to be held in Kaneshville, Iowa on August 20-21st. He also reminded the board that the national logo needs to be on all Cotton Mission items (vests, shirts, newsletter, etc.)
6. Dave Humphrey asked for an accurate count for the dinner meeting this month.
7. The Organizational chart was reported on and discussed by Kevin Jenkins and Roland Lee. Some changes were made, some reassignments made.
 - A. Rick Bentley needs to be replaced. Recommended member services be changed to Dinner Services.
 - B. Max Turpin was asked to take over Rick Bentley's position (services, dinner, sound, nametags, etc) Committee was renamed Dinner Services. Dan McArthur moved; motion carried. Max is agreeable but does not know some of the members on that committee. Max asked about the duties of this committee, like the name tag table, lining up speakers, etc. Roland suggested Max could lean on Brent Miner to get speakers.
 - C. Kevin's duties mesh better with communications, which is Max's title. If Max is willing, he could take over Dinner Services, and merge Kevin's duties with communications, eliminating one board member, but Treks have been added to the board previously. Kevin will now head the Communications Committee. the Media Publicity subcommittee will now be eliminated. Member Bios will now be moved to Dinner Services. Photographer, Newsletter, and Pioneer Magazine will now fall under Kevin's Communications committee.
 - D. Dave recommended we ask Derek Rowley to speak at a future dinner meeting.
8. Royce Griffin is now a member of the Board of Directors (treks)
9. Eldon Larkin volunteered to take care of uniforms
10. Discussed possible replacement to line up speakers for dinner meetings. George R. Cannon was recommended for Max's committee

11. Roland Lee asked about member bios
 12. September 21st will be the scholarship dinner at Rod Orton's cabin in Pine Valley. Directions will be made available at the August dinner meeting.
 13. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next board meeting will be held September 13th.
 14. Kent McComb again recommended Lee Bracken for a future speaker.
 15. Royce Griffin, who was absent today, requested recommendations for future treks. The Board decided to let Royce make the decision, as all his treks are very good.
 16. Dan McArthur reported that the gazebo at the town square is being used, now, as a kind of memorial garden, several statues have been erected, others will be added in the future.
- Prayer: Kent McComb Adjourn: 10:16 am

SUP Board of Directors Meeting
September 13, 2021

Call to order, 9:05 am

Prayer: Ralph Atkin

Attendance: Dave Humphrey, Royce Griffin, Ralph Arkin, Brent Miner, Kent McComb, Rex Jensen, Don Burton, Max Turpin, Mel Duehlmeier, Kevin Jenkins

1. Mel gave financial report; General Account total \$13,475.04, Scholarship account total, \$53,620.32
2. Brent Miner asked the cost for renting the WCCC, (\$352 per year)
3. Dave reminded about the national encampment this week in Rexburg, Idaho
4. The scholarship meeting will be next week, Tuesday, September 21st at the Rod Orton cabin in Pine Valley, 400 West, 75 South. There will be no catered dinner (too costly), so either pie and ice cream, or possibly salad and Chic Filet nuggets,
5. Royce discussed the trek to Delta and the internment camp on October 8th, leave at 7:30am, arrive about 10am.
6. The October dinner meeting will be on the 19th, Derek Rowley is the speaker
7. The November dinner meeting will be on the 23th, speaker not yet determined
8. The December Christmas dinner will be on December 21st, program not yet determined. Discussed asking the Heritage Choir to perform.
9. Rex Jensen reported on the Levi Savage monument that will be erected in the Toquerville Cemetery, where Levi is buried. His descendants are paying for monument. Rex asked for the SUP to contribute, and to put an SUP name plate and number on the monument. Ralph Atkin moved to approve up to \$1,000, Brent Miner seconded. Motion carried.

Prayer: Don Burton

Adjourned, 10am

SUP Board of Directors Meeting
September 13, 2021
Call to order, 9:05 am
Prayer: Ralph Atkin

SUP Board of Directors Meeting **Oct 2021**

Call to order: 9:01 am
Prayer: Brent Miner

Attendance: Dave Humphrey, Brent Miner, Max Turpin, Don Burton, Mel Duehlmeier, Kent McComb, Rex Jensen, Eldon Larkin, Royce Griffin, Roland Lee, Kevin Jenkins, Dave Hinton.
Minutes: Max Turpin moved to approve; motion carried.

1. Mel gave financial report. scholarship contributions last month were \$4,597, somewhat lower than past years. Scholarship account balance, \$58,217.32, General account balance \$13,690.13. Mel asked if scholarship dinner expenses should come out of the scholarship account, it was agreed they should.
2. Royce discussed the trek for this weekend. commitments are small, but several board members added their names, so the trek is on for this Friday/Saturday.
3. Dave Hinton invited our chapter to the Hurricane chapter trek to Lytle Ranch on October 30th. Will meet at Indian gas store in Ivins at 9am
4. Dave Humphrey asked for discussion and suggestions for future treks. Agreed we should have three treks in 2022, 1 overnight, 2-day trips. Suggestions included Salina, Cedar Mountain, Ely Nevada, Lees Ferry, Hurricane Mesa, CC Camps
5. October 19th, next dinner meeting, Derek Rowley will be speaker
6. November 23rd will be the November dinner meeting (speaker tbd)
7. December 21st will be the December dinner meeting, program not yet set.
8. Dave showed the national sew on patch. Chapter will order 40, make them available to members to sew on vests. Cost is \$5 for patch.
9. Dave Humphrey asked for suggestions for chairman for the 2023 national encampment, which the Cotton Mission will host. Several names were suggested, Jon Greene and Durrant McArthur as co-chairs was settled on. Dave will arrange a meeting with those two men.
10. The Levi Savage monument to be erected in the Toquerville cemetery was further discussed. Dave Hinton said the Hurricane chapter will support on some level. Don Burton reported on his conversation with National regarding placement of the SUP logo and historical number. Rex will call national and clarify issues and obligations, if SUP is involved.
11. Dave Hinton reported that a national Zoom meeting will be held on October 23rd.
12. Don Burton asked about recognizing Bill Chapman in some way for his great service as the chapter photographer. Dave Humphrey will look into and recommend action at a later date.

Adjourned: 10:10
Prayer: Dave Humphrey

SUP Board of Directors November Meeting
2 Nov 2021

Prayer: Max Turpin

Attendance: Dave Humphrey excused for family business. Brent Miner attended via telephone due to covid exposure, Kent McComb, D. Burton, Rex Jensen, Durant McArthur, Jon Green, David Hinton, Mel Duehlmeier, Eldon Larkin, Kevin Jenkins, Rick Ericksen.

Called to order at 9:00 am

1. Mel Duehlmeier, financial report, Gen Fund balance \$14,031.13, Scholarship account balance \$8,990.07. \$8000 still committed to scholarships.
 2. The new president elect for 2022 will be Rick Erickson
 3. Durrant and Jon Greene are co-chairs for the 2023 SUP National Encampment to be held in St. George on September 7-9 2023. The following are questions and discussions:
 - a. Seed money? Dave Hinton stated that National does not provide seed money for the encampment.
 - b. Durrant has ask Kevin Jenkins to serve as secretary for the encampment.
 - c. Royce Griffin was approached about taking care of the treks for the encampment.
 - d. The venue was discussed. The new East Stake Center was proposed and the East Stake Presidency has been approached about the use. Other options are the Dixie Center, the Tabernacle, or the Town center museum upstairs room. General feeling was the East Stake Center would be the best facility, lowest cost.
 - e. Dave Hinton stated the Hurricane Chapter will assist the Cotton Chapter with the encampment.
 - f. Royce asked about possible treks for the encampment; many suggestions were made, some would be all day treks, some would be half day et treks at a later date.
 - g. Possible caterers were discussed. Golden Corral was the general consensus.
 4. Lee Bracken will be the speaker for the November dinner on November 23rd at the WCC.
 5. Dave Hinton provided several National dates for the record:
 - Feb 26th, Chapter presidents' council
 - April 23rd, National Symposium
 - July 18th, Super Duper Day
 - September 8-10th, National Encampment, St. George
 - October 22nd, Vice Presidents training
 6. Dec 21st will be the Dinner Program and installation of new officers meeting.
 7. Brent Minter asked if Eldon Larkin has the National SUP patches. He does, handed them out to board members.
 8. Rex reported on the status of the Levi Savage monument at the Toquerville cemetery. City has approved construction of the monument being designed. Probably be May before work is completed
- Prayer by David Hinton
Adjourn 10:00 am

Additional addendum minutes from Durant provide by Rex:

1. Possible featured speakers were discussed, Elder Holland, Steven Snow, Paul Reeve, Wayne Hinton, Leo Lyman, Susan Easton Black.
2. A Boy Scout troop was proposed as the cleanup team. Ma will contact the scout troop.
3. A Theme was discussed, most support for the name Dixie in the Theme. Theme will be proposed later.
4. Roland Lee was suggested for designing pin and logo art work

5. Bill Chapman was unanimously proposed as the encampment photographer.
6. Possible entertainment ideas were proposed; Piano Guys, Eric Dodge, Lieto, Heritage Choir, Eldon Hunt, Cowboy poetry possibilities.

SUP Board of Directors Minutes

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Wed 12/8/2021 5:12 PM

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December 6, 2021

9:01, call to order

Prayer, Dave Humphrey

Attendance: Rex Jensen, Dan Mcarthur, Dave Humphrey, Dave Hinton, Mel Duehlmeier, Max Turpin, Kent McCombs, Ralph Atkin, Rick Ericksen, Don Burton, Kevin Jenkins, Eldon Larkin

1. Mel gave the financial report,
 - \$77 put into scholarship fund
 - General fund, \$1035 deposit for dinner, Total, \$13,832.
2. Brent Miner passed away from covi-19. Dave Hinton mentioned the SUP has a grave medallion that can be put on gravestones. Ralph moved we buy medallion for Brent's grave marker. Motion carried.
3. Dave Hinton: Reported the status of the Cotton Mission leadership. Because of Brent Miner's passing, Dave Humphrey will remain as president, Dan Mcarthur will remain as past president, and Rick Ericksen will remain as president elect. Max moved to sustain the current board, motion carried. Officers will be installed at the December dinner meeting.
4. December 21st, dinner meeting. Jon Greene is arranging for a group to provide entertainment for December dinner meeting.
 - January dinner meeting speaker will be Larry Veigel, PR for the St George Temple, will speak on temple reconstruction progress
 - Ralph recommended Kent Tingey for a future dinner meeting speaker.
5. Dave Humphrey proposed the chapter buy a good speaker system, plus projector, plus screen. Ralph made a motion we buy the necessary, quality sound system. Motion carried. Max will ask Gary Smith to shop and make the purchase.
6. Dave Humphrey reported the WCCC is scheduled for our dinners through April 2022
7. It was agreed that Bill Chapman be given recognition as a modern day pioneer.
8. Eldon reported on the fourth grade essays, they are underway.
9. Don Burton: Would like Rocky White on the Cotton Days committee.
10. Ralph discussed the annual dinner held the Rod Orton cabin at Pine Valley, recommended we repeat. Is trying to make Rod an SUP member.
11. Kevin: asked if the chapter wants to pay for the Zoom account for another year. After discussion, deferred decision to next year.

Prayer by Dan Mcarthur

Adjourn; 10:06 am