

**COTTON MISSION CHAPTER**

**SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS**

**2022**

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**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 2022

The new officers and board members for 2022 were installed at the Chapter Board Meeting on December 21, 2021. The board was installed by David Hinton, National Area Vice President for Southern Utah & Nevada Chapters. The following officers and directors served during 2022:

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:	Neal Hoss	Member Services
Director:	Don Burton	Pioneer History
Director:	Kent McComb	Trails & Markers
Director	Royce Griffen	Treks
Area Vice President	David Hinton	



Officers, directors and committee chairman serving during the year contributed to the success of the chapter. Due to the continued pandemic (COFD19), President Humphrey and the Board of Directors were faced with changes in the Executive Board. President Humphrey was called to serve another year (2022 because the president-elect (Brent Miner) passed away due to COFK10. Dinner meetings were held in January, February, March, April , May (Scholarships) June, August, September, October, November and December. Four (4) treks were held in March, May, August and November under the direction of Royce Griffin. 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. Board meetings were held during the year and copies of the minutes are included in Appendix A starting on page XX.

Special thanks to President David Humphrey and the Executive Board are extended for their leadership during this second difficult year of COVID19.

### **Membership**

The year began with a total of seventy (70) chapter members on the rolls. By the end of the year, a total of eighty-four (84) members of record were enrolled. . All members that were willing to serve in various capacities were assigned to committees and made the best effort to help with the activities (Treks, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Essays, Scholarship fund raising efforts, Cotton Days and dinner meeting notifications in January through December).

Four (4) chapter members passing away during the year were Gene Sturzenegger, Verd Erickson, Keith Henry and Gail J Miles. The four (4) have all had memoriam requests submitted to the National SUP office. Information is listed on page 6 -8.

**Modern Day Pioneer awards were submitted for Ralph Atkin and Bill Chapman. Presentations were made in the March Newsletter.**

### **Monthly Chapter Meetings/Activities**

Formal Chapter Dinner Meetings were held on in January thru June and August thru 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. Four (4) super treks were held as described in the in the March, May, August and November newsletters.

Other activities including the Cotton Day Celebrations (assisted by the local Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Camps), and the National Encampment in Salt Lake City in September were held

## Chapter Activity Highlights

Nine \$1000 Scholarships were awarded to deserving students from area schools at our May 24 dinner. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Elementary Essay program was also a great success with over 400 fourth graders, 17 Elementary Schools and 95 winners participating.

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 2021 Chapter Excellence Award presented to David Humphrey during National Leadership Training in February 2022 is enclosed as follows:



# IN MEMORIAM

In remembrance of

***C. Gene Sturzenegger***

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

*January 2022*

# IN MEMORIAM

In remembrance of

***Verd J. Erickson***

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

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### DECEASED MEMBER

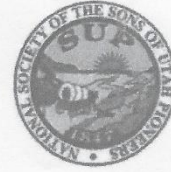
Name: Keith Larsen Henrie Wife: Faye Barton  
Address: 1143 N. Ventana Drive  
City: Washington State: Utah ZIP: 84780  
Chapter: Cotton Mission Life Member: Annual  
Death Date: 10 February 2022

Please submit to National as soon as possible.

Please enclose a copy of the obituary if available.

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### DECEASED MEMBER

Name: GAIL Johnson Miles Wife: Bonnie Adair

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Santa Clara State: Utah ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: Cotton Mission Life Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date: 31 May 2022

Please submit to National as soon as possible.

Please enclose a copy of the obituary if available .

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# **APPENDIX A**

## **COTTON MISSION** **MINUTES - 2022**

## SUP Board of Directors minutes for January 2022

Attendance: Max Turpin, Ralph Atkin, Eldon Larkin, Rex Jensen, Durrant McArthur, Jon Green, Mel Duehlmeier, Kevin Jenkins, Kent McComb

9:05 am, Call to order

Prayer, Rick Ericksen

1. Minutes, Ralph moved to approve the minutes, motion carried
2. Treasurer report, Mel Duehlmeier,. Main account balance is \$14,217.48, Scholarship account balance is \$59,097.07
- 3, Dave Humphrey distributed chapter list of officers
4. Durrant McArthur gave the 2023 national encampment report.
  - a. will meet with Roland Lee to design a logo for the encampment
  - b. A theme for the encampment was discussed. "Isolation to Destination and Beyond" was voted on a approved
  - c. Royce Griffin has identified 14 trek options
  - d. Music, Heritage Choir, and Color Country Chorus were suggested.
5. January 18th dinner meeting discussed. Speaker will be St George Temple restoration chair, Larry Leigel. No speaker yet for February dinner meeting.
6. Max reported on the new sound system, still getting price quotes.
  - possible change of venue for SUP dinners after April.
  - Max will bet prayers for dinner in the future
  - Discussed replacement for Max (Neil Haas was recommended).
- 7/ Dave Humphrey asked about updating the organizational chart
8. Kevin Jenkins asked if we want to renew the Zoom account. decided against renewal. Kevin also asked if we want to send condolence cards to deceased SUP members. We decided yes, two cards were circulated for signatures.

Adjourn: 10:01 am

Prayer: Mel Duehlmeier

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.

## Cotton Mission February Board minutes

February 7, 2022

Attendance: Dave Hinton, Rex Jensen, Mel Duehlmeier, Don Burton, Kent McComb, Royce Griffin, Rick Ericksen, Neil Hoss, Ralph Atkin, Eldon Larkin, Jon Greene, Dave Humphrey, Durrant McArthur

Prayer: Ralph Atkin

Call to order: 9:02 am

Ralph Atkin moved to approve the minutes; motion carried

1. Mel Duehlmeier gave the treasurers report. \$60,233.07 in scholarship account. \$14,417.50 in General Account.
2. Dave reviewed unpaid dues, only two members
3. Dave Hinton report: February 16<sup>th</sup>, need recognition info. Dave indicated the information has been sent. February 26<sup>th</sup> is the national chapter presidents training (10 am)
4. Durrant gave his report on the National Encampment progress. Roland Lee has completed the art work for the encampment. Photo of the Brigham Young spot in St George will be taken in the spring and used in the promotional materials. Old maps are available that show treks, etc. Expect 200 to 400 attendees. Golden corral will cater meals. The St George East Stake has agreed to let SUP use the stake center for the encampment.
5. Royce Griffin reported on possible treks for the national encampment. Discussed use of busses and vans. St George Shuttle is willing to provide transportation for treks, etc. Royce proposed 3 full day treks, 3 half day treks and several self-guided tours.
6. Durrant reported on scholarship essays.
7. Eldon Larkin reported on elementary essay contest.
8. February 15<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting, Kent and Jean Tingey will speak. Neil Hoss asked about using the temple visitor center speaker list; no objections. Ralph suggested Reid Neilsen for a future speaker. Kent McComb stated that Don Reed is an excellent entertainer and could be used in the future.
9. Don Burton; Memoriams are now available for Verd Ericksen and Gene Sturzenegger. The Bill Chapman citation was read by Don Burton. Don circulated a copy of the 2021 Cotton Mission history.

Prayer: Eldon Larkin

Adjourned: 10:10 am

## SUP Cotton Mission Board Meeting

March 7, 2022

9:02: Call to Order

Prayer, Royce Griffin

Attendance: Mel Duehlmeier, Dave Hinton, Royce Griffin, Durrant McArthur, Don Burton, Ralph Atkin, Rex Jensen, Kent McComb, Eldon Larkin, Dave Humphrey, Rick Ericksen, Dan McArthur, Neil Hoss

1. Mel Duehlmeier, treasurer's report: \$12,233.36 in general account. \$61,383.07 in scholarship account. Motion to accept treasurer's report was approved.
2. Dave Hinton: reported on national presidents training meeting.
3. Dave Humphrey: cotton mission received chapter of excellence recognition certificate.
  - Dave reviewed the criteria for chapter excellence award.
  - National symposium for the held April 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - National elections to be held this month
  - Super Duper days is July 18<sup>th</sup>, to be held at This is the Place monument park in Salt Lake
  - July 23<sup>rd</sup>, sunrise service at This is the Place monument
  - National trek is September 16-25
  - Discussed associate membership for widows of former members. Dan McArthur volunteered to contact the widows regarding their interest.
  - Dave distributed a list of job descriptions for SUP Board members.
  - Mentioned a national heritage sustaining member opportunity to help fund the national office.
4. Durrant McArthur reported he has no apps from Pineview H.S., but 26 apps from the other schools.
  - a. He discussed Charlie Clayton's scholarship conundrum. Consensus is Charlie should make scholarship donations outside of the SUP.
  - b. The DUP would like to partner with the Cotton Mission to place a plaque on the Sugar Loaf and also partner with the city. Kent McComb will take charge of the project.
  - c. The 2023 national encampment is moving forward.

5. Royce announced the March 26<sup>th</sup> trek will be to the Cottonmill, Adair Spring and the Covington Home. Will meet at the Washington City Park at 10 am
6. Wayne Hinton will be the speaker for the March 15<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting, will talk about the CCC camps.
7. Neil Hoss discussed several future speaker options; Ukraine mission president, Susan Black, Wadsworth, gardening speaker, etc.
8. Don Burton reported the memoriams are all submitted. Don gave two dates, April 23<sup>rd</sup> to move equipment for cotton days, and the dates for Cotton Days is April 25 through May 1<sup>st</sup>.

10:25, close of meeting  
Prayer: Neil Hoss

#### Cotton Mission SUP, Board of Directors Minutes April 4, 2022

Attendance: Rex Jensen, Dave Humphrey, Ralph Atkin, Mel Duehlmeier, Don Burton, Dave Hinton, Durrant Mcarthur, Eldon Larkin, Neil Hoss, Dan Mcarthur, Kent Mccomb

Prayer: Don Burton

1. Mel Duehlmeier gave financial report; \$12,956.96 in the general account, \$61,403.07 in the scholarship account. Mel reported Kelsie Richardson was awarded scholarship to SVU, but now, after serving mission, is attending BYU, requests scholarship payment. Discussion followed. Eldon moved to vacate the scholarship; motion carried. (The SVU scholarship is specific to SVU)
2. Durrant Mcarther reported on H.S. scholarships. 8 schools, 23 judges. Discussed a tie that occurred at Desert Hills. It was decided to award both students a scholarship. Don moved to award two scholarships, motion carried.
3. Durrant reported the encampment committee will meet tomorrow.
4. Dave Humphrey reported on the WCCS situation regarding rental of the facility by the SUP beyond April of this year. The cost has tripled to \$1,000 a year, still better than other options that were investigated. The Board agreed we should stay at the WCCS and pay the increased fee.

Dates of future SUP dinner meetings

May 24<sup>th</sup>, scholarship dinner

Jun 14<sup>th</sup> (a second Tuesday due to scheduling conflict)

July, no dinner meeting

August 23, Van Alfen to speak

September 20<sup>th</sup>, scholarship fundraiser dinner at Pine Valley,

Reuben Wadsworth to speak

October, Susan Easton Black to speak

November 15<sup>th</sup>, Heffrey Mckenna to speak

December 20<sup>th</sup>, Pine View madrigals to entertain

5. Dave Hinton, discussed the SUP symposium, 2022 encampment in September, and the Super Duper activity
6. Dan McArthur thanked Royce for last month's trek
  - May trek to Lee's ferry
  - August trek to Castle Dale
  - October trek to downtown St George
7. Dave brought up the Charlie Clayton situation. Charlie wants to direct who gets his scholarship donation, and wants his donation returned. Rex reported on his meeting with Roland Lee. Roland has known Charlie since their youth. Roland indicated the board should make clear to Charlie that he cannot direct where his donations go, and the donations are not refundable; if he can't accept those conditions, he should not donate to the SUP scholarship fund. Dave asked Rex to talk to Roland, ask if he will talk to Charlie.
8. Kent McComb reported on the proposed plaque to be placed on the Sugar Loaf. Kent read proposed text.
9. Dave reported the work done by some of the wives of the SUP members to place centerpieces on tables for dinner meetings. Kent moved to reimburse the women for their expenditures. Motion carried.
10. Neil asked about the feasibility of a golf activity for the SUP.
11. Eldon Larkin reported on the elementary essay contest, 24 schools involved this year.

Adjourn: 10:15 am

Prayer: Mel Duehlmeier

## SUP Board Meeting minutes

May 2, 2022

Attendance: Durrant McArthur, Royce Griffin, Kent McComb, Neal Hoss, Rex Jensen, Meld Duehlmeier, Eldon Larkin, Don Burton, Dave Humphrey, Ralph Atkin, Rick Ericksen, Dave Hinton, Dan McArthur, Kevin Jenkins

Call to order: 9:04 am

Prayer: Durrant McArthur

1. Mel - general account balance \$10,559.64, Scholarship balance \$62,463.07. Paid the annual fee for WCCC rental for monthly dinners
2. Dave Hinton: reported on SUP symposium in Salt Lake, excellent symposium. The 2022 Encampment will be in SLC September 8-10, Dan McArthur reported the symposium provided some excellent history.
3. Dave thanked Don for his work with Cotton Days. Don reported on Cotton Days; 3hr shift would work better. DUP did a great job. Had 23 SUP helpers.
4. May dinner will be May 24<sup>th</sup>, will need 4 or 5 extra tables, three students will speak. Sunday best dress for this meeting
5. Dave reported on the Charlie Clayton situation. He read a letter he sent to Charlie, and read Charlie's reply. Was not an amiable conclusion but Charlie's donations will not be returned to him.
6. Royce: the May trek to Lee's Ferry will be Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Albertsons parking lot at 8 am, bring own snack, lunch will be at Jacob Lake.
  - Trek on August 27<sup>th</sup> will be to Maryvale and the Butch Cassidy hideout.
  - The October trek will be local, in St George, details will be provided later
7. Dave discussed a few members with unpaid dues, made assignments to contact. Voted to forgive Derek Rowley's annual dues. Dave made motion, motion carried.
8. Ralph moved to change board meeting from Monday at 9 am to Wednesday at 9 am to accommodate Rick Ericksen's work obligations. Motion carried.

9. Neal asked about the SUP dinner/dessert for the September meeting in Pine Valley. Decided to stay with pie and ice cream for the dessert.
10. Eldon reported he had 700 4<sup>th</sup> grade essays, largest number ever.
11. Kent reported on the Sugar Loaf plaque idea. City parks has taken over the Sugar Loaf, so it is up to the city, not sure what action they may take.

Prayer, Royce Griffin  
Adjourn: 10:07 am

### SUP Board of Directors Minutes June 1, 2022

Attendance: Durrant McArthur, Ralph Atkin, Rex Jensen, Eldon Larkin, Dave Humphrey, Rick Ericksen, Royce Griffin, Kevin Jenkins

Call to order: 9:07

Prayer: Ralph Atkin

1. Reminder about national encampment in SLC in September
2. Durrant reported on last month's scholarship dinner. Durrant request reimbursement for \$200 in expenses. Ralph moved to pay Durrant, motion carried. He thanked the 23 judges who helped with the judging.  
Durrant is currently working on the tours, video, and brochure for the 2023 national encampment. Bill Chapman wanted pictures of the volcanic ridges, and was able to take some good pictures.  
Kevin asked about the specific dates for us of the East Stake Center. Durrant said it will be September 7, 8, 9, (Thurs, Fri, Sat). Will need only the chapel and cultural hall.  
Kevin explained that East Stake policy is that only members can reserve the stake center, and that funerals no longer trump all other activities, but are about fourth on the priority list.
3. The June Dinner meeting speaker will be BLM employee Amber Van Alfen who will speak about rock art in the area. Rex Jensen will give the Moment in History.



4. Royce reported the next trek will be in August, but specific date and trek is undecided.
5. Rex reported on the Levi Savage monument. Bronze work should be completed in July, then the monument can be constructed.
6. Eldon reported on the essay contest. There were 14 elementary participants this year. It was great participation.

Adjourned: 10:01am

Prayer: Eldon Larkin

### Cotton Mission Board Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2022

Call to order: 9:00 am

Attendance: Dave Humphrey, Dave Hinton, Royce Griffin, Durrant McArthur, Kent McComb, Ralph Atkin, Rex Jensen, Don Burton, Dale Larkin, Rick Ericksen, Mel Duehlmeier, Kevin Jenkins

Prayer: Mel Duehlmeier

1. Mel, financial report. The scholarship account has \$51,613.12, with eight scholarship payments pending. The general account has \$11,727.29 in account. Mel requested funds for new dinner envelopes. Request was approved. Robin Davis submitted a bill for \$182 for polycarbonate coverings. Motion carried.
2. Don moved to approve minutes for June board meeting. Motion carried.
3. David Hinton; The Hurricane Bell Tower is completed; ceremony will be held September 1<sup>st</sup>. National presidential elections will be this month. National encampment will be held September 8-10 in Salt Lake City. Area VP training will be October 22, 8-10am.
4. Dave indicated the executive board will choose a new vice president at the August Executive meeting. Only one candidate has been proposed so far. Ralph proposed Darren Barney, and Bryan Tenney.
5. Royce, this month's trek will be to Paiute County on August 27th, Butch Cassidy home in Circleville, end in Marysvale. Will meet at 9 am in the Albertson's parking lot.
6. Durrant reported on 2023 national encampment progress. Elder Holland is confirmed as the keynote speaker. Proposed full day treks

will be 1. to Colorado City/Pipe Springs/FLDS. 2. Santa Clara/Mesquite/Muddy, 3. Pine Valley/Mountain Meadows/Hebron. Proposed half day treks are 1. Virgin River Dam/Boilers/etc, 2. Tabernacle/St George Temple, 3. Washington City, 4. Jacob Hamblin home.

7. Rick asked for ideas for an eagle project. Ralph suggested the Hay Rocks on the Arizona Strip, which marker has been completely removed/destroyed.
8. Royce recommended we update the chapter membership information.

Prayer: Don Burton

Adjourn: 10:01 am

#### Cotton Mission Board Meeting

November 2, 2022

Attendance: Neil Hoss, Dave Humphrey, Dave Hinton, Roy Taylor, Mel Duehlmeier, Rex Jensen, Eldon Larkin, Don Burton, Kent McComb, Ralph Atkin, Royce Griffin, Kevin Jenkins, Durrant McArthur, Rick Ericksen, Dan McArthur

Call to Order: 9:03 am

Prayer: Rex Jensen

1. Ralph Atkin moved to approve the minutes; motion carried.
2. Mel gave the financial report; \$10,042.38 in the main account, \$56,302.74 in the scholarship account. Main account is down about \$4,000 from last year, but we paid for the sound system, plus 2023 encampment expenses. Eldon moved to accept the financial report; motion carried.
3. AVP Report: The online, October training was discussed briefly. The training was supposed to be filmed and available online, although Dave has not gotten information on it yet.
4. Dave discussed the Chapter of Excellence, which our chapter has earned each of last several years. He stated that the chapter is to give ten gifts of the Pioneer Magazine. We appear to meet all requirements except perhaps the gifts.

5. Kevin Jenkins asked if he could use Norm Watts to help with membership info; approved.
6. Dan stated the plaques the chapter erected at Confluence Park in St George are protected by plastic, but are barely readable now and need to be attended to.
7. Ralph praised Susan Easton Black's presentation at the October dinner meeting.
8. Dave Humphrey looked into using the Children's Museum at the town square for our dinner meetings. There is a \$500 refundable deposit and they charge \$100 per hour of use. The cost appears prohibitive compared to the WCCC, plus the WCCC sets up tables and chairs and helps with the facility; the Children's Museum would not. Other options were discussed. It was decided to make no change at this time.
9. Durrant reported on the 2023 National Encampment. Not much happening right now, will be quiet until January when his committee will meet again. Roland Lee designed a pin for the encampment, a drawing of the pin was circulated.
10. Royce discussed the St George trek this coming Saturday (Nov 5<sup>th</sup>). Loren Webb will lead the trek, will meet behind the old courthouse and depart at 9:30 am. This is a walking tour.
11. Other Business:
  - a. Kent mentioned a film being made about "Dixie" College
  - b. Ralph reported on Monte Holm and his new place in St George. It will not be available for use by the SUP until 2024. Other options were discussed for use for the scholarship dinner in September. Ralph will check on Seegmiller Farm and Staley Farm for 2023.
  - c. Don Burton needs copy of the June report
  - d. Eldon Larkin stated we need to buy more vests, shirts, etc. He needs help with the Elementary school's history project.
  - e. Rex mentioned he is moving out of St George by the end of the year and a new secretary will need to be appointed.

Adjourn: 10:08 am

Prayer: Kevin Jenkins



# **APPENDIX B**

## **COTTON MISSION** **NEWSLETTERS - 2022**



# Sons of Utah Pioneers

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## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

### The Veigels Will Discuss St. George Temple Remodeling Progress at January 18 Meeting

Our January 18 dinner meeting will feature Elder Larry and Sister Holly Veigel who are currently serving as construction missionaries at the St. George Temple renovation project. They will talk about the early pioneer temples and bring us up to date on the progress of our temple. There will be time allowed for chapter members to ask questions and they will show photos of the reconstruction.



Elder and Sister Veigel, temple construction missionaries

The Veigels were both born in Star Valley Wyoming and lived there until they graduated from high school. Elder Veigel attended Ricks College, then Brigham Young University where he earned a Bachelor's degree. After Elder Veigel graduated they moved to Bountiful Utah which is still their home. Elder Veigel later earned a second Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Utah. He worked at the same company as a consulting engineer for 46 years. Sister Veigel attended Brigham Young University then later when their children were older attended Weber State University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She taught kindergarten for 18 years. They both love serving in the church and have had

many different callings. They have been married over 50 years and have 4 children and 16 grandchildren.



Artist's rendering of the new remodeled St. George Temple

They received their mission call as Construction Missionaries at the St. George Temple Renovation and started their service Oct. 21, 2019. They have now served over 2 years and have a year or so left. It has been a wonderful experience.

December Dinner Meeting Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

Honoring the Savior's Birth Through Music



Jon Green accompanies mixed quartet as they present a professional program about Jesus Christ



Everyone used their phones to find relatives in the room



The Cotton Mission Chapter meeting was held December 21. Following a nice catered dinner from the Golden Corral, we enjoyed Christmas musical entertainment from a mixed quartet who shared the story of the birth of our Savior in word and song. They were accompanied by our chapter member Jon Green. At the conclusion of their performance they invited all of us to join in on their final two numbers.

Our area vice president David Hinton conducted the swearing-in ceremony for our new 2022 board members. We had some unusual changes due to the tragic loss of our president-elect Brent Miner who passed away suddenly last month due to Corona virus. He was a tremendous strength to our chapter and is deeply missed. It was decided that our current president, David Humphrey, will continue as president for a second term with Rick Erickson as president-elect.

The 2022 board for the Cotton Mission Chapter of the National Sons of Utah Pioneers are presented in the photo at right. *Front row, left to right:* Rex Jensen, Mel Duehlmeier, David Humphrey, Dan McArthur, David Hinton, Area vice-President. Back row, Kent McComb, Max Turpin, Don Burton, Royce Griffin, Eldon Larkin, Kevin Jenkins. Not in the photo, Ralph Atkin, Rick Erickson.



Sally Thornley leads while Lloyd Carter plays piano



Lloyd and Janet Carter hunt down relatives within the chapter



President-elect Rick Erickson gives a stirring pioneer moment



Christmas decorations and music brought a feeling of Christmas in the room



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

## James Glade

By Anyka Frank

I chose to write about James Glade because his life has surprises, and he owned a candy shop. James is my mother's great great grandfather. James Glade was born on April 17, 1831 and christened in the church in Yarcombe, England on June 5, 1831. No one knows where the Glades lived, but they do know that he went to school because he knew how to read and write.

James left Yarcombe and his family as a teenager, he left his father, John, his two brothers, William and Robert, and his sister Betsey. When he left, he traveled through the farming country and arrived in the busy port town of Cardiff, Wales. He worked there full time and lived there too. He learned and apprenticed the "Baker-Confectioner". He met mormon missionaries there and was baptized by Elder John Watts in February 1854. He was confirmed by Elder John Evans. In this process, he met a young dark-haired girl named Mary Dyer, who was also a member of the LDS church. She was a spinster which was a simple way of saying she spun cotton to make thread. They were married on Christmas day, December 25, 1855. When they were married he was 24 and she was 19.

Their first child was named William Franklin and born on March 16, 1857. William died one year later because of pneumonia. Their second child, Mary Jane was born on December 29, 1859. Mary Jane was blessed in their branch in Cardiff, England on January 22, 1860. Their branch had 250 members. At this time, the church was urged to build Zion in the Utah territory. They had saved up money to help this organization. James Glade, his wife Mary, and his 16 month old daughter, Mary Jane, boarded a train for the 100 mile trip to Liverpool from where they lived, Cardiff. On May 16, 1861 they left Cardiff, England traveled 100 miles to end up in busy Liverpool, England.

After they ended up in Liverpool, they took a ship called the "Monarch of the Sea". The "Monarch" was the largest sailing ship used by saints at that time. They dropped anchor on June 19, 1861 at the Castle Immigrant Depot in NY harbor. There was a civil war going on, so it was hard to get train travel, often in cattle cars. The travel was weary for James and Mary, and 19 month old Mary Jane. They had to travel 1000 mile journey westward to the Territory of Utah and Salt Lake City. Before they traveled half a day's journey, the long trip proved too much for delicate Mary Jane. She passed away before noon. There was only time to dig a shallow grave and cover it with rocks for protection. But the journey had to continue, so James with 19 month old Mary Jane kept going. Mary Jane was young but she noticed that her beloved mother was out of her life. A kind woman named Maria Argent took care of Mary Jane on the trail. To keep her from crying, she put a dried piece of bacon on her wrist so that she would suck and chew on it (the bacon was also known as a pioneer pacifier).

They arrived in Salt Lake on September 16, 1861. Of course James had to find a job. He first worked with Brigham Young the first winter. Some of the other women took care of Mary Jane and mothered her while James was gone. He got a job as a pastry cook at the leading hotel. He was a good baker and always found work. His 2nd business partner had a daughter that he decided to marry.

On Dec. 14, 1867 he and Eliza Lollin married in the Endowment House. Eliza was endowed and sealed to James by Wilford Woodruff. Later, he met a scottish housekeeper when he was working in the Salt Lake House. James, with Eliza's consent married Isabella Love on June 28, 1869. Eliza had a total of 8 children, James, Francis, William, Eliza, Jenneta, Joseph, Grace, and George. In Nov. 1878, Joseph died of diphtheria at age 3. Six days later six-year old Jenneta died in the morning. Then baby Grace died a few hours later. (Frances had died 11 years earlier.) Isabella had 5 children, James, Margret, Annie, Alice (who died before she turned three), and Orson.

He had a sore on his leg that never healed and he rested it on a stool as he worked. He lived farther away when he was working and his health was failing him. He wanted to see his family. So he took a train to Salt Lake; he had been walking home and passed out and never regained consciousness. James Glade had died at age 51, Dec. 2, 1882. Later Eliza died of a stroke over 37 years after James had died. Isabella died a year later of cancer on March 5, 1921. All three were buried in the Glade Cemetery.





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## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

### Kent Tingey, Director of the St. George Temple Visitors Center Will Speak at February 16 Meeting



Jean and Kent Tingey

We are pleased to have Kent and Jean Tingey, directors of the St. George Temple Visitors Center speak at our dinner meeting on February 16.

Kent is retired from Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho where he served as Vice President for Advancement and oversaw all Idaho State University Marketing and Communications, Legislative Affairs and Lobbying, Alumni Affairs, all Idaho State University fundraising activities and the Idaho State University Foundation, as well as the Stephens Performing Arts

Center and Holt Arena (the basketball and indoor football venue). Kent served at ISU for 30 years.

Before Idaho State University, Kent served as Executive Assistant to U.S. Congressman Wayne Owens in Washington, D.C. Congressman Owens had been Kent's mission president in the Canada Montreal mission and later asked Kent to come work for him in the nation's Capital.

Prior that Washington, D.C., Kent served as Director of Public Relations of Dixie College in St. George, and, before that, was in Public Relations and Housing at BYU—Hawaii Campus in Laie, Hawaii. Kent attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah where he was on an athletics scholarship playing varsity football for four years, and was a graduate assistant for another two years while he earned his master's degree in Public Relations. Kent earned his doctorate degree in Political Science and Economics at Idaho State University.

Kent grew up in Orangeville and Logan, Utah before attending BYU. He and his wife, Jean, have six married children and 16 grandchildren.

Kent, Jean and their family enjoy athletics—particularly football and basketball, BYU sports, snow and water skiing and being together. They also enjoy being outdoors in Idaho and music, particularly Broadway musical theater.

They love the Church and their assignments as directors of the St. George Temple Visitors' Center.

Jean grew up in Logan, Utah and was very involved in cheerleading and dance activities at Logan High School and Utah State University.

January Dinner Meeting Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

### The Veigels Report on Temple Re-construction Progress



Elder Veigel shows slides of the early St. George Temple



Another full house to hear Elder and Sister Veigel discuss the re-construction of the St. George Temple



Gary and Marilyn Adams talk with Rex Jensen prior to dinner

The Cotton Mission Chapter meeting was held January 18 at the Washington Community Center. Following a nice catered dinner from the Golden Corral, we enjoyed a presentation from Elder Larry and Sister Holly Veigel who are currently serving as full-time construction missionaries. They have already served two years of a three-year mission assigned to the St. George Temple re-construction project. Using powerpoint photos they explained the building progress to this point. They showed the amazing process to lift the temple and install a completely new air handling and ducting system. The building's original foundation was found to be rock solid, but has been further strengthened to withstand earthquake movement. The Church purchased 400 South Street from the city and an entirely new parking and entrance area has been built to allow attendees to enter the building directly from the parking areas. Much of the work has been done but they are behind schedule. A finish date is not set but Elder Veigel expressed that when completed it will be well worth the wait for this wonderful new house of the Lord.

January Dinner Meeting Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

The Veigels Report on Temple Re-construction Progress



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Sister Veigel



Genine and Derick Rowley



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# January Dinner Meeting Recap

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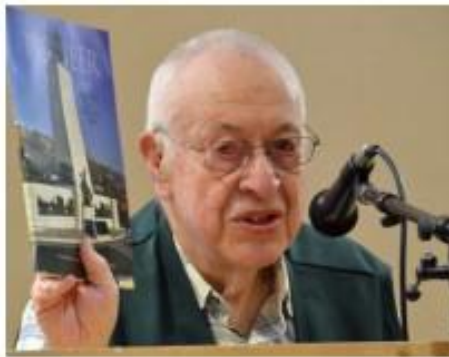
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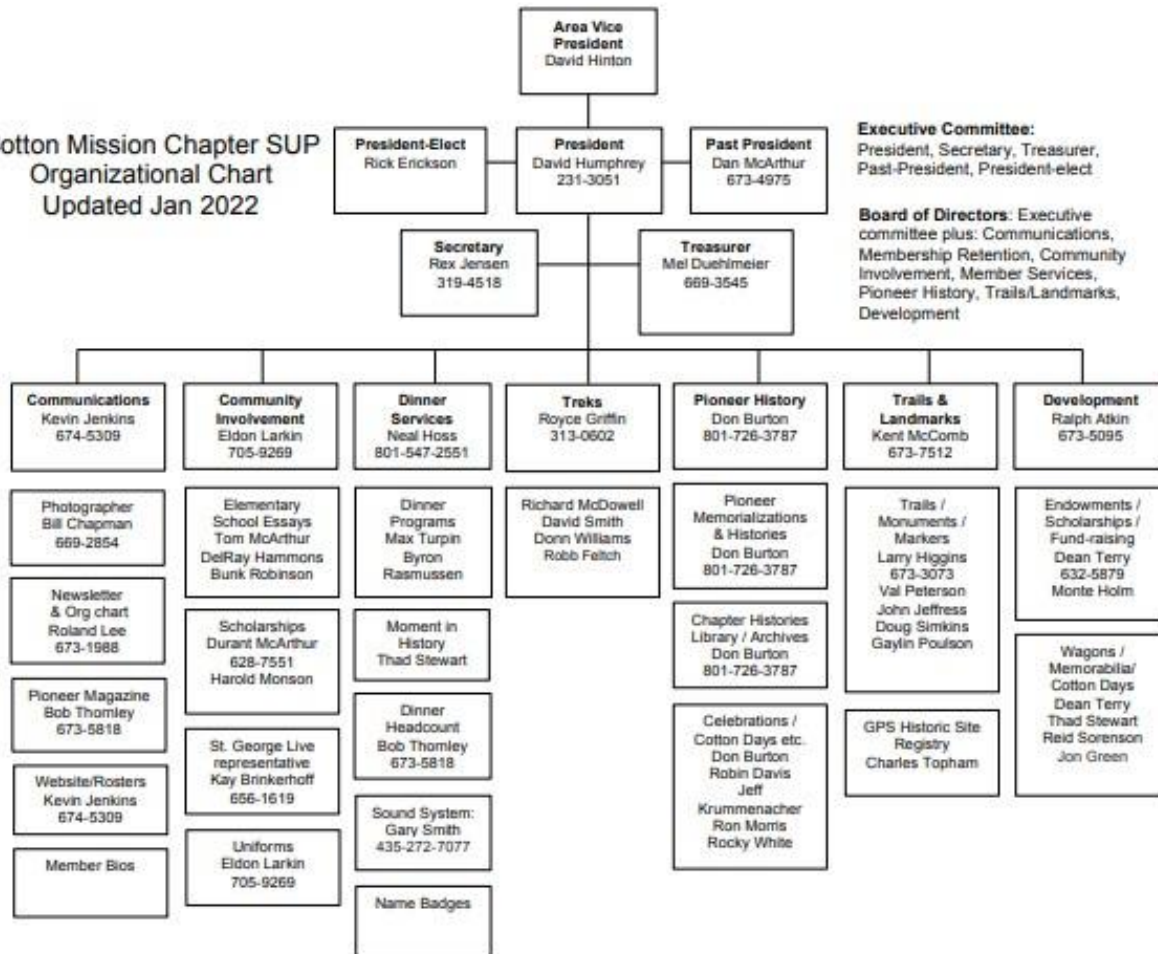


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**Cotton Mission Chapter SUP  
Organizational Chart  
Updated Jan 2022**



**Executive Committee:**  
President, Secretary, Treasurer,  
Past-President, President-elect

**Board of Directors:** Executive  
committee plus: Communications,  
Membership Retention, Community  
Involvement, Member Services,  
Pioneer History, Trails/Landmarks,  
Development



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### COTTON MISSION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

## Historian Wayne Hinton Will Speak at March 15 Dinner Meeting



We are pleased to have Dr. Wayne K. Hinton as our speaker at the March 15, 2022 Cotton Mission dinner meeting. As usual the meeting will begin at 5:30 pm with a meet-and-greet followed by dinner at 6:00 pm.

Dr. Hinton is the former president of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and is one of Utah's most noted historians and authors.

Dr. Hinton was born in St. George, Utah and moved to Hurricane at age three where he was raised. Wayne graduated with an associate degree from Dixie Junior

College, a bachelor of science degree and a masters degree from Utah State University. His Ph.D in history is from Brigham Young University with post-doctorate work at University of California Davis.

He is a retired professor from Southern Utah University where he taught for 38 years and was department chair for 18 years.

He has published a number of books, many articles in professional journals and presented at numerous conferences. He served as national vice president of the Old Spanish Trails Association, vice president of the Utah State Historical Society, and president of the Utah Historians Association.

His book on the Civilian Conservation Corps won an award as the best book on the American Southwest in 2009 and his award-winning Utah history book is still being used in some universities.

Wayne is a former Bishop, Stake President, and counselor in a mission presidency, as well as serving as a temple ordinance worker in the Cedar City UT temple. He and his late wife Carolyn served three missions, including two years of service at the Church History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

## March Trek Planned to old Cotton Factory

Trek chairman, Royce Griffin reports that our next chapter trek is scheduled for Saturday, March 26. We will visit the Old Cotton Factory where the manager, Doug Northington will give us a tour of the upper rooms and discuss the history of the mill. We will also visit Adair Springs and tour the beautiful Robert D. Covington House, built in 1859. We will conclude the activity with box lunches at the park. Additional details will be given at our next dinner meeting.



February Dinner Meeting Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

**Elder Kent Tingey Speaks About Temple Visitors Center**

Roland Lee and David Humphrey present Modern Pioneer Award to Bill Chapman



Elder Kent Tingey relates inspirational stories from his service as director of the Temple Visitors Center

The Cotton Mission Chapter meeting was held February 15 at the Washington Community Center. Brother Roger Erickson gave a stirring pioneer moment followed by dinner catered by the Golden Corral Restaurant.

Our after-dinner speakers were Elder Kent and Sister Jean Tingey, who currently serve as the St. George Temple Visitor Center directors. They shared inspiring experiences they have had sharing the message of "hope" with guests at the visitors center. One visitor traveled a long distance and was deeply troubled about a family matter. He sat staring at the Christus sculpture and was deeply moved as he felt the spirit in the visitors center. Elder Tingey listened to his story and helped give him hope through the message of Jesus Christ.

Elder Tingey encouraged everyone to bring friends to the visitors center and promised that they would be moved spiritually. It was a truly inspiring evening.

Modern Pioneer Awards were presented to chapter members Ralph Atkin and Bill Chapman for many years of service to the chapter, the community, and the Church. (See pages 4 and 5)



A good turnout to hear Elder Kent Tingey's message

## Modern Pioneer Award

### J. Ralph Atkin



**CITATION:** J. Ralph Atkin is recognized as a Modern Day 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.

Ralph and Cheri are the parents of eight (8) children and twenty-five (25) grandchildren. They are grateful and proud of their family. After attending Dixie College and serving a mission in England, he and Cheri were married on August 20, 1966 by his Father, Rudge C Atkin, then President of the St. George Temple. Subsequent education at Brigham Young University and University of Utah resulted in his Law Degree in 1970. He also received an MBA degree from Golden Gate University in San Francisco in 1984.

They returned to St. George, where Ralph began his legal career being elected as the Washington County Attorney and established a general law practice. Two years later in 1972, Ralph founded SkyWest Airlines where he served as President, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer for five (5) years and continued a 42-year advisory career with them while maintaining a private law practice in St. George with his emphasis in Business and Estate planning. Ralph & Cheri have been involved in numerous other businesses in St. George, Europe and Africa plus other civic, and family involvements over their lifetime of service here in St. George.

Ralph served 11 years in the Utah National Guard and was a First Lieutenant in the Army Field Artillery. He was also a charter member of the St. George Exchange Club. Both Ralph and Cheri are members of the Dixie State University Hall of Fame. They both have enjoyed travel, golf, and tennis with their family and friends over the years. They especially love living in and serving this Dixie community.

Ralph's service in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints includes many Priesthood Leadership and teaching assignment that he has faithfully filled. He served as a full-time missionary in England. He and Cheri served as Public Affairs Volunteers (missionaries) in Turkey, for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and they are presently serving as the Public Affairs Regional Directors for the Church here in Washington County.

Ralph's service in the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneer's spans more than ten years. He has served in various positions including Treks Committee (2012,2013,2014), President Elect (2016), President (2017) and Past President (2018) and presently serves as Development/Fundraising Director.

His is truly a living example of Christ-like service and a modern-day pioneer. It is our pleasure to recognize J. Ralph Atkin as our modern-day pioneer and present the Cotton Mission Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, Modern Day Pioneer Award to him.





### Tim Fry, Former Ukraine Mission President to Speak at April 19 Dinner Meeting



Tim and Jeannie Fry

Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for April 19. As usual the meeting will be held at the Washington City Community Center and will begin at 5:30 pm with a meet-and-greet, followed by the dinner and speaker.

We will be privileged to hear from Tim and Jeannie Fry. They will be speaking on, "How our experiences can and will influence many."

Tim has served with the youth of the church for 43 years and he and Jeannie currently serve as Mission Prep teachers for the youth in their ward. Their favorite calling is when they served together presiding over the Donetsk Ukraine Mission in 2008-2011.

Tim was born in Toledo Ohio and was the 6th child of 8 children born to Grant and Donna Fry. Tim grew up in various states; however, he spent from 8th grade through High School in Salt Lake City. As a youth, he was an avid skier and spent a lot of time on the various slopes in the Salt Lake area as well as working part time with his dad in the fireplace business. He served a mission in the Georgia-South Carolina Mission in 1973-75. He then attended Ricks College where he met his Sweetheart and Best Friend Jeannie.

Jeannie spent most of her time growing up in California—however, she spent some of her teen years in Illinois and Maryland. While she lived in Illinois, she lived in the same ward Tim and his family had lived in three years earlier. His older sister, Susan, and her husband still lived there and Susan was Jeannie's Laurel advisor (it's a small world!) Jeannie is the 10th child of 11 children born to David and Norma Bickmore.

After Jeannie graduated from Ricks, they were married on the 25th of June in 1976. They lived in Salt Lake City while Tim attended the University of Utah and he worked with his father and brother in the fireplace business. Jeannie worked at a daycare center until their first child was born. At that point, Tim became part owner in the fireplace business. He has worked in that business for 50 years and ventured in other businesses as well. They have been blessed with 6 children -- 2 boys, 4 girls and 20 grandchildren.

They enjoy their family, church callings, and friends they've made throughout their lives. They have been taught the gospel throughout their lives and have dedicated their lives to serving in the church. They enjoy sharing their experiences with others.

**NOTICE:** We need volunteers to help with the Washington Cotton Days pioneer displays and tours. See page 7 for more details or call Don Burton at 801-726-3787. Let's have fun and help kids learn about pioneers.

March Dinner Meeting Recap

Photos by Roland Lee

## Wayne Hinton Shares History of Dixie CCC Camps



Dr. Wayne Hinton drew from his memory for most of his talk, rarely referring to notes



The Cotton Mission meeting held March 15 featured Historian Wayne Hinton who has done an immense amount of research on the Civilian Conservation Corps. We were so impressed with the stories and details he related about the CCC workers here in Dixie, drawing most of the information only from his memory with very little access to notes.

The CCC operated from 1933 to 1942. There were about 10,000 young men between the ages of 18 and 25 who served at Utah's 116 CCC camps, many of them from back east. They received about \$30 a month, keeping \$5 and sending the rest home to their families. A number of camps were established in southern Utah. The workers were fed well, worked hard and planted trees, built roads, trails, bridges, retaining walls, water management facilities, cabins, campgrounds, amphitheaters, and more.

Three camps were located in Zion National Park, but the boys were also sent to various seasonal camps including Bryce Canyon, Cedar Breaks and Pine Valley.

The CCC camp in Leeds doubled the population of the town, but contributed to the local economy in many ways. The CCC boys built the road to Oak Grove as well as the campground there. Four buildings still remain in the Leeds camp. Wayne related several humorous stories about the boys attending LDS services and even dances. Of course some married local girls and stayed in Dixie.



Once again, we had a good turnout to hear Wayne Hinton's message

March 26 Trek Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

Visiting Adair Spring, Covington Home and Cotton Factory



Adair Spring



Most of us had never heard of Adair Spring, but our guide, George Staheli, helped us understand why Washington was called "The Garden City." There are four city springs that are still in use today to help water Washington. Ten pioneer families settled here in 1857 and grew onions and radishes in their home gardens.

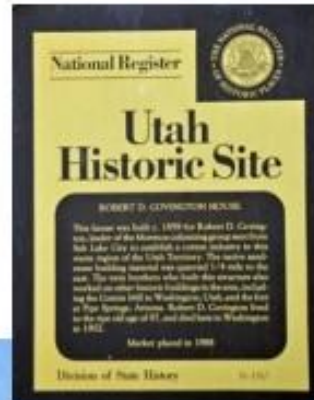


*March 26 Trek Recap*

Photos by Bill Chapman



Our tour guide, Carmen Snow, was a very believable Mrs. Covington who told us pioneer stories about this stately mansion. Robert D. Covington had the home built of hewn sandstone by the Averett brothers in 1859. It was not only a home but the upstairs was used often for church and community meetings, dances, and to house visiting authorities. It is the longest standing building in Washington County.



### March 26 Trek Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman



The old Cotton Factory was established in 1867 and used to turn cotton (as well as wool and silk) into cloth. At one time it was the biggest factory west of the Mississippi. It held the early cotton mission together but was never really profitable. It finally closed down in the early 1900's and the equipment sold. Hyrum Smith and others helped restore it and eventually sold it to Star Nursey in 1998.



## Washington Cotton Days April 25

# Join the Fun at Washington Cotton Days



Once again the Cotton Mission Chapter will present a display of old wagons and buggies, pioneer antiques, and share pioneer stories with school children at the Washington City Cotton Days Celebration starting April 25. Many events are scheduled during the week, but our participation will mostly be in the first three days. During that time we will host over 2,800 second-graders from the Washington County School District who will visit our displays in 10 minute visits class by class. Our volunteers will share a few pioneer

stories and assist them as they explore the old wagons and antiques.

Don Burton, committee chairman, is actively seeking volunteers to assist with the event. We need people to help truck the stage coach, buggies, and covered wagons down from Dean Terry's ranch on Saturday April 23. We also need help setting up the antique displays and others to help share pioneer lore with the children. Volunteers can sign up to work a morning or afternoon shift on any of the days. Our first school group comes at 9:30 Monday morning April 25.

It will be a fun time to put on cowboy hats and boots and teach the kids about their own pioneer legacy. For more information contact Don Burton at 801-726-3787.



Above: Volunteers help get the cover on one of Dean Terry's wagons.

Right: Members of the Cotton Mission chapter SUP talk about equipment and techniques pioneers used crossing the plains. Second grade school children are full of excitement and enjoy hearing the pioneer stories.



## Fourth Grade Essay Winner

# My Grandpa, Jon Jacob

by Jonathan Jagard, Bloomington Hills Elementary

So you may think, "oh this is just another grandpa to add to the list." But I am going to tell you that you are WRONG. Like very wrong. So you may want to know what my grandpa's name is well if you are wondering, it is Jon Jacob.

My grandpa has done a lot of jobs. I am going to tell you about them. First, a sheep herder. Next, he worked for the Federal Aviation Association "FAA" as a Flight Service Specialist. That means that he tells the pilot the weather for the flight. Last but not least, a Real Estate Developer. So ya, that's what my grandpa does for a living.

A really fun fact about my grandpa is that he was born in Utah U.S of A in 1952 on february 29th. This means that he was born on leap year. This means he has only had 17 birthdays, which is kind of sad, but he has lived 69 years.

I am going to tell you about the jobs he does in order. So first off, he was a sheep herder, and every day he went out and minded the sheep. (And in my opinion he must have got very responsible.) For dinner you might think that he ate sheep, but he ate fish!!!! Because he went fishing all the time, his dad gave him 2 hooks to fish with. His dad's rule was that if you caught a fish you had to eat the fish. His brother got sick of eating fish and stopped fishing because of his dad's rule. So that pretty much sums it up for being a sheep herder.

So on to when he worked at the airport. His job was to tell the pilot what the weather was in the plane's flight path. A cool story is that one time it was very foggy and the pilot was scared. My grandpa safely guided the pilot down to the runway. My grandpa must have been very brave.

So onto the next job. Now my grandpa buys land to sell. He buys water rights so he can pay someone to drill water wells. So you can probably infer that my grandpa is really cool, and I'm guessing that you were wrong about him just being another grandpa, and (not to brag) but I'm guessing that you are kind of jealous because of how awesome my grandpa is.



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## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

### Scholarships to Be Awarded at Dinner Meeting May 24



Last year's Scholarship recipients with Durant McArthur

Students from area high schools will receive scholarships at a special Cotton Mission meeting on May 24. Attendees should wear "Sunday best" for this event. As usual the meeting will be at the Washington Community Center beginning at 5:30 pm with a meet-and-greet followed by dinner and the awards program at 6pm.

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 their wives who do a fantastic job coordinating with the area schools.

### Saturday May 14 Trek to Lee's Ferry and More!

Our chapter trek for May will take us to Lee's Ferry on the Colorado River, where we will learn about the Lonely Dale Ranch, Lee's Back Bone, the Honeymoon Trail and Father Escalante. Enroute we will stop at Lefevre Overlook to observe the Escalante Grand Staircase, then the beautiful Kaibab Plateau, the Vermilion Cliffs and Navajo Bridge.

We will depart from the Albertson parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14. Each should bring their own snacks and drinks for our stop at Lee's Ferry, but on the way back we will stop at Jacobs Lake Inn for dinner. We should arrive back in St George around sundown. If you plan to attend or if there are any questions give us a call or send an e-mail. Royce Griffin: 435-313-0602, [thegriffins66@gmail.com](mailto:thegriffins66@gmail.com).



Navajo Bridge will be a stop on our May 14 trek

### COTTON MISSION 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 14	Lee's Ferry Trek
MAY 24	Scholarship Dinner
JUNE 14	Dinner Meeting
JULY	No Dinner Meeting in July
AUG 23	Dinner Meeting
SEPT 20	Scholarship Fundraiser at Pine Valley
OCT 18	Dinner Meeting – Susan Easton Black
NOV 15	Dinner Meeting – Jeffrey Mckenna
DEC 20	Christmas Dinner – Pine View Madrigals



April 19 Dinner Meeting Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

Tim and Jeannie Frei Talk About Ukraine Experiences



Jeannie Frei tells about the unusual way they received their mission call



Tim and Jeannie Frei



At our April 19 dinner meeting we enjoyed a "Pioneer Moment in History" prepared by Kent Beus and presented by his wife Clara. After our meal, which was catered by Golden Corral, Neal Hoss introduced our speakers, Tim and Jeannie Frei. They shared the interesting way they received their call as mission presidents in the Ukraine. He and Jeannie described how their mission was located in the area currently under attack by Russian military and said they personally knew every area being shown on the news. They explained that they felt very safe while serving there, and that the mission home was in a building which also housed the mafia. That made them feel even safer, especially as they shared treats with the Mafia security people. They expressed their love for the Ukrainian people and are sickened by the tragedy that is unfolding there.



Clara and Kent Beus



I love these Golden Corral dinners



David Smith chats with Myrna and Byron Rasmussen

April 19 Dinner Meeting cont.

Photos by Bill Chapmar



Christa and William Barker



Neal Hoss introduces our speakers



Susan and Carl Waldvogel



Golden Corral Buffet Line



Neal and Susan Hoss



Pamela Jensen and Lloyd Carter provide the music



Eidon Larkin and his friend set up the PA system

Washington Cotton Days Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

## 1350 Second-graders Learn About Pioneer Life During Washington Cotton Days

Thanks to Don Burton, his committee, and volunteers including twenty-three (23) men and eighteen (18) women who helped display wagons and discuss purposes of the early pioneer tools. Approximately 1350 enthusiastic second graders enjoyed the Cotton Days activities.

The following SUP & DUP members participated in addition to the men that moved equipment from Dean Terry's storage facility on 23 April 2022.

SUP MEMBERS

Del Ray Hammons  
Mel Duehlmeier  
Ron Morris  
Kevin Jenkins  
David Humphrey  
Durant McArthur  
Neal Hoss  
Robert Thornley  
Jeff Krummenacher  
Kent McComb  
Robin Davis  
Kent Beus  
Rocky White  
Nick Lang  
Royce Griffin

DUP MEMBERS

Julie Hammons  
Jan Duehlmeier  
Sue Pulsipher  
Darlene Moody  
Maxine Humphrey  
Diane Child  
Rawlene Hansen  
Sally Thornley  
Pearl McComb  
Deann VanNoy



Rocky White talks about covered wagons



Kevin Jenkins and Jeff Krummenacher help kids pull a handcart. Andrew Jenkins is the happy boy in the middle.



Neal Hoss and Bob Thornley share pioneer stories with second grade students



Washington Cotton Days Cont.

Photos by Bill Chapman



41 volunteers from our chapter and the Daughters of Utah Pioneers shared pioneer tales, talked about pioneer life, showed how pioneers traveled, and told what all kinds of pioneer kitchen and farm implements were used for.



## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

### Amber Van Alfen Will Discuss Rock Art at our next Dinner Meeting on June 14



At our dinner meeting June 14, Amber Van-Alfen, an archeologist with the Bureau of Land Management will speak to us. The meeting will begin with a meet-and-greet at 5:30pm followed by dinner at 6pm.

Using powerpoint slides, Amber will give an overview of the pre-history of the St. George Basin. She claims the human history of the southwest spans more than 10,000 years. She will discuss what types of archeological sites are in the area, how people lived, and what objects

they made and traded. We live in an area rich in archeological wonders including many petroglyphs and potsherds in the red rocks of southern Utah which can be easily seen. We also have remnants of many pit houses and kivas which show how Ancestral Puebloans lived during different periods. This will be a fascinating evening.

Amber Van Alfen is an archeologist for the St. George BLM Field Office. She grew up in the midwest and came out to Utah around 20 years ago to attend an archeology field school organized through Southern Utah University.

"I was hooked," Amber said. "I loved everything about it." So she kept coming back as a staff member of the field school. Eventually she met her husband here. They are both archeologists.

"It is our passion and our profession," She says.

Amber is also a mom and a sister and says she would much rather be fishing than doing chores!

#### COTTON MISSION 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 14	Dinner Meeting Amber Van Alfen, Area Rock Art
JULY	No Dinner Meeting in July
AUG 23	Dinner Meeting Jerry Harris, Paleontologist
SEPT 20	Scholarship Fundraiser at Pine Valley Speaker: Reuben Wadsworth, Smith Mesa Test Site
SEPT 8-10	National Encampment
OCT 18	Dinner Meeting Speaker: Historian Susan Easton Black
NOV 15	Dinner Meeting Speaker: Jefferey J. McKenna Author, Saving Dr. Warren
DEC 20	Christmas Dinner Pine View Madrigals

May 24 Dinner Meeting Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

# Nine Scholarships Awarded at May Meeting

Nine scholarships were awarded to deserving students from area schools at our May 24 dinner meeting. School counselors and family members joined us for the annual "dress-up" affair. After the pledge and prayer we sang "America the Beautiful" led by Sally Thornley with Lloyd Carter at the piano. The "Moment in History" was given by David Humphrey followed by dinner.



Durant McArthur conducted the scholarship presentation ceremony which was outstanding in every detail.

Speakers included: Brynlee Christiansen, Kassidy Bundy, Spencer Wilde, Emma Hansen and two counselors. Award recipients included: Brynlee Christiansen, Crimson Cliffs; Rachel Brown, Desert Hills; Kailani Zufelt, Desert Hills; Samuel Edwards, Dixie; Kassidy Bundy, Enterprise; Kala Ojeda, Millcreek; Spencer Wilde, Pine View; Emma Hansen, Snow Canyon; Grant Taylor, Success Academy.



David Humphrey gives Pioneer Moment



Speaker Spencer Wilde



Dave and Durant with Samuel Edwards



Dave and Maxine Humphrey with Brynlee Christiansen



Speaker Emma Hansen



Rachel Brown receives her medal and scholarship

May 24 Dinner Meeting Cont.

Photos by Bill Chapman



Speaker Cassidy Bundy



The Buffet was catered by Golden Corral Restaurant



The Buffet Line



Meet and greet time



Academy School Table



Dixie High School table



The meeting facility was filled to capacity





May Trek Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

**30 People Joined Us on May 14 Trek to Lee's Ferry**

Some of the group gather for a photo

On May 14 about 30 members of our chapter and guests participated in a trek featuring Lees Ferry. Chapter Trek Chair Royce Griffin led the trek which featured five stops at points of interest and covered some 300 miles. Each stop included discussions and informative handouts.

The first stop was LeFevre Overlook looking north towards the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument. Royce, assisted by Durant McArthur discussed the history, geology, botany, and ecology of the area and the monument.

Next was the Dominguez-Escalante Marker and Interpretative Site on US-89A, House Rock Valley. Royce and Rex Jensen reviewed the 1776 trip of the Spanish Fathers at this site. They had started in Santa Fe, NM with intentions of traveling to Monterey, CA, but after visiting the Ute Timpanogats (aka Fish Eaters) in Utah Valley opted to return to Santa Fe. They passed by this site on their way to eventually finding a way across the Colorado River north of Page, AZ. At Lee's Ferry we learned the significance of this site which is the only place where the Colorado River is readily accessible from both banks for hundreds of miles in either direction. John D. Lee by church assignment established the ferry in 1874. The trek group went up the Paria a short way to the Lonely Dell Ranch with its lush orchards and gardens.

The Navajo Bridge was completed in 1929 and provided the first direct highway route between Utah and Arizona. It is about five miles down river from Lee's Ferry. Our group was able to see two California Condors loafing under the abutments of the new bridge.

We finished the day by stopping at Jacob Lake (named after Jacob Hamblin) and the gateway to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Many of our group stopped here at the store and purchased some of their famous cookies on the return trip home.



Royce talking about the boat used in the mining operation



Studying the sign at Escalante Monument

May Trek Cont.

Photos by Bill Chapman



Durant and Dan McArthur talk about the ruins at Lee's Ferry



Group learning about Lee's Ferry in the shade at the Lonely Dell Ranch



Studying the sign at Escalante Monument



Bunny McArthur buys some cookies at Jacob's Lake



The old post office at Lee's Ferry didn't handle much mail



The old and new Navajo Bridge across the Colorado River

## Fourth Grade Essay Winner

### Mary Lee Bland Ewell by Suzy Lee

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to travel back in time? What would you do? If you could, what ancestor that you have never seen before would you see in person? My ancestor would be Mary Lee Bland Ewell. Mary was my 5th great grandmother. She has a very sad story, but is very interesting. The reason I chose Mary is because she was brave, never gave up and went through a lot of hard trials in her life. She has set a great example for me to believe in what I think is true and no matter what trials go on in my life, I should never give up.

Mary was born November first, 1817. She died May twenty fourth, 1898. When she was 17 her father wanted her to get married to a man named Dale. He was in law school, and when he came back he and Mary were going to get married. Dale was very selfish and did not respect Mary, so Mary did not really want to marry him. But she tried to keep it from her father for she knew that he would not understand. When Dale tried to see Mary again, Mamy Chloe, her maid helped her get through these hard times. When Dale would come over Mary would hop on her horse "Old Betsy" and take a ride into the woods. But one day when nobody was there to strap her, Mary did it herself. But it must not have been tight enough, so she got flung off her horse. She had injured her back and her ankle. When she laid there feeling unable to get up a young man that she had not recognized, wrapped her ankle in a bandage and took her home. This young man introduced himself as William Fletcher Ewell. He was a medical student on vacation. During his vacation he was doing missionary work for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Known as the "Mormons."

Mary wanted to marry William, But her father did not approve of him or his religion. So he locked her in her room until she changed her mind. It had been a week later and Mary was still locked in her room, but it was just then she received a letter delivered by Mamy Chole from William asking her if she would marry him. Of course her answer was yes. She knew the gospel was true and wanted to be with William. So Chloe helped her climb down the two story window where Chloe's son Sammy was there to help her with her horse. There, William was waiting in the forest for Mary. Chloe went with Mary leaving her son Sammy behind. Mary's ill mother would not let her daughter leave without helping Mary. Mary's mother gave her some money and a box of jewelry. Her father offered her a trip to Paris hoping that Mary would change her mind but her mind was made up. They found a minister in a small town in Missouri and were married with Chloe as their witness. Mary was not yet 18 and William was 22.

Mary's mother begged her husband to let Mary visit but each time she asked, he said no. The doctor told her dad that if he wanted to keep his wife, then he should probably let her see her daughter and spouse along with their children. Awhile later William and Mary went to see her parents along with their 3 children. Everyone was happy to see each other. Even Mary's father. Mary's father offered William and Mary some large land for their family. The land that he was going to give Mary and Dale as a wedding present. He said that it would be right next to their land. Mary's mother was very ill and did not have much time left, she would feel very happy to live near them. But there was also something else, her father wanted William to give up his religion. They thanked him for the offer, but they would not give up the teachings of God. After that Mary's father disinherited her and threw her picture in the attic.

Not long after that Mary's mother died and William went off to serve in the Mormon Battalion. During the war he got very sick. When he returned home he met his one year old son William Jr. They were planning on moving to Zion but William died right before the trip. Mary and her family still went to Zion, but missed William very much. But of course faithful old Chloe helped Mary and her family get through these hard times. Even when the slaves were freed by President Lincoln, Chloe did not desire her freedom; she loved taking care of Mary and her family.

As you can see Mary Lee Bland Ewell was very confident and brave. And so was William and Chloe. You may not think about this but there are a lot of ancestors setting great examples for you, and I encourage you to be curious about your ancestors. Learning about Mary Lee Bland Ewell's life was almost like traveling back in time!

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- 3 TOUR 3: Church History Library & Price Museum of Speed
- 4 TOUR 4: Stedler Train Builders & Bishop's Central Storehouse
- 5 TOUR 5: Wellfare Square & Conference Center

## NON-GUIDED SITES

- A Temple Square
- B Ensign Peak (1002 Ensign Vista Drive)
- C Gilgal Gardens (749 East 500 South)
- D First Encampment Park (1700 South 500 East)
- E Salt Lake City Cemetery (4th Avenue & N Street)
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- H Hogle Zoo (2600 Sunnyside)
- I SUP National HQ (3301 East Louise Ave)
- J Granite Temple Quarry (UT-209 & UT-210 Junction)

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 2:30–5:30PM Registration at SUP National HQ  
3301 E. Louise Avenue (2920 S.)
- 5:30–7PM Welcome Program & Dinner  
Keynote: Elder LeGrand R. Curtis Jr.
- 7PM Entertainment: Brian Stucki

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- 8:30AM–12PM Half-day Tours (Tours #3, #4, #5)
- 12–1:30PM Lunch for Half-day Treks
- 1:30–5PM Half-day Treks (Tours #3, #4, #5)
- 5:30PM Dinner
- 6:30PM Entertainment – SunShade & Rain

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- 8AM–9AM Registration - SUP National HQ
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- 9:15–11:15AM National Business Meeting  
Spouses Devotional
- 11:30AM–2PM President's Banquet

Cost of registration does not include Tours. One must be registered to be eligible to sign up for tours. Tours include: transportation, lunch for every participant and tour guide. Tours are first come first serve. We encourage everyone to pre-register for tours due to limited availability to transportation and site occupancy.

**NON-GUIDED SITES:** Everyone is welcome to explore Salt Lake City at their leisure. The SUP National Headquarters Office and Library will remain open during the Encampment. We encourage everyone to take the time to view the many historical markers, exhibits, paintings, etc throughout the grounds. The Library also serves as a designated Family History Center.

**NOTE:** Lodging and accommodations are the attendee's responsibility.



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## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

### No Dinner Meeting or Trek in July



Enjoy a month off with your family and friends. We will not have a dinner meeting or any other meetings in July. Of course the reason is to provide our leaders and members time to travel and do summer fun things. And besides, it is so darn hot!

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## June 14 Dinner Meeting Recap

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# Archeologist Amber Van Alfen



Amber Van Alfen using powerpoint

At our dinner meeting June 14, Amber Van Alfen, an archeologist with the Bureau of Land Management, spoke to us. She gave an overview of the pre-history of the St. George Basin and discussed what types of archeological sites are in the area, how people lived, and what objects they made and traded. The area is rich in archeological wonders including many petroglyphs and potsherds which can be readily seen plus remnants of many pit houses and kivas which show how Ancestral Puebloans lived during different periods.



Neal Hoss introducing our speaker



A large group turned out to hear Amber Van Alfen



Some artifacts on display at the meeting



Don Burton leads the pledge



Rex Jensen gives pioneer moment

June 14 Dinner Meeting Cont.

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Thad and Racquel Stewart



Amber Van Alfen captures the attention of a large audience



The Buffet was catered by Golden Corral Restaurant



Amber answering questions after the presentation



Meet and greet



Lloyd Carter and Pamela Jensen prepare music



The meeting facility was filled to capacity

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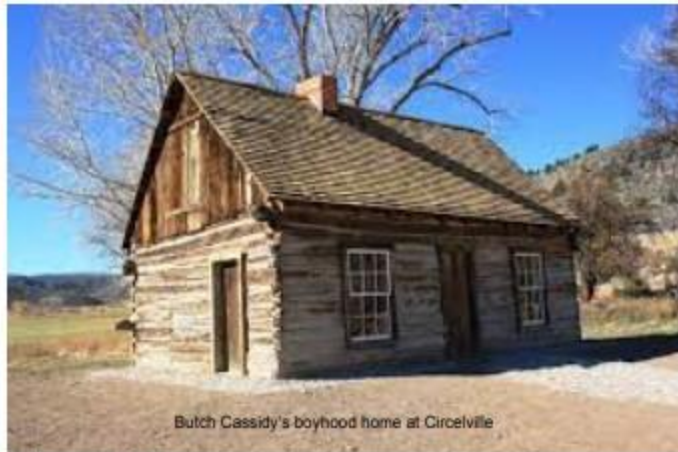
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Trek August 27

## Day Trek to Include Butch Cassidy Home, Ft. Sanford, Alunite Ghost Town and More

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Butch Cassidy's boyhood home at Circleville



The Old Pine Inn in Marysvale



Old photo of the Purple Haze Dance Hall

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Diana and Cameron Call



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The Buffet line



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Kay Brinkerhoff presents a moment in history



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## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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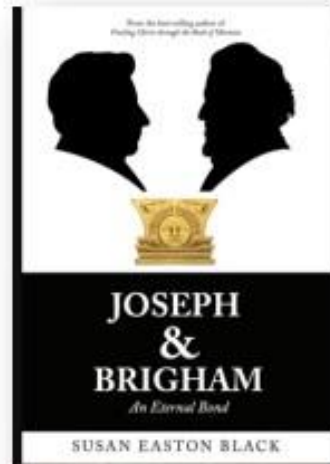


Susan Easton Black

What a treat it will be at our dinner meeting October 18 to hear from well-known author/historian Susan Easton Black. She is recognized throughout the church and widely by the world for her intensely-researched historical subjects. Susan is an emeritus professor at Brigham Young University, where she was the first-ever full-time female instructor in the Religion Department and has published over 170 books.

It was not easy building a career in a male-dominated department. But she became a sought-after teacher, writer, and lecturer. She has lectured in all fifty states, giving up to 200 lectures a year. She has led Church cruises and tours in the

Mediterranean, Jerusalem, Alaska, Caribbean and Baltics. In 2000, she was presented BYU's highest honor—the Karl G. Maeser Distinguished Faculty Lecturer award—making her the first female winner. She was also an associate dean of General Education and Honors during her tenure at BYU. One of her recent books is *Joseph and Brigham, an Eternal Bond*. Other book titles include: *400 Questions and Answers About the Life and Times of Jesus Christ*, *400 Questions and Answers About the Book of Mormon*, *400 Questions and Answers About the Old*



### COTTON MISSION 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- OCT 18 Dinner Meeting  
Speaker: Historian Susan Easton Black
- NOV 15 Dinner Meeting  
Speaker: Jefferey J. McKenna  
Author, *Saving Dr. Warren*
- DEC 20 Christmas Dinner  
Pine View Madrigals

*Testament, Who's Who in the Doctrine & Covenants, Women of Character, and Joseph Smith: Praise to the Man.*

After being a single parent for thirteen years, Susan married Harvey B. Black, a widower with five children. They were married for twenty-five years before he passed away in 2011. She married George Durrant in 2013. They served as missionaries in the temple in Nauvoo, Illinois, where she has maintained a home for many years.

### Sept 20 Pine Valley Dinner Meeting Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

## Scholarship Fundraising Dinner at Pine Valley



Reuben Wadsworth chats with our hosts, Rod and Michelle Orton before the meeting.

The Cotton Mission Chapter held our annual Scholarship fund raising dinner on September 20 at Rod Orton's lovely retreat in Pine Valley, UT. Thanks to all who donated to the cause.

The speaker was historian Reuben Wadsworth who discussed the Supersonic Research Site on Hurricane Mesa. The Hurricane Test facility was a USAF launch complex with a 12,000 foot rocket research track that launched a rocket ejection seat from a supersonic sled. The test site closed in 1963.

Reuben Wadsworth is a Southern Utah native who holds a Masters degree from University of Nevada Las Vegas. He is an adjunct history instructor at Utah Tech University and has published three books.



President Humphrey conducts the meeting



Reuben used powerpoint during his talk about the Smith Mesa project



Charles Topham discusses donations



Rick Henrie presents a moment in history





### Pine Valley Dinner Re-cap

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Reuben Wadsworth addresses the group



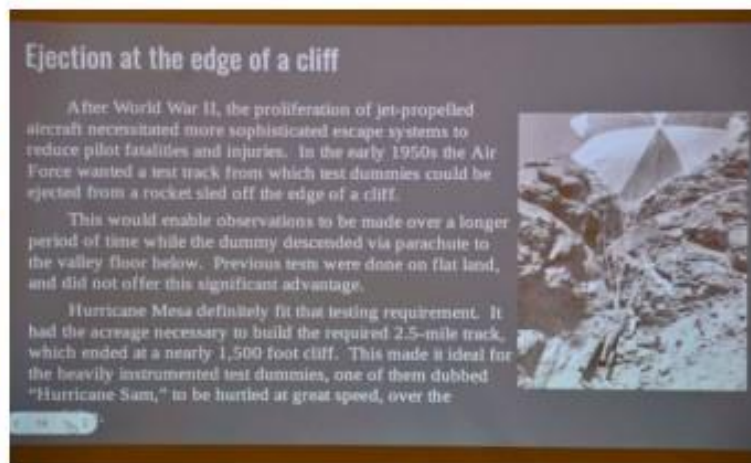
We had a nice turnout at Rod and Michelle Orton's Pine Valley retreat



Rex and Pamela Jensen enjoying box dinner



David Hinton reports on National Encampment



Powerpoint slide shows how Smith Mesa was perfect for the project

### National Encampment Re-cap

Members of the Cotton Mission Chapter attended the National Encampment held at National Headquarters September 8-10. Those attending were Durant McArthur, Don Burton, Royce Griffin and Derek Rowley, along with some of their wives. We appreciate having them represent our chapter and wish more could have joined them. Durant reports that the tours were great and the speakers were wonderful. Pictured are Durant with his daughter Monica Bennion at the Kennecott Copper mine tour. Kennecott is the world's largest excavation and open pit copper mine.



Durant McArthur and daughter Monica Bennion



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### November 15 Dinner Meeting Focuses on Patriotism with Author Jeffery J. McKenna

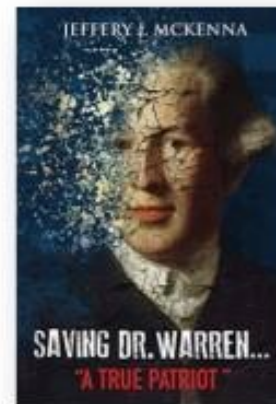


Noted author Jeffery J. McKenna will speak to us at our dinner meeting November 15. McKenna has written an exciting and informative historical novel called *Saving Dr. Warren... "A True Patriot."*

In this book, Steve O'Dell, a modern eighth-grader, learns what patriotism means as he races through history trying to save one of America's most forgotten heroes. This book spans across generations as it links the sacrifices of the heroes of 9/11, WWII, and the American Revolution. Join Steve in discovering what lies at the heart of America.

"While writing this book" Jeff said, "my main focus was to entertain young readers while helping educators share America's history in a way that impacts their students and helps history come alive."

Jeff McKenna resides in a peaceful Southern Utah town amidst the red rocks. He loves mountain biking over the brightly colored sandstone that surrounds him, as well as new trails he finds when he goes on cross-country RV trips with his wife. Along with reading entertaining historical fiction novels, Jeff believes a great way to learn to love America is by exploring her beautiful landscape and



McKenna's new book

visiting cities and states from sea to shining sea.

Jeff's love for his country is what has fostered his love for writing. Uncovering America's history can be messy, but Jeff dives in with both hands to uncover what lies hidden in our nation's past. He loves to reveal forgotten heroes and help them come alive for young Americans as they race through the pages of his historical fiction novel, *Saving Dr. Warren... "A True Patriot"*.

#### COTTON MISSION 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- NOV 5     Trek – Downtown Historic District
- NOV 15    Dinner Meeting  
              Speaker: Jeffery J. McKenna  
              Author, *Saving Dr. Warren*
- DEC 20    Christmas Dinner  
              Pine View Madrigals

## Trek Nov 5 to Downtown Historic District of St. George

On Saturday, November 5 the Cotton Mission chapter of the SUP will take a trek to the downtown historic district of St George.

The trek will be led by by Loren Webb, a well informed historian and president of the



Historical photo of Wooley-Foster Home

Washington County Historical Society. He will share stories about the Brigham Young home then take us across the street to visit the George Whitehead homes constructed in the 1880s. We will also visit the Wooley-Foster home where, supposedly, the attic was used to hide fugitive polygamists.

We will also get introduced to the Anthony Ivins home. Ivins was the mayor from 1890 to 1894. Then we'll also visit the Moses Andrus home and the B.F. Pendleton home in Green Gate Village. Pendleton was the town blacksmith, and it took him a long time to make enough adobe bricks to construct the home.

We will assemble at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot near the Old Courthouse located on 100 East, just off St. George Boulevard. Please bring water, a jacket and good pair of walking shoes. We will finish by noon.

If you can join us, please confirm treks chairman Royce Griffin by e-mail or phone — [Thegriffins66@gmail.com](mailto:Thegriffins66@gmail.com) or 435-313-0602.



Historical photo of Ivins – Gardner Home

Oct 18 Dinner Meeting Recap

Photos by Bill Chapman

## Susan Easton Black Provides Background on Early Church Leader Martin Harris



At our dinner meeting Tuesday October 18 we were privileged to hear from noted historian and author, Susan Easton Black. Susan discussed the interesting life of Martin Harris and his contributions to LDS Church history. He was always searching for the “true” church and when the Smith family came to town he grasped the Gospel message taught by Joseph Smith. As a financially successful young gentleman he was one of the most faithful members in the early church and financed the publishing of the Book of Mormon by mortgaging his farm.

As one of the witnesses to the gold plates he was always faithful to that testimony. It was primarily the failure of the Kirtland Safety Society that led to Martin’s leaving the church. He remained in Kirtland when the Saints moved on but always stayed true to his testimony of the plates. In his old age he returned to Utah to stay with his son. Everywhere he went the people wanted to hear his personal account of knowing the Prophet Joseph and seeing the plates. He was eventually re-baptized into the Church and died in Utah.



Group listens intently to Sister Easton’s talk



Sister Black shows a PowerPoint presentation during her talk



Nick Lang gives Moment in History



Neal Hoss introduces our speaker



Ralph Atkin and President Humphrey



The Pledge of Allegiance



Talking before the meeting

# Oct 18 Dinner Meeting Recap

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The buffet was provided by Golden Gorral



We were fortunate to have Sister Susan Easton Black with us



Enjoying camaraderie before the dinner



David Smith and Dan McArthur at the buffet line






Sally Thornley leads the opening song



Mel Duehmeier and Roy Taylor

**Martin goes West age 88**

- 1869 William Homer
- 1870 Edward Stevenson
- Speaks in Tabernacle
- Baptized September 17, 1870

Martin Harris came west at age 88





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### December 20 Christmas Dinner to Feature Pine View High School Madrigals

Our 2022 Cotton Mission Chapter programs come to a conclusion on December 20 as we meet for our annual Christmas dinner. The entertainment will be from Pine View High School Madrigals under the direction of Robert Reimer, who will share music of the holiday season.



Pine View High School Choir

Mr. Reimer grew up in the Seattle, Washington area and attended Brigham Young University. He completed a masters degree from Southern Utah University in Education with a certification in ESL. After teaching math and computers for 10 years, Robert took a sabbatical to study and earn certification in Choral and Vocal music at Dixie State University and in 2004 began teaching choirs at Snow Canyon High and Middle School. In 2010, he moved to Pine View High School

#### COTTON MISSION UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JAN	Dinner Meeting Speaker: <i>Timothy Burton Anderson – Utah 222 Helaman's Warriors</i>
FEB	Dinner Meeting Speaker: <i>Malissa Kelsch - Author</i>
MAR	Dinner Meeting Speaker: <i>Rand Packer – Family Search Center</i>
APRIL	Dinner Meeting Speaker: <i>Amanda Rowland - Zion National Park</i>

and took over the choral program Norm Lister started in 1985. Robert directs Triumph! (ladies ensemble), Trilogy (chamber choir), TributeMC (men's choir) and concert choir. His past and current assignments include Music History (1010), and all levels of math classes at the high school. He was awarded the Outstanding Senior High School Music Educator for the 2020 - 2021 school year by the Utah Music Educators Association.

As usual the dinner meeting will begin at 5:30pm with a meet-and-greet. Business and dinner begin at 6pm followed by the musical entertainment from Pine View High School.

# Nov 15 Dinner Meeting Recap

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## Jeffery McKenna and Dennis Leavitt Speak on Patriotism



Jeffery McKenna

Author and attorney Jeffery J. McKenna spoke at our dinner meeting November 15. He signed copies of his historical novel *Saving Dr. Warren...A True Patriot*. The book is about a young man who learns firsthand what true patriotism is by finding Dr. Joseph Warren, America's greatest and least-known patriot. McKenna was an energetic speaker whose goal is to light the fire of patriotism under all of us—especially the youth.

We also heard from Dennis Leavitt who is the president of "United We Pledge" a non-profit organization taking huge steps to inform today's youth about American History. They have funding in place and have started construction on *Liberty Village*, a recreation of historic buildings significant to the founding of America's freedom. Liberty Village will feature lifesize authentic Colonial-era buildings where children and youth can go back in time and meet important historical figures. Leavitt's mission is to raise awareness about patriotism and teach American history to youth. The village is located near Hurricane.



Artist's rendering of Liberty Village



Bob Kelly gives Moment in History



Dennis Leavitt tells us about Liberty Village.



Alice Chapman, Suzanne and Royce Griffin, Dan and Bunny McArthur



Karen Turpin and Bob Thornley



Christa Barker with Wayne and Karen Christian



Pres-elect Rick Erickson and family members



Newest members and friends

### November 5 Trek Recap

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## Downtown Historic District

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Edwin Woolley/Charles Foster House now Mulberry Inn



Brigham Young Winter Home



Samuels Miles Jr Home, now Mina



Inside the Mulberry Inn



Loren Webb talks about the Old Opera House and its uses over the years such as storage of sacramental wine



Grundy House behind historic fire engine

Getting to Know You

Photos by Bill Chapman

## Welcome to Life Member Norm and JD Watts



Norm Watts has been a life-member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers since 1991. Moved to St. George from Reno, NV in September of 1996 where he was a member of the Eastern Sierra Chapter of SUP. Norm became active again in SUP a few months ago thanks to Roland Lee who assisted in getting his records from National Headquarters.

Norm graduated from Orem High School in 1964. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1966 at the age of 19 and served for a year in Vietnam as an Airframe Repairman. He attended BYU for a short time after his discharge.

Norm met his wife, JD Coolidge, in Reno and they were married four months later in Genoa, Nevada. It was a case of "Love at first sight." That was 48 years ago if you are counting. They have 10 children, 16 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

They moved to St. George 26 years ago. Norm's career was in retail management managing mostly hardware and home center stores. He managed such stores as True Value, Ace, Coast to Coast and was a District Manager for Ernst Home Centers. He retired in 2008 from Big Lots.

The SUP Chapter in Reno/Sparks sponsored the 1993 SUP National Encampment. The late Fred Horlacher was the chapter trek master. He took them on a trek to the Donner Party trail where he gave them a very vivid telling of their demise. They then went to the Mormon Emigrant trail, Lake Tahoe, (Known as Bigler Lake in 1856 when Orson Hyde helped establish the current border between California and Nevada.) They also went to the Mormon Battalion Members trail and also to Mormon Station in Genoa, Nevada, the oldest settlement in Nevada.



## Meet Valerie Larkin, the Artist Who Creates Our Table Centerpieces

You may have noticed that our dinner tables have become much more inviting lately with the addition of beautiful centerpieces. They are the handiwork of Valerie Larkin, daughter of chapter members Eldon and Donna Larkin. Each month we see different beautiful arrangements that seem to be customized for each season. Valerie is a professional, and has been doing decorating for years, resulting in a huge collection of items that she uses in creating her custom decorations for our meetings. We are so grateful for her volunteer efforts and extend our appreciation to her. If you see her, give her a big hug for making our meeting place more beautiful.