

HISTORY OF

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The new officers and board members were installed at the Chapter meeting on December 19th 2006 and took office on January 1, 2007. They were installed by Keyne Thorne, National Area Vice President for Southwestern Utah. The list of officers, board members and committee chairman are shown on pages 3 and 4 and the organization chart is on page 5.

A photograph of the officers, board members and committee chairmen is shown on page 6. President David Rogers is seated in the middle on the first row and President-Elect Wayne Wright is seated to his right. Most of the officers served the full year and all contributed much to the purposes and advancement of the Chapter. Wayne Wright moved from the area in August and Robert Webb was elected President-Elect..

Ten Board Meetings were held. Minutes of these meetings are attached at the conclusion of this History.

Membership

The year began with a total of 80 members. However, there were a number of members who had failed to pay their dues. A total of 21 members were contacted about dues and it was decided to drop 10 of these members from the roster. However, some indicated that they would re-join at a later date depending on health issues. By the end of the year the roster was up to 80 members thanks to the good work of the membership committee. A roster of members at the beginning and the end of the year is included at the end of this history. All members willing to serve were assigned to the various committees.

Chapter Meetings

Formal Chapter meetings in which dinner was served brought members, wives and guests together on the third Tuesday of the months of January, February, April, June, August, September, November and December.

All of the Chapter meetings were of high quality, informative and interesting. Memorable highlights of each meeting are as follows.

January: This dinner was held at Stahlei's Barn. There were 81 members, wives and guests in attendance. Following the dinner, entertainment was provided by John Kessler and Kiki Shakespear who both sang vocal numbers. Abe Young then gave us one of his readings of a "Moment in History." This was about the early days in Washington County when the locals were told to keep their hair short so that the Indians would know that they were Mormons and would leave them alone. A Brother Cannon let his hair go too long and was captured by the Navajos and was about to be put to death and scalped when the Chief tore open

His shirt and saw the marks of the priesthood on his undergarments and decided he was a Mormon after all and they let him go.

The principal speaker of the evening was Mayor Dan McArthur, the Mayor of St George. The Mayor first spoke about Heritage Week which is to be celebrated later in the month. This is the 14th year of this celebration. There is a whole list of events ranging from Dutch-Oven cookout, to paintings of important events in St George history, to displays of Pioneer antiques. He described the first painting purchased by the City. This is a painting of the first Christmas in St George by the Pioneers. The painting was done by Wallace Lee.

The Mayor told of the flood of the Santa Clara River in 1862 and the problems that it created, including the fact that Jacob Hamblin fell into the river on two occasions and almost drowned. This flood was compared to the recent flood of two years ago and he commented about how the people of the community pulled together in both instances.

The Mayor then spoke of the new development work going on now and anticipated for the future. Things like the new Town Square with its parade ground and the new interchange on I-15 to accommodate the new airport which will start construction this year and of course the new airport itself which he predicts will be operable in 4-years.

Mayor McArthur is undoubtedly a protector of the heritage of this area and as such the chapter honored him with the SUP Modern Day Pioneer Award which was presented by President David Rogers at the conclusion of his remarks.

February: The February dinner was held at Stahlei's Town Hall. There were about 90 members, wives and guests in attendance. President David Rogerrrs conducted the meeting. Following the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, President Rogers presented a membership certificate to Ben Marler, a new member.

After dinner we were entertained by Abe Young who gave us one of his readings of a "Moment in History." This was about the Swiss settlement in Santa Clara. These Swiss Pioneers came to this area a few months before the group came to St George. They started clearing land and planting as soon as they arrived only to have it washed away by a flooding of the Santa Clara River. They replanted and decided that the ground was fertile enough to grow fruit trees and grapes. The first few years were really tough but then their crops became abundant and they were starting to prosper. At the end of 12-years the community was self sufficient with no welfare needed from the church and they sent their surplus to St George.

A memorialization of Orden Bateman was given by one of his sons. Orden was a long time member of this chapter and had passed away about 6-months ago. Orden's parents owned Bateman Pharmacy, a longtime fixture in the St George community. After returning from the European Theater during World War II, Orden went to the University of Utah and graduated in Pharmacy. He was the pharmacist there for many years and eventually purchased the business from his parents. Orden was involved in many community organizations like the Kiawanis, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and others.

The principal speaker of the evening was Lyman Hafen, author and historian. Lyman talked of the importance of writing down stories of our generation for future generations to read and understand the importance of those who grew up in the 30's, 40's and 50's. Calling this the Greatest Generation as did Tom Brokaw the TV newscaster.

Hafen discussed his new book entitled, "Far from Cactus Flats". This is a story of a WW II pilot that was shot down over France. His name was Lincoln Bundy and was a descendent of the Bundy's that originally homesteaded in the Arizona Strip in 1917. As far as his family knew, Lincoln was lost during the war. A few years ago there came to light a possibility that he was still alive living in France. Lyman wouldn't tell how the

story ends but a group of Bundy relatives went to France to check it out and this book is their story..

Everyone enjoyed the evening.

April: The April Meeting was the SUP Annual Scholarship Award dinner meeting. This meeting was held at Stahlei's Town Hall and there were about 100 members, wives and guests present. President David Rogers presided and conducted the meeting. After the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, time was turned over to Mel Dhuelmeier, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee for the presentation of the Scholarships and for brief comments from the recipients. Five Scholarships of \$500 each were awarded as follows:

Yolanda Corona	Millcreek HS
McKenzie Sorensen	Enterprise HS
Ashua Munford	Snow Canyon HS
Nova Electra Wahl	Dixie HS
Jeffry Nielson	Pineview HS

The featured speaker of the evening was Doug Alder. Doug is a local Educator, Historian, Author and College Dean. Doug gave an interesting talk concerning education beginning with the first pioneers in this area when there were no certified teachers. The first real schools in the area were started in 1880. These were one room schools. By 1900 the schools were divided by grades. In 1888 the Dixie Academy was started where students could go to High School. This lasted five years and was held in the basement of the Tabernacle. In 1906 the St George Academy began and by 1917 the Church started teacher certification. The St George Academy grew into Dixie College.

Doug concluded with comments on the following:

1. Learn to Think
2. Establish a Career Goal
3. Learn Salable Skills
4. Enjoy Advanced Learning
5. Expand on What You Like.

“What we learn in this life will rise with us in the resurrection.

The meeting concluded with President Rogers presenting Doug Alder with a “Modern Pioneer” Award for his service to the community

June: The June dinner meeting was once again held at Stahlei’s Town Hall. Pres David Rogers conducted the meeting. Following an opening song, Pledge of Allegiance and invocation Abe Young led us in singing Happy Birthday in honor of all those with June Birthdays. New members were introduced. They included Lynn Bateman as a new life member and Don Burton.

Abe Young then recited a “Moment in History” concerning the early foundation and drain work on the St George Temple. An old cast iron cannon was devised to use as a pile driver. Heavy basalt rock was quarried from a location close to the existing airport. This rock was placed in trenches and the cannon pile driver was dropped many times onto the rock forcing it into the soft earth until the proper compaction was achieved. A rocked in drain tunnel was formed to remove water from runoff and any seepage water away from the Temple. This tunnel is still in use today.

We were then entertained by Abe Young and a couple from Central. This couple played the harmonica and a home-made base fiddle while Abe played his guitar.

They sang three songs. These were “Come Girls Come”, “Used to Live in Cottonwood” and “St George and the Drag-on”.

The featured speaker of the evening was Robert Paxman. Bob is a professional writer of personal histories and he spent the evening enlightening us on how we might better approach our own histories. Following is some of his suggestions:

1. Write down fun stories about our lives.
2. Enumerate lessons learned from our experiences.
3. Inspiring examples and legacies.
4. Lessons of Life.

Other interesting topics concerned:

- A. What do you have to say.
- B. Just start writing and see what comes out.
- C. Who are you writing to – family, adults, children
- D. .Format – even photo essay.
- E. Do it in Story Terms.

August: Our annual August outing, meeting and dinner party was once again held at the Terry’s Twin Springs Ranch in Enterprise. Dean and Carol Terry hosted and catered the party. The understanding was that the members should pay the usual dinner cost (or more) to the chapter as a donation to the Chapter Scholarship Fund. More than \$1,900 was collected that evening. About 80 members and guests were in attendance.

President David Rogers conducted the meeting that evening. As part of the Chapter business, it was announced that President-Elect Wayne Wright had accepted a new position with a firm in Northern Utah and that Wayne and his family would be moving immediately. With this development, it was necessary that Wayne resign his SUP position. The nominating committee had met some days before and determined that Robert Webb should be nominated to replace Wayne as President-Elect. Bob had agreed to serve and his name was presented to the membership for a vote and he was sustained as President-Elect for the remainder of the year and to serve as President in 2008.

Two new members were introduced. These were Alan Hackworth and Creed Evans.

Abe Young presented a "Moment in History" concerning the location and building of the St George Temple. The St George Dixie Mission began in 1861. The Temple building itself began ten years later on November 9, 1871. The location carried with it the prophecy that this would be the center of St George. However, for over one hundred years the location was on the southern edge of the city. It has only been in the last several years that the location is now in the center of the urban area making the prophecy come true.

Abe Young then strapped on his guitar and led the whole group in singing "You are my Sunshine".

Dean Terry made a presentation to Jennie Hammelwright the President of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. This was the Architectural Ball which is about 10 inches in diameter that was mounted on the finial of the St George Tabernacle for over 100 years. Dean suggested that the Dup Museum in St George was the logical place for this memento to be placed. Jeannie accepted with much appreciation.

The speakers of the evening were Gale and Hyrum Smith. In the introduction Dean Terry mentioned that years ago the Smiths made a donation to the SUP to start the Pioneer Magazine which is the house organ of our organization.

Gale spoke briefly about the need to draw close to your families and indicated how difficult it is to find time in busy lives to have quiet time with children and grandchildren. We all need to be on the lookout for opportunities for one-on-one conversations with them and teach them the value of heritage.

Hyrum Smith told about the devastating flood that went through their property on August 1, just three weeks ago. This flood was the result of micro-burst thunderstorms in the mountains above their ranch. Several of their grandchildren had been playing in their front yard when the weather looked threatening. The children had enough sense to go into the house and within minutes a 15 foot wall of water, mud and debris came down the gully behind their house and across the yard. Their basement was completely flooded and water and mud rushed through the house. The children all went to the second floor to wait out the flood. The flood went as quickly as it came but left nothing but destruction in its path

Brother Smith commented that throughout his life up to this point he had been fortunate enough to be a giver and a contributor to others, Never before had he been in a position where he really needed help. The flood had pretty well destroyed their way of life for the time being. Church members, neighbors, football teams from both the High School and Dixie College and even members of the Fire Department came to their aid. Ninety people showed up the day after the flood to help. Much of the work was carrying buckets of mud out of the basement and the swimming pool. In all over 3500 buckets of mud were removed from the premises. There were over 800 people from the community that pitched in to help. Hyrum indicated that they were grateful beyond words for the love and assistance that was shown by all in their time of need.

Following comments by the Smiths, Dean Terry was presented a “Modern Day Pioneer Award” by Past-President Robert Horrocks. This award was for outstanding achievement in the areas of service to the community, philanthropic donations, willingness to contribute the loan of their many pioneer farm tools and implements for parades and fairs and overall service to the Chapter and the general community. Dean graciously accepted the award and the meeting was dismissed. A wonderful time was had by all.

September: The September dinner meeting was once again held at Stahlei's Town Hall. There were 65 members, wives and guests present. Lynn Niederhauser gave the invocation. Orr Hill made a presentation memorializing the name of Gene Jacobsen who recently passed away. Gene's wife Barbara was present at the meeting.

Abe Young presented a "Moment In History" concerning early schooling in the St George area. He talked about the first schools being held out in the open on ditch banks. Then later school was held in various houses. School cost was \$20.00 per term which was usually paid in produce on an installment basis. One teacher got

Paid so much in milk that she made cheese and took it north and sold it. One year there were over 200 cases of Dyptheria. The local schools had competition with the Presbyterian Schools which charged no tuition. The local schools did prevail however.

The speaker of the evening was Abe Young III. Abe is Director of Auditing for the Commissioners Office of the Church Education System. He spoke on the Legacy of Education in the LDS Church. Most schools in early America were Church Founded and were faith based. Our church ran schools in Missouri from 1831 to 1838. In 1840 the first schools in Nauvoo were established In 1883 the Church began the first school in St George. From 1847 to 1889 the Church established 357 community schools in the U.S. Canada and Mexico. This included 26 Academies which were High School Jr College type schools.

The University of Utah which was originally the Deseret Academy was the first University west of the Mississippi in 1896. BYU Academy was established in 1903. The St George Stake Academy established in 1911 was the last Academy started by the Church. Over the years the name has changed from Dixie Academy to Dixie Normal to Dixie JC to Dixie College to Dixie State College of Utah.

The Church's first Seminary was at Granite High School in Salt Lake. And the first Institute in Malad, Idaho. The Seminary Program has 240,000 members in the U.S.. and 157,000 International Members. The Institute Program has 258,000 enrolled in the U.S. and over 200,000 Internationally.

This was a very enlightening and informative program.

ABE YOUNG III

November: The November Dinner Meeting was held at Stalehi's Town Hall. There were 90 members, wives and guests present. Ted Bolton gave the opening prayer and Don Forshee led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Summerhays memorialized the name of Ben Marler who had recently passed away. Ben's wife was a guest.

A barbershop quartet from the Heritage Choir provided musical entertainment for the evening. Abe Young provided us with a reading of a "Moment in History" concerning the early days in Washington County.

Nominations for officers of the Chapter for the coming were made and seconded and all were accepted by acclamation.

The guest speaker of the evening was Dr Robert Rhodes. Dr Rhodes is a surgeon, Stake President of the St George West Stake and a Lt Colonel in the Special Forces He has a special interest in military history. He spoke on the heritage we have from our Veterans and the tremendous legacy they have left.

He recounted specific stories from several wars. He cited the example of the British Navy during the Revolutionary War. They were shelling one of our Forts from two Battleships. Brave Americans loaded a small cannon on a rowboat and rowed out toward the British ships. Because the British could not lower their cannons the Americans were able to sink both ships.

He told the story of an 83-year old veteran trying to get a passport to return to France. The French Consulate asked him if he had been there before. He answered, "Yes." They asked for his passport, but he said that he had none. He had arrived in France on D-day. He explained that he could not find a Frenchman to check his passport. Dr. Rhodes told of the terrible casualties experienced on the Normandy Beaches. A narrative of the first boats attempting to land was given. He was very graphic in citing how effective the German fire was in killing everyone that attempted to get off the landing barges. Out of a full company of men, only 6 survived.

Dr. Rhodes spoke of General Eisenhower and the talk he gave to the men before the invasion at D-day. And then of the talk that he had written in case the invasion had failed. He then pointed out that we live in a different day. We still have wars to fight but we also struggle with the Six Deadly Social Sins. 1. Wealth without work, 2. Pleasure without conscience, 3. Education without Character, 4. Commerce without Morality, 5. Science without Humanity, and 6. Politics without Principle.

Dr. Robert Rhodes

December: The December monthly dinner meeting was held at the Town Hall at Staheli's in Washington. Approximately 80 members wives and guests were present. President David Rogers conducted the meeting.

Abe Young provided the musical entertainment for the evening. We had strolling violins playing during the dinner. Following dinner Area Vice-President Keyne Thorne installed the new officers of the Chapter for 2008.

ORGANIZATION FOR 2008

President – Robert Webb

President Elect – Stanley Fisher

Past President – David Rogers

Treasurer – Mel Duehlmeier

Directors –

Communications – Dave Summerhays Community – Robert Thornley

Development – Dean Terry

Member Services - Wayne Pace

Trails & Markers – Lynn Niederhauser Pioneer History – Don Burton

Committee Chairmen –

Scholarship – Ken Staley

Membership – Hal Anderson

Awards / Sec – Don Forshee

Treks – Ernie Maes

Memorialization -

Pioneer Mag – Brent Shakespeare

Programs – Abe Young

Publicity – Ted Bolton

Member Retent – Melvin Weeks

Uniforms – Howard Walker

Tech – Russ Bateman

Trails & Markers – Cliff Spendlove

Newsletter- Gale Hammelwright

Chapter History – Robert Cottom

Washington Hist Soc – Jerry Keyes

Govt Relations – Dan McArthur

St George Live – Robert Thornley
Hackworth.

Chapter Awards – Allen

Following the installation, Abe Young and his trio entertained us with songs and a Christmas Carol Sing-s-long.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2008

Treks: There were four treks and one monument dedication scheduled this year. Ultimately, one of the treks was cancelled due to a heavy rain storm. The first Trek was to Ft. Pearce in Warner Valley on March 24. The May Trek was the one that was cancelled. The third Trek was to the Virgin River Gorge. And the October Trek was to the National Convention in Mesa, Arizona.

The following Newspaper clippings contain information concerning the Treks.

CONVENTION ATTENDEES IN MESA, AZ

Monument Dedication: A new monument was dedicated on Southgate Hill commemorating the old navigation arrow that was used in 1927 during the first passenger flight from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles. The following articles describe the celebration.

SPECIAL AWARDS HONORS AND EVENTS

Training Meeting: The Sons of Utah Pioneers held an annual Leadership Training Session for Southern Utah SUP Leaders at the Bloomington Hills Stake Center in St George on Feb 3, 2007. All Local officers and directors were encouraged to attend. There were w07 members and wives in attendance from seven SUP Chapters in Southern Utah. The Chapters represented were: St George (Cotton Mission, Cedar City (Iron Mission), Kanab (Red Rock), Hurricane Valley, Escalante (Hole in the Rock), Paruaan, Little Salt Lake, and Richfield.

The meeting began with Keyne Thorne, Area Vice President for Southern Utah introducing the national officers that were in attendance. Then National President Jay Smith gave one of his trademark enthusiastic talks concerning the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the progress made during this past year. He reiterated the three-fold mission of the organization. Namely, 1. Preserve Pioneer Heritage. 2. Modern Day Pioneers, And 3. Teach Pioneer Values to our Children.

Some of the items mentioned in the talk were; membership has increased to over 2,000 and 2,300 is the goal for 2007. The number of Life Members has increased substantially. The organization has become financially secure. The Pioneer Magazine is in the black. Medallions are desirable items, and the 2007 medal will be of the Salt Lake Tabernacle. The convention in Heber Valley for 2006 was a success.

Jay then spoke of the goals for 2007. Included were 2,300 members, more monuments, new chapters and memorialization.

Following President Smith's remarks the members divided into seven groups for in-depth discussions on topics of interest. The topics were, Leadership, Publications and web-sites. Pioneer Heritage, Membership, Treks & Monuments, Public Relations and Tomorrows Pioneers. The wives stayed together as a group and heard from Lyman Hafen a popular Southern Utah Author.

The meeting concluded with an oral report from each group and this was followed by lunch.

Washington City 150th Anniversary Celebration: The Cotton Mission Chapter participated in a big way in the festivities around the 150th anniversary of the founding of Washington City. The City had a pioneer experience for all the school children in Washington County. There were various booths and displays set up in the park between the City Hall and the City Museum depicting pioneer times such as, churning butter and making soap. The SUP displays included an old time Cyrus McCormick "Daisy" Reaper. This was restored by Lyle Bunker from the Chapter. This reaper originally belonged to his grandfather and was covered by McCormick's original patent. Dean Terry furnished a display of wagons, buggy and a stagecoach. Some were restored and some were original. Dean also furnished many pieces of farm and household items that are part of his personal collection of pioneer artifacts.

On Saturday there was a parade and stagecoach and buggy were used in the parade pulled by Terry's horses. Lyle Bunker's reaper was also in the parade.

Bloomington Hills 24th of July Celebration: The chapter had a booth in the Bloomington Hills Celebration. This booth used many of Dean Terry's pioneer artifacts. Several hundred people viewed the display.

Chapter Finances: The Chapter met all of its financial obligations during the year and completed the year with a positive balance. A copy of the auditing report provided by Stan Fisher, treasurer, will be sent in due course.

Web Page: The Cotton Mission Chapter web page (www.sonsofutahpioneers.info) was established by the chapter in 2001. Russ Bateman is the web master and he handles all the contributions and input for the chapter. The information on the web page is also recorded and made available at the Dixie College Library.