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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Saturday, April 11, I had the privilege of spending a day in Cedar City to participate in a regional symposium. Cedar City Chapter President, Harold Shirley and members of his chapter had organized a first rate program. It was an extraordinary spiritual and intellectual experience for all who attended.

The speakers offered us a feast in faithful history. The first speaker was Dr. Douglas Alder former president of Dixie State University, former member of the St. George Temple Presidency, and co-author of an excellent history of the St. George Temple. Doug spoke on the history of the St. George Temple. A second speaker was Dr. E. Leo Lyman, formerly a professor at Victor Valley College in California and currently an adjunct professor of history at Dixie State University. Leo spoke on mail and freight trails to Southern Utah. A third speaker was William Hartley, formerly a professor of history at Brigham Young University and editor of the Joseph Smith Papers. Bill cleared the air on trails and travel from Nauvoo to Utah. Many members of the church believe that most of the members came by handcart. Nothing can be further from the truth. Even during the years that handcarts were used, most members came in wagon trains. I spoke on the role that Wilford Woodruff played at the St. George Temple. He received a vision of the founding fathers, but he was also inspired to prepare a list of prominent men and women whose temple work he and the temple workers completed. He inaugurated temple work for persons unrelated to the proxy receiving the endowments for the individual.

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Following a delicious Dutch oven dinner, we enjoyed a spiritual feast in talks by Elder Bruce Hafen and Sister Marie K. Hafen. They told us both about the spiritual experiences they and others enjoyed at the St. George Temple and during its construction. They also provided vignettes from the history of the temple. It was a particular joy for me to meet again with the two of them since I have known them for many years,

and they served in the area presidency while Marilyn and I served as missionaries at the Institute of Religion in Berlin.

Several upcoming events deserve notice here. On Saturday, May 9, the national organization will sponsor a symposium on the life of Parley P. Pratt. We encourage all members to attend. All except one of the presenters are direct descendants of Elder Pratt. All of the presenters, Matt Grow, Mitch Pratt, Steve Pratt, and Alex Baugh are scholars who have researched aspects of Elder Pratt's life and work. The keynote address at the dinner meeting will be given by Elder Craig Cardon of the Seventy.

We also encourage you to take an opportunity to attend the Major Howard Egan symposium on June 12. The SUP is a cosponsor along with a number of other organizations. You will find this a spiritually and intellectually uplifting event as well.

On July 24, the Sons of Utah Pioneers is sponsoring two events. We urge all to attend the Days of 47 Sunrise Service at the Tabernacle. It was organized by the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter and will begin at 7:00 a.m. We also encourage all members and their families who wish to do so to participate in the Days of 47 Parade in downtown Salt Lake City. SUP members and their families will be pulling handcarts and walking from South Temple to Liberty Park. Both of these will be outstanding events.

Another event of interest is the annual SUP day at the This is the Place Heritage Park. It will take place on Monday, July 27. Members of the SUP are invited, but anyone who is interested may purchase tickets for themselves and their families. We encourage all to attend. Bring your friends and families.

SUP members also have another opportunity. On June 4 through 7, the Mormon History Association will hold its annual convention at the Utah Valley Conference Center on Center Street in Provo. The MHA was organized in 1965 in San Francisco. This year marks its 50th anniversary. I feel a particular affinity for the organization since I was one of the founders who attended that meeting fifty years ago. The Sons of Utah Pioneers will sponsor a table at the convention to attract those in attendance to our Family and Friends initiative and the Pioneer Magazine.



Cordially,

Tom Alexander,
National President, 2015
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NATIONAL CALENDAR

(Online Calendar available at <http://www.sonsofutahpioneers.org/calendar>)

May 9, 1 to 5 p.m. **SUP Historical Symposium in Salt Lake City**, Dinner at 6 p.m. ([See pages 13-14.](#))
May 12, 6:00 p.m., **National Board Meeting**
June 12, 7:00 p.m. **Major Howard Egan Symposium**, West Jordan, UT ([See page 15](#))
June 27, 11:30 a.m. **Past Presidents Luncheon Meeting**, Golden Corral
July 24, 7:00 a.m. **Days of '47 Sunrise Service**, Tabernacle on Temple Square
July 24, 10:00 a.m. **Days of '47 Parade**, Salt Lake City
July 27, 4 to 9 p.m. **SUP Day at This Is the Place Heritage Park** in Salt Lake City.
August 22, 11:30 a.m. **Past Presidents Luncheon Meeting**, Golden Corral
September 17-19, **2015 SUP National Convention in Brigham City, Utah**. Details will be announced.
October 24, 11:30 a.m. **Past Presidents Luncheon Meeting**, Golden Corral
November (dates to be determined) **Area Training Meetings**, Organized by AVPs and National Officers
December 8, **SUP National Christmas Dinner**, National Headquarters

A New Sons of Utah Pioneers Partnership Is Being Launched On May 9, 2015!

“S.U.P. Project 60”

*Preserving the Pioneers, 1869 to 1929:
The next 60 years.*



On Saturday, May 9, at 11:30 a.m., the S.U.P. will introduce Project 60 with a free luncheon at Headquarters immediately before the Historical Symposium at 1:00 p.m. At the luncheon, experts from **FamilySearch** will present an overview and plan of action for this great record gathering project. Interested S.U.P. members, spouses and friends are invited to attend. RSVP by May 1 at (801) 484-4441.

Project 60 is a joint project of two great organizations, **FamilySearch.org** and the **Sons of Utah Pioneers**. Our common goal is to preserve the names, records, life stories, photographs and testimonies of our ancestors, especially our Pioneer ancestors and their sons and daughters to whom we owe so much.

FamilySearch is presently working with the D.U.P. to digitize their extensive records of Pioneers up to 1869, the end of the first Pioneer Era. Now the S.U.P. will have the opportunity to gather the records of the next generation of pioneers and their descendants, those who lived between the years 1869 and 1929.

We will be calling for our members, their families and friends, to search and discover journals, letters, histories, autobiographies, photographs, maps, and other historical documents of the generations after the first Pioneers. These records, when made available to the S.U.P. at its headquarters building, will be indexed and digitally scanned and become part of the on-line collections of FamilySearch and the Sons of Utah Pioneers digital library.

Our goal is to gather and digitally reproduce more than 1,000,000 pages of these documents over the next twelve to eighteen months. We will be using equipment and software provided by FamilySearch.

The project will be guided by a team of record collection experts assigned to work with the S.U.P. to carry out this record gathering effort. Service missionaries may be assigned to our library to assist our S.U.P. volunteers in the handling, indexing and scanning of the documents that we receive.

Original photographs, journals and documents that are received by the S.U.P. during this gathering work will be returned to the donors when the project is complete, if requested. Other documents will only be retained digitally.

All records, photographs and documents will be accepted and digitally copied. If older records are submitted, these will also be gratefully accepted. **Project 60** will actively seek to gather documents that have been carefully preserved, as well as those that are nearly forgotten, stored in cardboard boxes, drawers, binders and albums, in attics, basements, garages, storage sheds and under beds, waiting for another generation to forget and pass away.

Project 60 will involve all of our S.U.P. Chapters in spreading the word to their members and to their communities, letting them know there is a place where these records can be gathered, respected and preserved for future generations. We look forward to working with each of you as we begin this important project.

NATIONAL NEWS

Send National News submissions to
SUP1847@gmail.com.

YOUR HELP NEEDED

MORMON HISTORY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

On June 5 and 6, the Sons of Utah Pioneers will sponsor a table at the Mormon History Association Conference. *We urge SUP members to volunteer to take a shift at the table.* We will recruit new SUP members through the Family and Friends Initiative and the Pioneer Magazine. We will also sell subscriptions to the Pioneer Magazine. *Call Tom Alexander at 801-375-8797 (home) or 801-361-1176 to volunteer for a specified time.* Thanks for volunteering.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Bart L Spencer – Ogden Valley Chapter
Merlyn Jones – Brigham Young Chapter
Richard Steed – Centerville Chapter

CONVERTING FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO ANNUAL

Steve S Cook – Mills Chapter
Klaus D Gurgel – Ogden Pioneer Chapter

NEW MEMBERS OF FAMILY & FRIENDS

Russell Johnson – Grantsville, UT
Bill L Johnson – Grantsville, UT
Kevin Astle – Murray, UT
Mark Pickett – Herriman, UT
Jeremy Astle – Draper, UT
Doug Shaw – Hurricane, UT
Paul Shirley – LaVerkin, UT
Jeff Anglesey – LaVerkin, UT
Ken Witt – Perry, UT
Kent Allred – West Valley City, UT
Mark Randall – Centerville, UT
Armand Hernandez – Modesto, CA

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Maitland Spencer – Temple Quarry – 2/7/15
C Jack Lemmon – Hurricane Valley – 10/5/14
Orr L Hill – Cotton Mission – 4/1/15
Karl H Goeckeritz – Holladay – 4/2/15

NEW SUP WEB SITE

We encourage members to use our new web site at sup1847.com rather than the old one. Our Webmaster, Daniel Zappala, is trying to recover the former URL for us.

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

1. Come to know our fathers, and turn our hearts to them.
2. Preserve the memories and heritage of the early pioneers of the Utah Territory and the western U.S.
3. Honor present-day pioneers worldwide who exemplify the pioneer values and qualities of character.
4. Teach these values and qualities to the youth who will be tomorrow's pioneers.

CHAPTER NEWS

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Please send Chapter Newsletters and other news, information, pictures and upcoming events to Don Lee at donlee0938@gmail.com or to his address at 6830 E 450 N, Huntsville, UT 84317 before the end of each month.

Editor's challenge to EVERY chapter – Please send me news of your chapter. We would love to hear from you.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER, (St George, Utah) – On Saturday, March 14th, a group of members from the Cotton Mission Chapter, traveled to Cedar City for a tour of the Frontier Homestead State Park, formerly called the Iron Mission State Park, and then on to Parowan Gap to learn about the fascinating display of Indian petroglyphs. They were accompanied by chapter member and photographer, **Bill Chapman**, who visually recorded the entire adventure.

Todd Prince was our tour guide at the State Park and showed us an amazing collection of pioneer wagons and horse drawn farm implements. We toured the Hunter House, the oldest home in



Cedar City, dating back to 1866, with its beautiful pinewood floors, and also stepped inside the oldest log cabin in Southern Utah.

Out in front was one of the old power shovels (in background above) used to dig and load the ore in later years at the mines. After a lunch break we were off to the Parowan Gap where **Nancy Dalton** described the amazing petroglyphs. Her explanation of the famous Zipper Glyph was interesting. The Native Americans feel it is a representation of a journey some of their ancient forefathers made from the north part of the country to the Grand Canyon, where they had to turn around and go back, while others say it is an outline of the Gap itself with markings indicating, months, years and etc. All in all we had a very enjoyable and educational trek.

EAGLE ROCK CHAPTER, (Idaho Falls, Idaho) – **Joseph S. Stewart** was the recipient of the Modern Day Pioneer Award. He retired from the Idaho National Laboratory in 2005 after 31 years of employment. He currently has a keen interest in the Upper Snake River Valley history. Joe was encouraged to not twiddle away his retirement years because of the early death rate of those who did. This was a good reason for Joe to get involved with history. He is involved with Bonneville County Heritage Association and was

instrumental in collecting history for the Bonneville County Centennial and other programs in the Idaho Falls area.

James Williams (right) with Miracle Ear presented an informative program on hearing.

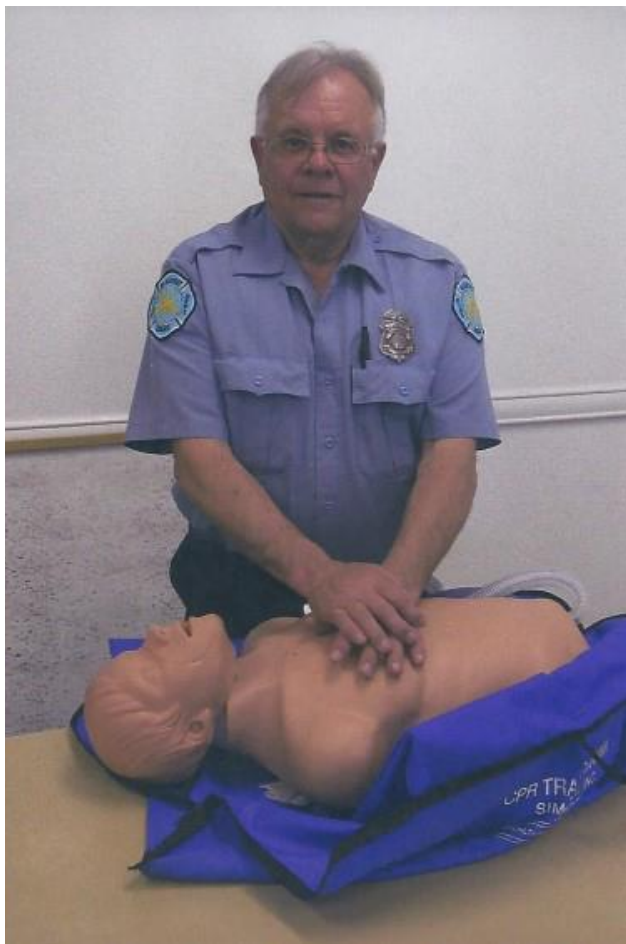


Hearing loss is the inability to discriminate words that are being communicated by the sender and received by someone who is hearing impaired. Statistically one out of eight people or thirteen percent have hearing loss. Thirty million, age 12 or older and thirty children per one thousand have hearing losses. It was interesting to note that two thirds of the population age 70 or older has significant hearing losses. John Hopkins found that older people with a mild hearing loss are three times more likely to have a falling accident.

It was interesting to note that one would think we hear with our ears but it is in our brain that we hear. The ear has an outer, middle and inner sections. Each plays an important role in how we hear sounds. There are two types of hearing loss. The first is a conductive hearing loss where sounds cannot get to the cochlea (the spiral shaped part of the internal ear. containing the

auditory nerve endings). This could be caused by ear wax buildup, tear of the ear drum, or excessive fluid buildup in the inner ear. The second type is sensory neurological hearing loss caused by noise damage or the aging process. It is important to note that hearing losses can be treated. Early intervention is important in addressing hearing loss. When one has a hearing loss it is important to have their hearing evaluated by a professional. Hearing can be evaluated free of charge by contacting hearing centers located in most communities.

GROVE CITY CHAPTER, (Blackfoot, Idaho) – Most of us have had some training or exposure to first aid procedures, CPR training and other types of Health or safety programs. If you are like me I had forgotten most of what I had learned and the April meeting presented by **Bruce Lloyd** (below) was a refresher and in some cases an eye opener.



Bruce talked about many of the health related issues we are exposed to and how to recognize and take steps to control them.

Low blood sugar, high blood sugar, stroke symptoms and various other problems that we either are dealing with now or will be in the future in some way or another were brought to our attention along with ways to deal with them.

Bruce refreshed us on CPR technics on both adults and infants. Thanks for the refresher.

HURRICANE VALLEY CHAPTER, (Hurricane, Utah) – Once again, our meeting was well attended, as we had 79 in attendance to hear the report from **Tom and Kitty Hirschi** of their Mission to 6th Crossing in Wyoming.



Kitty (left) spoke about the history of the Martin and Willie Handcart Companies from the time they left England until the time they were rescued. Her telling of those experiences was made more real to us as she showed pictures of what the area looked like, and of the youth groups that came to experience the trek. The areas of Rocky Ridge and Devil’s Gate were heart-rending as we contemplated the trials of the starving and weary saints of the Martin and Willie handcart companies.



Tom (left) completed the presentation by giving us the history of Levi Savage and his crucial help along the way. Tom indicated that Levi had become one of his heroes. He was impressed by his devotion to the group despite the

chastisement he received from the leaders of the company. He also told the story of a young girl who walked the entire way to the valley under dire circumstances. The doctors wanted to amputate her frostbitten legs, but her father would not allow it. A miracle occurred, saving her legs, and she lived on to bear and raise many children.

We all benefited from contemplating the lives of our pioneers ancestors and the challenges they endured with faith and courage, so that we could have the comforts that we enjoy today.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER, (Salt Lake Valley, Southwest) – The speaker for our March meeting was **Ron Munns**, who was accompanied by his wife, **Ruth Ann** (below).



Ron taught seminary in Northern Utah for a number of years and felt the Church films were lacking in the quality they should have. (Remember the good old filmstrip days?) So, Ron went to school and obtained a Master's Degree in film production. He was soon invited to Church Headquarters for the LDS Church. As a result, he produced Church films from 1983 through 2014.

Ron mentioned several times during his address that he saw evidence of the Lord being in charge of what he was trying to do. He knows the First Presidency and Quorum of Twelve Apostles are indeed prophets, seers, and revelators having worked so closely with them on his movie productions.

He has experienced changes these Church leaders have suggested not only in the content of the film but also the music. Ron stated that it was truly the

hand of the Lord when these suggestions were made as they enhanced the final product so very, very much

Ron's address to us was most interesting. We heard Ron's personal testimony of both seeing and feeling the workings of the Spirit as he witnessed the Spirit turn hearts when needed to acquire certain privileges from institutions and individuals necessary to produce the films.

Thank you Ron for such an inspiring program, the Spirit you brought with you and shared with us was truly a stimulating experience for all.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER (Mapleton, Utah) – Our speaker for the month of March was **Walter Whipple**

(right) who spoke to us on "*The Gospel Takes Root in Poland*". Walter was born in Logan, Utah and raised in Idaho Falls, Idaho where he began taking piano lessons at age 8. At age 11, he was called as the ward organist, and has continued in that capacity almost continuously to the present day. From 1974-1990 he taught music at Rockford College in Illinois but spent a year in Poland in the 80's on sabbatical. He later served as President of the Poland Warsaw Mission from 1990-1993.



The country of Poland was dedicated for the preaching of the Gospel in in 1977 by President Spencer W. Kimball and the Church was soon recognized by government officials.

Walter introduced us to Maria Eppich, who was brought into the Church in England by Walter's missionary brother. She found herself in Salt Lake City in 1978. On a visit to the headquarters of the Church she was commissioned to translate the Book of Mormon into Polish for the first time, completing it in 1981.

Walter was shown a violin that was made in Poland when he was teaching at Rockford College. He was so impressed with it that during a sabbatical from the college in 1983-1984, he went to Poland where he served a year-long apprenticeship with Franciszek Mardula, a master violin maker. It was during this time that he became personally acquainted with the Polish culture and language. Mardula continued making violins almost up to his passing in 2007 at the age of 98. He outlived Stradivari by five years, making him the oldest violin maker in the history of the world.

While serving as the mission president the first modern chapel was completed in Warsaw and was dedicated in 1991 by Elder Russell M. Nelson. He told us of many of the pioneers that also played a part. They and their children make up the strong leadership that exists today.

MILLS CHAPTER (Mill Creek, Utah) – **Elder John M. Madsen** (below) treated us to a



chronological review of the life and ministry of the Savior. In an almost yearly account, he portrayed Him as the “Lord of the Universe.”

Using large poster maps, he followed the movement of Jesus Christ from birth to His death.

He traced the special and sacred events on a large area map to help us visualize the story of the only perfectly lived life on earth. He emphasized (Quoting Elder Neil A. Maxwell) that before Jesus was born; he created “worlds without number.” Jesus was to become the Jehovah of the Old Testament. Elder Madsen told us “when He comes again, he will come as the recognized Lord of the Universe.”

At the Church of The Nativity, President Lee once expressed that he felt he was with the Shepherds who came to pay honor to the Christ child. Jesus

was baptized at the lowest point on the earth and the point where the children of Israel entered the Promised Land. With each blessing and miracle Jesus granted, the Pharisees and Sadducees developed such hate, they feared He would capture the loyalty of the people, and rob them of their authority. Thus, they knew they must have him crucified.

Elder Madsen told us that Peter, James and John were sent by the great Jehovah (Jesus) to instruct Adam and Eve in the ordinances of the Holy Priesthood. At the feeding of the “5000 men”, Elder Madsen included women and children to describe even a larger miracle. He pointed out the location of Mount Tabor where he believed the Transfiguration took place, where the earth was shown in its celestial form.

The last days of His life were reviewed. He cleansed the Temple for the last time. The Savior conducted the last meeting (supper) with his disciples before going to Gethsemane where he was to take on the sins of all humankind. From this point and betrayal, he suffered an agonizing scourge, and finally the torment of the final crucifixion.

MORGAN CHAPTER (Morgan, Utah) – **Chuck Watson** spoke about John Willard Young, son of Brigham Young.

John Young was born in October 1844 in Nauvoo, Illinois. He was 3 years old when the Saints arrived in the Salt Lake Valley. He was 11 years old when he was ordained an apostle by his father Brigham Young.

At age 19 in 1863 he was sent to New York to help handle immigration.

He was a strong headed business man who among other things developed the railroads, one of which was near Ogden, Utah. Here Mormons built their own railroad from Ogden to Salt Lake City.

He did not remain active and faithful in the church. His last years were sad ones for him. Everything seemed to turn to ashes. His later years saw him working as an elevator operator in New York City. On 11 February 1924 he died from cancer.

MURRAY CHAPTER (Murray, Utah) – The Murray chapter heard from one of their own — **Art Bishop**. Art is from what author Tom Brokaw called “The Greatest Generation,” and Art epitomizes what Brokaw said about that generation; and that is: “As they now reach the twilight of their adventurous and productive lives, they remain...exceptionally modest.” He is modest, indeed, but full of interesting and amazing information.

In his presentation, Art talked about his ancestors, Murray City, and himself, and all very fascinating.

About Art’s ancestors: he had four ancestors that arrived in the Salt Lake valley, all settling in the Murray area between 1848 and 1861. One of those ancestors started in the Murray area living in a dugout that he shoveled out.

Murray City was founded with only 2,400 residents. The smoke stacks of Murray were built because of a law suit filed by residents against the smelters, claiming that smoke from the smelters caused sickness in their children. The students of Murray High School were first known as “Smelterites,” and originally, the colors of Murray High School were black and orange: black from the dark night and orange from the sludge that came from the smelters. The city of Murray was named after a Territorial governor—Eli Houston Murray (governor from 1880 to 1886). And lastly, the land where Murray park is now located was donated to the city, and Indian tribes used to camp along the river in that park.

About Art Bishop himself, we learned that he is 93 years old, and a veteran of World War II. During the war, he was stationed in the Philippines, waiting for order to invade Japan when word came that the bomb had been dropped on Hiroshima. Due to that, they were not sent to Japan. Art worked in education for 40 years. For the first 24 years he taught, and then he worked in administration, including being the principal of Murray High School. Art said that he walked a lot while growing up; neither his parents nor grandparents owned a car.

APPLY NOW TO SPONSOR THE 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION

We encourage the Chapters of the SUP to consider seriously sponsoring the 2016 National Convention. We expect to announce the location of the 2016 National Convention at the Brigham City Convention this year. If your chapter wants to sponsor the national convention in 2016, please submit your proposal to the Executive Council by June 1, 2015. If you have any questions, you may contact Heather Davis in the national office or any member of the Executive Council: Tom Alexander, Bob Folkman, or Jim Hurst.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER, (Ogden, Utah) – Their speaker for the evening was **Dr. Ken Alford Jr.** who spoke on the topic: Ben E. Rich – Sharing the Gospel Creatively.

Benjamin Erastus Rich was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on November 7, 1855—one of fifty-two children of Apostle Charles C. Rich.

As an adult, Ben E. Rich was described as being “nearly six feet tall, erect, with a graceful carriage. He had a handsome face, fine forehead, dark, kindly eyes, a classical nose, a firm jaw, a happy smile, a hearty laugh, and a musical voice. He was one of the most eloquent preachers of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His voice had unusual carrying power, and its friendly tone always commanded respect and attention. At open-air meetings in the large cities of the mission field he would gather throngs about him in the course of a few minutes.”

Ben E. Rich spent a large portion of his adult life in full-time missionary service. In 1880 he was called to serve in Great Britain for three years—leaving behind his growing family. On January 10, 1898, he was set apart as president of the Southern States Mission, with headquarters in Chattanooga, Tennessee. At that time there were only seven missions in the United States, and with boundaries that stretched from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes and from Texas to the Atlantic Ocean, the Southern States Mission was geographically the largest.

Ben E. Rich was released as president of the Southern States Mission in July 1908, but he was

immediately called to serve as president of the Eastern States Mission, which was headquartered in New York City. He served faithfully for five years and was released by his death there in 1913.

Ben's missionary activities resulted in many teaching tools for the young Elders. One of the most famous is the book entitled *Mr. Durant of Salt Lake City, "That Mormon."* In the preface of the 1893 first edition, Ben E. Rich explained that he wrote the book in an endeavor "to present, in plain and simple words, the faith of the Latter-day Saints, with a desire to aid and interest the young men of Mormondom, who have had no missionary experience, and fit them to make known their belief to the nations of the earth, should they be called upon for that purpose."

OGDEN VALLEY CHAPTER, (Huntsville, Utah) – Our speaker for April was **Mark Kendall** (below) who spoke to us on the subject "The Call



for NextGen Pioneers".

He outlined the qualities and characteristics of pioneers. Pioneers are: brave, bold, faithful, visionary, tenacious and innovative. They have to be for they are going into dangerous, unknown areas where

they will often have to stand on their own with little or no help.

He then talked to us about the next generation of pioneers. We live in a world that is changing rapidly as we move toward the time of the Second Coming. Technology is affecting our lives and will continue to do so, it is estimated that in 5 years, by 2020 80% of the people of the world will have a personal computing device (a smart phone) in their pocket.

What can we expect in the coming years? The Book of Mormon is written for our day and 64% of that book is dedicated to the 80 years prior to the appearance of the Savior – a pattern is set

there for what we may expect. Satan is well organized and we have got to be organized and trained, for he is attacking us on all fronts. There will be increased attacks and persecutions in the coming years and we need to be organized and trained to meet them.

He told of his son who is currently on a mission and how there are trained teams targeting the missionaries to blast them with questions and discussions that they are too often not prepared to handle. The Primary answers are not adequate anymore.

One of the things we are seeing is that the LDS Church is working more closely with other churches. If we are fighting each other, then Satan laughs. But, if we are working together in those areas where we have agreement then we can be an effective force against him.

We are the next generation of pioneers and his advice to us is to "Saddle Up!"

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, (Salt Lake City, Utah) – **Hank Thompson** from the Twenty Wells Chapter (Grantsville) delighted us on Thursday evening with his depth of knowledge about "Mormon Money".



Who would have ever thought that the Utah Settlers had so many ways to keep their commerce going? The money was issued by cooperatives, mercantile houses, associations, Bishops Storehouses, mines, and many other groups.

He showed a very few items, and explained the way commerce worked in those early years of the Territory. If you traded your livestock for flour and were due some change, it would be issued in the "currency" of the enterprise, which was good to spend with them, or possibly somewhere in the



territory, because it was recognized only here and nowhere else in the nation.

All these coins and paper can be purchased today, but at hundreds or thousands of dollars in today's currency.

TOLL-FREE NUMBER DISCONTINUED

We discontinued our toll-free phone number. To reach the Headquarters now, call 801-484-4441.

SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER, (Richfield, Utah) – Their March meeting was the 4th Grade Essay Contest winners reading their winning essays. This was again a great opportunity to learn about some of our local individual pioneers and to help the young people get involved in their own personal family history. We had the three top essays read to us by the authors (right).

1st place was **Kortni Houchin**. Kortni is the daughter of Ryan and Adrain Houchin. Kortni's essay is about Grandma Harriet Elizabeth Okerland

2nd place was **Sophi Palmer**. Sophi is the daughter of Ryan and Racheal Palmer. Sophi's essay is about her Great Grandma Emma Hurren

3rd place was **Kaci Sorenson**. Kaci is the daughter of Todd and Wendy Sorenson. Kaci's essay is about her 4th Great Grandma Elna Larsen DeLange

Kortni's essay follows:

My grandma Okerlund lived in Salina, Utah with her husband and children. The settlers were struggling to survive. They had no money and very little clothing. They lived in a sod dugout. The Black Hawk Indians were causing a lot of trouble in Salina Canyon. Two young boys went up the canyon to check on the stock when the boys didn't return their parents went to search for them. They found them floating in the river, the settlers were afraid it was the Indians but they weren't sure.

They tell stories of my grandmother's temper and her scowl was frightening. One day my grandma washed the few clothes for her young family had and hung them out to dry. She went in the dugout when she came out the clothes were gone. She knew the Indians had stolen them. She really had no choice because she had nothing to cloth her family and she was a very angry lady. She marched up the canyon and in her diary she told how she could hear the Indians singing and screaming. They were wearing war paint and she knew this was going to be bad. When she walked into the camp it fell silent, the Indians had been wearing the clothes while dancing around the fire. She made them understand she wanted her clothes back. They never went to war, the chief later told someone that the reason they never attacked was because if the men were as fierce as that "women" he didn't want to fight.



TAYLORSVILLE/BENNION CHAPTER, (Taylorsville, Utah) – The Taylorsville/Bennion Chapter celebrated their Celtic heritage with song and stories of early Celtic pioneers.



Irish folk tunes played on the tin whistle; Irish flute and Bodhran were the hit of the party. **Liz Bell, J Roseborough and Connie Tanney** provided the rousing music. Even veterans of the Navy were invited to dance a sailor’s hornpipe.

Histories of pioneers, early and modern were presented. Among those honored were Reynolds Cahoon, Charles A. Callis, Edward L. Sloan, Robert Sands, former director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Paul O’Connor, modern Olympic skier, Jayson Smyth, sprinter, holder of 10 medals from the Para-Olympics, and Alex Sharpe, a member of “Celtic Women”. All have contributed through their heritage to the growth and prosperity of their faith, through talent and hard work.

TWENTY WELLS CHAPTER, (Grantsville, Utah) – National President **Tom Alexander** spoke at their March meeting. The history he taught us puts into perspective the current weather and conditions that we find ourselves in today. At least we have water wells and Walmart — let’s count our blessings.

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UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER, (Rexburg, Idaho) – Our planned speaker did not come to the meeting, so **Harvey Jackman** set an example for the rest of us to be prepared to share some stories of our ancestors for a few minutes at the meeting.

One grandfather was born in Vermont where his father was killed by a falling tree. He married a single mother and moved to New York. There he found the Church and was baptized, two weeks later than his wife. They went to Jackson County and when the persecution got bad, they moved to Nauvoo, going through the woods to avoid the mobs. He worked on the temple in Nauvoo.

From the Meyers-Brady side, Levi Jackson worked on the doors for the Kirtland Temple.

One Great grandfather lived in Carthage, went on a mission, but died on his way home from that mission.

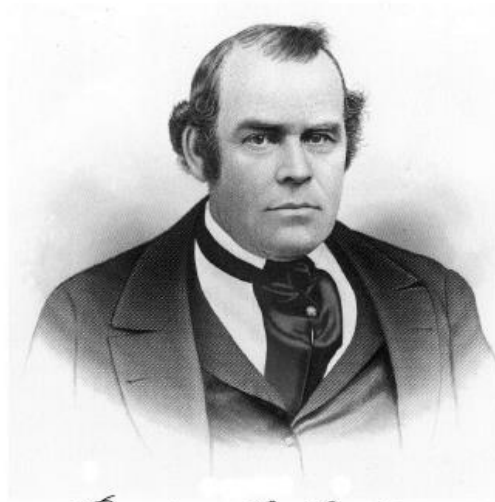
Sister Meyers lost her husband, but got her endowment in 1845 before leaving Nauvoo. She married a gentile, and came West later.

One Jackman great grandfather, very young in Nauvoo at the time of the Martyrdom, came West with a handcart company that preceded the Martin and Willey companies, and noted seeing the Devil’s Gate or Hell’s Gate that was part of that trail. He mentioned how bad the winters were in Salt Lake.

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Matthew J. Grow, “The Apostle Paul of Mormonism: The Missionary Journeys of Parley P. Pratt.” Matt is Director of Publications at the LDS Church History Department and a general editor of the *Joseph Smith Papers*. He was an assistant professor of history at the University of Southern Indiana. Along with Terryl Givens, Grow is the author of *Parley P. Pratt: The Apostle Paul of Mormonism* (Oxford University Press, 2011), which received the 2012 Best Book Award from the Mormon History Association. An earlier book, “*Liberty to the Downtrodden*”: *Thomas L. Kane, Romantic Reformer* also received the Best Book Award from the MHA. His most recent book, written with Ronald W. Walker, is *The Prophet and the Reformer: The Letters of Brigham Young and Thomas L. Kane*. He received his BA from BYU in 2001 and his PhD in American History from the University of Notre Dame in 2006. He and his wife Alyssa live with their four children in Sandy, Utah.



Alexander L. Baugh, “‘Tis Not for Crimes I Have Done’: Parley P. Pratt’s Missouri Imprisonment, 1838—1839.” Professor Baugh is a professor in the Department of Church History and Doctrine at BYU, where he has been a faculty member since 1995. He received his BS from Utah State University, and his MA and PhD degrees from BYU. He specializes in research and writing about the Missouri period of early LDS Church history (1831–1839). Alex is the author or editor of six books and he has published over sixty historical journal articles, essays, and book chapters. He is a member of the Mormon History Association and the John Whitmer Historical Association, and served as president in 2006–2007. He is the past editor of *Mormon Historical Studies* (2006–2007), and currently serves as a volume editor for the *Joseph Smith Papers* and as the co-director of research for the Religious Studies Center at BYU.



Mitchell O. Pratt, “‘I Die a Firm Believer’: The Murder, the Reaction, and the Grave of Parley P. Pratt.” Dr. Pratt, a great-great grandson of Parley P. Pratt, is a retired public school educator, an educational technologist, and Founder and CEO of The Papers Foundation whose inaugural project is to publish the writings of Parley P. Pratt beginning with his letters. Dr. Pratt is currently a faculty member at Walden University. He also holds an M.A. in Archaeology, and in 2007 was asked to organize the archaeological team to excavate the Parley P. Pratt gravesite in Arkansas. A book of this experience, “*I Die a Firm Believer... The Life, the Murder, and the Grave of Mormon Apostle, Parley P. Pratt* is forthcoming.



Robert Steven Pratt, “The Hymns and Poetry of Parley P. Pratt.” Steve is a comptroller and resource manager for the U.S. Army in San Antonio, and has had a 41-year career with the U.S. government in Utah, Europe, and Texas. He is a graduate of BYU in U.S. history, holds an MBA from Boston U., and a graduate fellowship in government studies from Harvard U. He has written many articles on U.S. and Mormon history, and resource management. He is the author of “Eleanor McLean and the Murder of Parley P. Pratt” in *BYU Studies* (1975) and “The Family Life of Parley P. Pratt,” part of *Parley P. Pratt and the Making of Mormonism* (Arthur H. Clark Co., 2011). He will be publishing several books on Parley P. Pratt’s papers and writings. Steve is a great-great grandson of Parley and Belinda Marden Pratt.



Elder Craig A. Cardon of the First Quorum of the Seventy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is a great-great grandson of Parley P. Pratt. He is assistant executive director in the Priesthood Department, and Editor of Church Magazines, along with other assignments. Prior to his call in 2006, he was an entrepreneur with multiple business interests. Elder Cardon earned a BA degree from Arizona State University and an MPA degree from the Harvard Kennedy School, where he was recognized as a Littauer Fellow. He and his wife, Deborah, have been married for 48 years and are the parents of eight and grandparents of 39.

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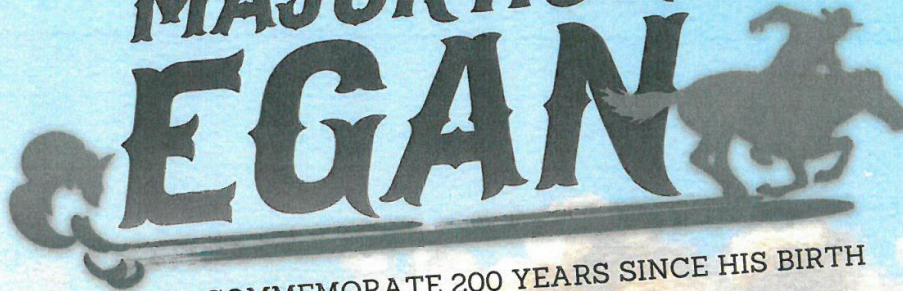
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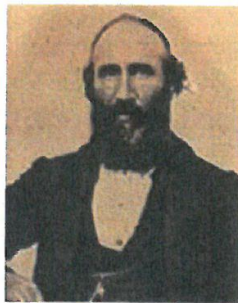
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