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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the National Headquarters as we welcome in the month of August. Although it is usually very hot, I love it for the Emancipendence celebrations, food festivals, and the joy its harvests of summer crops brings. Others welcome August for vacations, beach outings or other activities. There are, however, other interesting things about the golden-shiny month I will share.

But first let me mention three wonderful events we just experienced: SUPER DUPER Day on July 18th included an outstanding devotional at 10:00 am by The Piano Guys. The Days of '47 Sunrise Service on July 23rd in the Tabernacle at Temple Square with Elder Lynn G. Robbins of the Seventy was excellent. Many have asked for a copy of his remarks that were so very relevant for our times, you can click [HERE](#) to listen to or read his address. Last was the parade and those who participated in pulling our ten handcarts. It was wonderful and one of the best turnouts we have had for this event. Thanks to all of you that helped! We love and appreciate you. I am looking forward to pulling again next year!

Remember that online registration is still available for the upcoming 2022 [National Encampment](#) in Salt Lake City, September 8-10, 2022. It will be an outstanding event celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Saints entering the Salt Lake Valley. Please make sure you do not miss it and register as soon as possible. The registration discount ends on August 15th and a 6th tour option has been added.

Here are three historical events that occurred in August:

August 3, 1492 - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12th in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.

August 2, 1776 - In Philadelphia, most of the fifty-five members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence.

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August 2, 1939 - Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt concerning the possibility of atomic weapons. "A single bomb of this type carried by boat and exploded in a port, might very well destroy the whole port together with some of the surrounding territory." Six years later, on August 6, 1945, the first Atomic Bomb, developed by the United States, was dropped on the Japanese port of Hiroshima. The devastation was beyond imagination.

Now two wonderful events from the history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:

15 August 1840 - Joseph Smith publicly announced the doctrine of baptism for the dead in Nauvoo, Illinois. This formally opened the door in this dispensation to provide the sacred saving ordinances for our kindred dead. What an infinite and eternal blessing for them, but also for each of us.

8 August 1844 - This is a day forever marked in history for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On this day, Brigham Young stood before a gathering of Saints in Nauvoo and conducted the first meeting of what is now known as the first Solemn Assembly. The Quorum of the Twelve Apostles was sustained to lead the Church.

The meeting was the second gathering of the Saints that day, but according to historical documents, it was the only official gathering, as it was led by seven of the Twelve Apostles. Earlier in the day, Sidney Rigdon had gathered many of the Saints in Nauvoo in a grove with the purpose of having them cast their votes in favor of him succeeding the Prophet Joseph Smith as prophet of the Church. As the only remaining member of the then-dissolved First Presidency, Sidney Rigdon had made claims and moves to establish himself as leader or "guardian" of the Church in Joseph Smith's place. However, all his actions to do so were done without consulting the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

When he was about to call for a sustaining vote at this morning gathering, Brigham Young unexpectedly appeared behind the crowd of Saints and began speaking with loud authority that diverted their attention to him. Following his dismissal of Sidney Rigdon's gathering and claim to authority, Brigham Young called the Saints to gather that same afternoon to discuss the rightful succession of Church leadership. At the afternoon gathering—with "Rigdon and Young and at least seven members of the Twelve" present and with high priests

"seated nearby to the right," Seventies at the front, Aaronic Priesthood holders at the rear, elders to the right of the Seventies, and sisters to their left, Brigham Young spoke to a congregation of six thousand or more Saints. This would later be described by many Saints and Church leaders, as a miraculous confirmation of the leadership the Lord exercises over His Church.

Recalling the manner in which Brigham Young addressed the congregation that day, President Cannon, whose General Authority service as an Apostle didn't start until 1860, said that when he spoke, it was as if "Joseph had risen from the dead and again spoken in their hearing."

Later, when describing the importance of that day in helping the Church to establish the Lord's chosen pattern for the succession of prophets, Brigham Young said, "The Church was of one heart and one mind" on that day.

This day in history, though it marks a period of uncertainty for the Church, also established the beginning of a pattern set by the Lord to help relieve us of uncertainty following the death of a prophet. As was recently stated in the Church News, "Through clear process and 'firmly established precedents,' the Lord has ensured that the kingdom will continue to 'roll on' (see D&C 65:2) following the death of a Church President."

We are richly blessed to know that we have the Lord's own chosen oracle to always be at the head of His Kingdom here upon the earth.

From all of us here at the National Headquarters, we wish you the very best as we move forward in 2022. Please know that we are thinking of you, praying for you, love you, and appreciate the privilege it is to serve you. May the Lord's blessings continue to pour out upon you and all those you hold dear.

CHALLENGE: I hope you took last month's challenge and found 2-3 stories regarding your mother's grandmother on her father's side to share with your family. I found several stories about Nancy Elizabeth Chase which I will share with my children. This month find 2-3 stories about your mother's grandfather on her mother's side (one of your two great grandfathers on your mother's side) that you want to share with your children. Write them and share them.



Larry M. Gibson
2022 National President

2024 NATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

L. NATE PIERCE



I am running for President-Elect of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. I am running for this office, because of my love for this organization – what it stands for, it's values and it's mission.

I have experienced first-hand what this organization can do to increase one's love and appreciation of those who have gone before and to enjoy their legacy of hard work, resiliency, devotion to family, unyielding determination, courage in adversity, an indomitable pioneer spirit, and trust in God.

I am committed to continue the National Society's efforts to remember, honor, and memorialize these brave individuals, so that their sacrifices, adversities, dreams, and pioneering spirit will not be forgotten. Future generations need to know and admire these great souls and the legacy that they have left to each one of us.

Our Charge -- come to know them, turn our hearts to them, and preserve their legacy -- is a Sacred Trust and Responsibility. I am committed to see that we keep Faith with them and fulfill the Sacred Trust that they have passed to each of us.

As a National Society, may we unite in this effort! Remember to Vote!

LAIRD DUMMER



Generally, our ancestors have left us in a better circumstance than they had. Our indebtedness to this blessing should motivate us to respond in kind and pass the blessing on to the generations that follow. I'm grateful to be a member of The National Society of The Sons of Utah Pioneers. I fully support the new focus on

sound initiatives to help the organization grow.

I believe the most important initiatives are:

First, attract younger members. This may require expanding some current programs in a slightly different direction.

Second, develop and implement a plan to open new chapters. This can be accomplished with a coordinated plan using selected chapter presidents, AVP's and executive officers.

Third, strengthen our core values. This can be done by encouraging all members to share their ancestors' stories with fellow members as well as with their children and grandchildren.

Fourth, help SUP to not just survive, but thrive. As the President-Elect I will do just that!

Be smart - vote Dummer

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION



As you know, we have an awesome National Headquarters building. Our Building Manager is Linda Sorensen. She keeps our building and grounds beautiful, clean, organized, and makes any repairs and needed changes. She also creates and sends out membership certificates. She organizes and runs Building Clean Up Day, where members volunteer to help with building maintenance and helps keep costs down. At our most recent Clean Up Day she organized a group to rearrange the magazine room, which had gotten out of hand. She had all the magazines taken out, shelves put up, and then she spent weeks organizing and putting out magazines so they can be gathered quickly for sale. The magazine room went from nearly unusable to neat, clean and organized. With heartfelt appreciation we thank her and have renamed the room the "Linda Sorensen Pioneer Magazine Room". Thank you, Linda, and everyone else who helped put that room to rights!

Calendar of Events

NOTE: As of August 1, 2022 we are dropping the "Life Member in 10 payments" membership option. In addition, all new members may join at \$35 for the first year. The second year their dues will go to \$60. The above will be updated in the organization by-laws. All other membership options remain available.

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SEPTEMBER

2022

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

HOSTED BY THE HOLLADAY, MILLS, JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE
& SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTERS

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

We are getting close to the 2022 National Encampment date in beautiful Salt Lake City. Please sign up today to participate with us in commemorating the 175th year anniversary of the Saints entering the Salt Lake Valley. Many of you have ancestors who made that historic journey which inspired the words of one of my favorite songs ... Come, Come Ye Saints. Please COME and join us for this historical event full of great speakers, entertainment, and tours. Please sign up before August 15 for a discounted price.

Sign up before Aug 15 for a discount! Go to SUP1847.com for more details and an online application form.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you in Salt Lake City on September 8, 9, 10.

Val Parrish, Chairman - 2022 National Encampment Committee

BEGINS

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SEPTEMBER

2022 FALL FOLLIAGE TREK

10 DAY CHURCH HISTORY TOUR

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

DEPARTS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 - RETURNS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Friday 9/16	Gathering Day in Boston, MA	Wednesday 9/21	Fayette, Port Byron, Mendon, Palmyra
Saturday 9/17	Guided Tour of Boston	Thursday 9/22	Smith Homes, Grove, Hill Cumorah
Sunday 9/18	Salem MA, Topsfield & Tunbridge VT	Friday 9/23	Niagra Falls (US Side), Kirtland, OH
Monday 9/19	Sharon, Whitingham VT	Saturday 9/24	Kirtland, Kirtland Temple, Hiram
Tuesday 9/20	Colesville NY, Harmony PA	Sunday 9/25	Homeward Bound

NATIONAL NEWS

DAYS OF '47 SUNRISE SERVICE

TO LISTEN TO
ELDER LYNN G. ROBBINS
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DAYS OF '47 PARADE HANDCART PULL

THANKS TO BOB WALL & TONY TIDWELL FOR ARRANGING THE HANDCARTS FOR THE PARADE.



Everyone has stories of pioneer ancestors that have and moved and motivated our lives that can benefit us all.

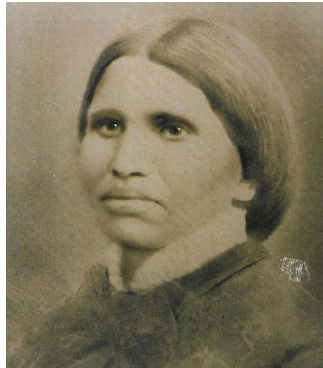


PIONEER STORIES

Please enjoy reading and submitting at: suponline.org/pioneer-stories.

CONVERT FROM INDIA: SURVIVOR OF THE WILLIE HANDCART COMPANY

Elizabeth Xavier Tait was born in Mumbai (Bombay), India in 1833. Her family was part of the nobility and she was raised in luxury and comfort. Gifted with intelligence, she entered college at a very young age and graduated when she was 14 years old. At age 19 she joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, having married an LDS convert from Ireland two years earlier. They lived together in India for several years. There they had three children, two boys and a girl. Eventually her husband, William, and their son sailed to San Francisco leaving Elizabeth behind in India due to her poor health. His goal was to reach Utah, build a house for the family, and prepare a place for them to come. He and his eldest son walked overland from California to Southern Utah and made a homestead there while he waited for his family to arrive.



Elizabeth grew anxious to be reunited with her husband and son. Sadly, during the year that Elizabeth remained behind in India, tragedy struck and her second son died there of Cholera. With only her young daughter remaining, Elizabeth grew more determined than ever to be with her husband and son. Her family in India, who were not members of the Church, begged her to stay and told her it was foolish for her to go halfway around the world and live in poverty when they could care for her and her daughter if she would only let them. Notwithstanding their pleadings and insistence, she booked passage to England and then on to America. Her little daughter, Mary, barely one year old, could not withstand the rigors of the journey and she also died en route.

In July 1856 Elizabeth was outfitted in Iowa to cross the plains by handcart with Captain James G. Willie, leader of the ill-fated Willie Handcart Company. The journey was long and hard. The handcarts were hard to pull. Elizabeth recalled a day when the company stopped for lunch along the hot trail. She and a female companion with whom she traveled, laid down to rest in the shade of a large sagebrush. They were sleeping so soundly that when the company assembled to continue the journey they did not hear the others leave. After a while

they awoke and discovered they had been left behind. Frightened, they quickly followed the tracks of the handcarts in hopes of catching up. They shouted and called but no one was in sight. Night came and it was dark. They heard wolves and coyotes howling and barking. They were afraid but they kept going, silently praying that Heavenly Father would send them aid. Eventually they came to a stream and feeling sure the company had crossed there earlier they began to call out and scream. Eventually they heard a voice from the other side of the stream. It was two men from the camp who had gone back to search for the two missing women. Soon they reached the camp in safety and how thankful they were that they had been rescued.

Early snows forced the members of the Willie company to struggle against horrific odds. Elizabeth, who herself had delicate health, suffered along with everyone else. She had thrown all her personal belongings away, including her clothes and valuable jewelry she had brought with her from India, all in an effort to reduce weight and ease the journey. Poorly dressed and lacking provisions, many in the company died along the trail. In Utah, the saints had heard of the plight of the Martin and Willie companies. A rescue party was organized to take relief to the struggling saints. Unbeknownst to Elizabeth, her husband, William, was amongst the rescuers and she was overjoyed to see him again. When the rescuers arrived with food, the starving saints were so weak that they would only allow them to eat a spoonful of food so as not to make them ill from eating. Reunited finally with her husband, he took her to Salt Lake City and they arrived on the 9th of November. She spent three weeks recuperating from the arduous journey before they headed south to Cedar City.

Elizabeth and William spent the rest of their lives in Cedar City. In her life she gave birth to a total of 10 children, seven of whom grew to be adults. Today she has a posterity numbering in the hundreds or possibly in the thousands. She became a widow in 1896 and for 18 long years she was again alone. On September 7, 1914 she died, still firm in her faith.

Moment Trek



Pony Express Station

South Facade of the Historic Tribune Building, 143 S. Main, Salt Lake City - SUP #283

"It could be said that the Pony Express was the first rapid transit, the first fast mail line across the continent," said Cindy Toone, the historic preservation committee state chairwoman for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) at the plaque dedication ceremony.

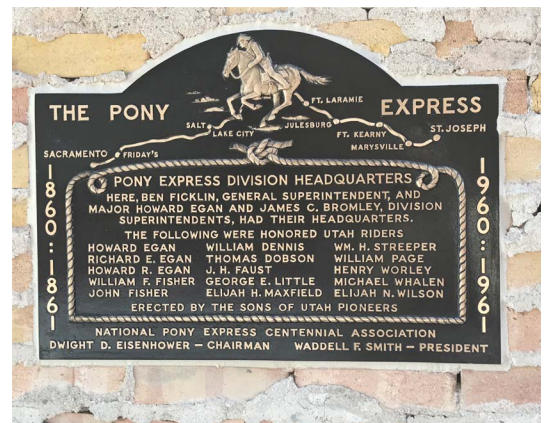
Alexander Majors, William Waddell and William Russell revolutionized the speed that information traveled in the West with the launch of the Pony Express in April 1860. They introduced a service that allowed for mail to be carried from Saint Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California – a route of over 1,800 miles – in just 10 days by a series of riders on horseback. This innovation was a major improvement from the 30 to 45 days it normally took for mail to arrive coast-to-coast, depending on steamboat or stagecoach. Where and when the Utah stations operated is a bit fuzzy only because most of the records from the time were lost well over a century ago, and they did shift around a lot, but many of the riders were boys between the ages of 11 and 17. The gig paid well for the time, riders were paid \$25 per week for carrying up to 20 pounds of mail about 75 to 100 miles.

The Main Street Salt Lake City location, the "Salt Lake House," was one of 26 stops on the Pony Express across Utah. "It was a place of resting and relaxation for the riders who rode all night and all day from Saint Joseph to Sacramento," said Kathryn Asay, the Utah state regent for the DAR.

The long two-story structure that stood here included a veranda in front and a large livestock yard in the rear. The station was known to be one of the better facilities along the Overland Trail for food and lodging. Horace Greenly and Mark Twain were among its guests.

In 1924, the Ezra Thompson Building was built on the site of the Station, one of only four high-rise buildings constructed in Salt Lake City between World War I and the Great Depression. The first plaque was placed and dedicated by the DAR in tribute to the Pony Express. Thompson sold the building to the Salt Lake Tribune in 1937. The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers placed another plaque honoring the Pony Express in 1960 for the 100th anniversary of the mail service. The National Society of Professional Journalists added a third plaque in 1971 to commemorate the Salt Lake Tribune's 100th birthday.

The Tribune Building was abandoned in 2008 and renovated in 2013 to be the new home of Neumont College of Computer Science. Contractors carefully removed the plaques, which were partly vandalized and the building's owner safely stored them until recently, when the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter of the SUP and the DAR joined together to get them refurbished and remounted on the building's south facade, which preserves the Salt Lake House's original bricks.



C H R I S T I A N I T Y

Compiled by Roland Lee

If you would like to have your chapter news printed in the Trail Marker please do the following:

1. Write-up should be one-paragraph (Less than 250 words) in MS Word or send as the text of an email.
2. 1 high quality jpeg photograph as an attachment to your email. Poor quality photos cannot be used.
3. Email to: rolandleefamily@gmail.com
4. News must be received by the 25th of each month

We cannot use PDF files nor can we extract and re-write information from your own chapter newsletters. Please have your secretaries or publicity chairmen take a few minutes and provide the information we need in the manner requested above. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAMECHAPTER

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Jerome KrumanHarmony

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

William Beesley, IIIPorter Rockwell

Mathew Bunker Mesa

Jack Terry Witbeck..... Cedar City

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Wayne Christian.....Cotton Mission

Kenneth C Colyar.....Cotton Mission

Truman F ClawsonSalt Lake Pioneer

John EnglandPorter Rockwell

Randall J Memmott Sevier Valley

Kyle PetersonBoulder Dam Chapter

David Val WoodburyCotton Mission

Nicolan Zundell WorldWide Pioneer

NAMECHAPTER

NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS

John Alan BarlowBoulder Dam Chapter

Rodney C Gardner..... Squaw Peak

Gerald Hollenback..... Temple Fork

Thomas R Lee Temple Fork

Bob Roberts..... Timpanogos

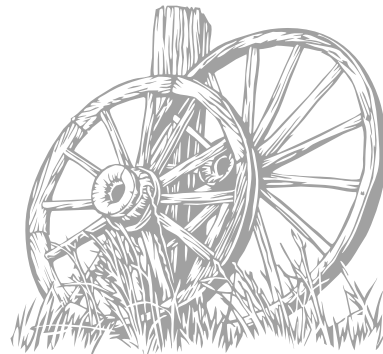
Kristopher Ryan Stewart..... Mills

Eric Strate Mesa

Nathan Carl Tenney..... Box Elder

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Laura Larsen.....Bountiful



FOR CHAPTER RECOGNITION & EXCELLENCE AWARD FORMS & OTHER CHAPTER RESOURCES, CLICK HERE.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



In July we celebrated Pioneer Day with a town meeting held in the Rock Church at 9am. President Larry Brough of the Cedar City Utah Temple was the guest speaker.

We also honored the fourth grade pioneer essay contest winner Brianne Perkins who read her winning essay.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah

The Cotton Mission Chapter took a break in July, but look forward to our August 23 dinner meeting featuring anthropologist Diana Call. Diana got her start as a museum professional building an exhibit for the Museum of Anthropology at Utah State University before graduating with a B.S. in Anthropology in 2006. She then went back to USU and earned her M.S. in Archaeology and spent four years hiking throughout Utah on pedestrian surveys.

Eventually, she made her way to southern Utah and has been at the St George Dinosaur Discovery Site since 2016. She is currently serving on the Utah Museums Association Board as the President, on the Utah Museums Advisory Board through the Utah Division of Arts and Museums, and on the Arts to Zion Board promoting arts and museums in Washington County.

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



Don Hinton



Dane Leavitt

JUNE'S EVENT: Our dinner meeting in June was wonderful, with a lot of food and great company. Our speaker was Don Hinton, a native of Hurricane who now lives in Washington. His presentation was on John Nock and Emma Spendlove Hinton, who originally came from England in 1861. They met on the ship coming across the sea and were married 3 days before landing in New York Harbor. They made their way to Salt Lake City, then volunteered to come to Dixie Mission, where they settled in Virgin, Utah. They moved to Hurricane in 1909 to be with the rest of their family who had helped to settle the community. They had 11 children,

5 boys (4 who lived) and 6 girls. John worked as a finish carpenter in the St. George temple for a year. He lost his furniture tools and new furniture store to a fire. There is so much more that could be said, but this will have to suffice. The meeting was very informational, and Don did a wonderful job delivering their story!

JULY'S EVENT: Thursday, July 21st, at 6:30 p.m. we met at the American Legion Hall for a pot luck meal and speaker, Dane Leavitt. He is the President of Leavitt Real Estate investment Company, and has served as a stake president, area authority seventy and as a mission president in Johannesburg.

LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah



On the morning of Saturday June 18th, twenty-two members from the Lehi chapter left on the FrontRunner to Ogden Union Station. While there we visited four museums. The first was the Utah State Railroad Museum. We were able to walk into a variety of old train cars outdoors such as a mail car, and some hospital cars used for the military around the 40s. We were also able to enjoy the indoor exhibits about the history of the railroad. The John M Browning Arms Museum featured a large collection of all types of guns ranging from the giant machine gun to the very small replicas, some only a few inches and all were actually capable of firing. The guide was

able to tell many interesting stories about the Browning family. The Kimball Classic Car Museum was home to many old cars restored to prime condition, and the Cowboy Western Heritage Museum featured many items and pictures that belonged to Utah's favorite cowboys, cowgirls, and rodeo royalty. We enjoyed all the exhibits and each other's company, especially that of one of our members, DeLoss Eggleston, a 94 year old WWII veteran who traveled up by car with his son and daughter-in-law. It was a neat opportunity to have him there with us. After seeing the exhibits we had lunch at the station, and then returned on the FrontRunner.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah



Food Store in Wallsburg



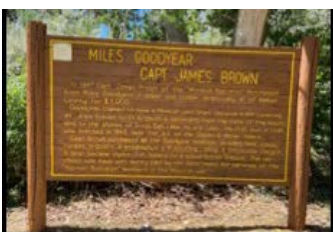
Students of Wallsburg Central School

The Mountain Valley Chapter held their monthly Chapter meeting on 27 July 2022, at the Wasatch County Senior Center in Heber City, Utah. The guest speaker was Dr. Kraig Ford. Kraig is a retired dentist living in Midway who was raised in Wallsburg. Mr. Ford's ancestors were some of the early settlers of "Round Valley" now called Wallsburg. Kraig has researched and created a PowerPoint presentation about Wallsburg called "The History of Wallsburg".

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Old Monument



Restored Monument

One of our local monuments was in need of repair and refurbishing. The Miles Goodyear and Captain James Brown monument located near the Riverdale City Offices was in shambles and the message was illegible. The Chapter's Monuments Committee took it upon themselves to do something about it. One of the members of the Monuments Committee, D. Edgar Allen, (Chapter President - 2020) enlisted the support of several family members and they all jumped into action. In swift order there was a marvelous resurrection of this monument. The monument was weather worn, the lettering was chipped and faded, and rather than being an informative

attraction, it was an eye sore and a distraction from the beauty of the area. Look at the difference after the Allen Family's efforts to rehabilitate this wonderful monument. The inscription is now readable and the monument is as good as new. People are now stopping by it on a regular basis and taking the time to read about this important aspect of our local history. As a Chapter and as a National Society, we "Thank You" Ed and your wonderful family. We know that you didn't want any attention given to you and your family, however, this is a generous action and deserves some acclaim and thankful attention.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah

A reminder to everyone to sign-up and attend the September 8-10 National Encampment – The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers (sup1847.com). This event replaces our September 8th Salt Lake City Chapter meeting. Scholarships – the committee has indicated that it will not limit the scholarship funds to the Alternative High School students, if you know of students who wish to further their

education either in college or community college, or a trade school, and need some additional funding, whether or not they are related to you, please give Dil Strasser (scholarship committee chairman) a call and he can get an application form to you. If lack of funds is preventing anyone from furthering their education, please encourage them to submit an application. Dil Strasser 801-581-1544

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Kenneth Mays

We want to thank everyone for their assistance in another successful Days of '47 Sunrise Service. For those who were unable to attend we hope you will join us next year.

There will be no August Luncheon for the The Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter, but we are pleased to help several other chapters in this year's [Encampment](#) in Salt Lake City. Regular Luncheons will resume in September:

When: Wednesday, Sept. 14th at Noon.

Location: Thomas S. Monson Center Carriage House, 411 E. South Temple (rear building of the complex).

Cost: \$25 per person.

Speaker: A retired Seminary and Institute teacher, Kenneth Mays has been photographing Church history sites for more than 35 years. In addition, he has diligently sought out and photographed sites throughout England where the King James Bible was translated, as well as many other sites of historical significance. Kenny has contributed historical images to dozens of books, magazines, journals and films.

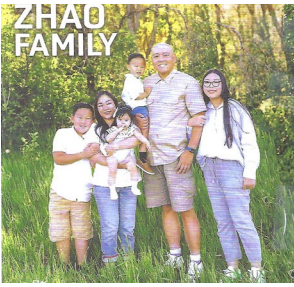
Click [HERE](#) to see all of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter's upcoming events and watch past luncheon presentations.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter had a great meeting in July. We had our area vice president Kyle Andersen give us an update on things happening with the National SUP. We then had the privilege of listening to the Days of '47 Royalty. They are very talented and an inspiration to all. Each of them gave a brief history of one of their ancestors. Then each of them performed for us. The Queen is Caroline Johnson. She performed a couple of Scottish dances for us. She is currently attending BYU, where she is pursuing a degree in Art History and Curatorial Studies with a minor in Nonprofit Management, she plans to graduate in December. Caroline has a passion for Highland/Scottish dancing, and is the creator of the "Dance Around the World" program. The First Attendant is Anna Johnson. She provided a few musical numbers on the violin. Anna is currently attending Weber State, majoring in Interior Design, Technology, with

a double minor in Violin Performance and Professional Sales. Her dream job would be creating interior designs for temples and to work with a nonprofit organization to design and provide housing for homeless veterans at no cost to them. The Second Attendant is Arielle Cline. She performed a flute number and also sang a number for us. Arielle is a student at BYU with a full-ride academic scholarship, where she is pursuing a Flute Performance Major, which will allow her to become a classical musician, and Physician Assistant pre-requisites. Arielle has toured with, "Three Reds", a classical crossover music group in Mexico, Japan, Taiwan, Hawaii, California and New York City. All three of them sang together for us "Until We Meet Again". Everyone in attendance enjoyed the evening. We had many people from the community there with us and are hoping on gaining new members from those that attended.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Temple Fork chapter was honored with the testimony of Corey Zhao. He and his family have immigrated from China where he was a Convert to the Church and became a Branch President and was in the area leadership. He was scrutinized continually by the Government, suffering threats continually. He was from Qingdao & his wife from Singapore. They were married in Shanghai. Their children

are Jacie, Timothy, Elija and Brooklin. Corey is with "iFit" health and fitness Electronics and Vicky is CEO and owner of Rehab Equipment from China, trading all over the world. Corey was in the Logan Chinese Branch Presidency and now on the High Council of Logan East Stake. He gave a wonderful powerpoint presentation on China and his family history.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Susan Easton Black

Timpanogos Chapter held their dinner meeting on July 21, 2022 in the American Fork Senior Center. The guest speaker was noted historian, Susan Easton Black who gave a presentation about the interesting life of Martin Harris. Sister Black presented amazing details about Martin Harris that many people are not aware of. He had many positive experiences. Martin was born on April 6, 1830, the same day the Church was organized. We know he led a group to Kirtland. He was one of the first to be ordained to the office of High Priest. We know he paid his debt to the Grandin Press. We know he gave the first money to Bishop Edward Partridge to "Buy Zion." He was probably the richest man in the Church early on and he was very generous. As one of the

three witnesses, he took part in calling the original twelve apostles. Martin had his faults. There were troubles in his marriage to Lucy. The issue with the 110 pages of the Book of Mormon was a major problem for him. He was in and out of the Church but never denied his testimony as a witness. Martin is the only one of the witnesses to come to Utah. He resided in his final years in Clarkston, Utah with his son Martin Harris, Jr. Martin passed away at the age of ninety-two. Sister Black expressed how she felt about Martin Harris. She was overwhelmed by Martin's comment when he looked over Salt Lake Valley, "Who would have guessed the Book of Mormon could have done all of this."

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho

This month's featured program was the Pioneer Fireside held on July 24th, 7:00 p.m. at the Rexburg North Stake Center. This annual fireside has been a summer anchor to our program for many years. The program for the last four years has honored and featured various segments of our community: in 2017 we featured the educators of the community, in 2018 the farmers and ranchers were honored, in 2019 we featured the merchants, and in 2021 we recognized the health care providers. This year's theme was "The Pioneer and Pioneering First Responders." The speakers represented the various groups of first responders. Jared Willmore (Deputy Sherriff)-Law Enforcement talked about the lessons he had learned through his years in law enforcement, especially to both sides of the community. Troyce Miskin (Deputy Chief)-Fire Department spoke about the valor and dedication of the

fire fighters he had known. The final speaker was Michel Walker, who represented the EMTs and paramedics. Joseph Law then presented 59 recipients with a Heritage First Responders Certificate of Appreciation. Of special note, Janice Harrop and Alan Brower were recognized for their role in establishing the paramedic program in Rexburg from 1985 to 2003. Janice's leadership of this program at Ricks College and BYU-Idaho paved the way for many of the local firemen and paramedics to be successful in their careers in our community. 175 attended the fireside, notably Elder Packer, Area Authority and Mayor Jerry Merrill of Rexburg. For the youngsters, the best part of the fireside was the cold chocolate milk and chocolate-chip cookies. Even the older attendees at the fireside enjoyed the refreshments.