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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the National Headquarters as we welcome in the very important month of September. It signals the end of summer, the beginning of autumn, for the young ones, the start of a new school year, and for the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers the beginning of our new year where I will be released as the National President and John Clayton will assume the responsibility of directing this wonderful organization as its new National President. It has truly been an honor to serve for the past twelve months and I hope to be able to rub shoulders with you for years to come.

I hope you are fully registered and ready to attend 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. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Here are some other important dates to remember that occur during the month of September:

September 5: Labor Day

September 11: Grandparents Day and Patriot Day commemorating the lives of those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Virginia and those who perished when the hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania.

September 17: Constitution Day celebrates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution which occurred on this date in 1787.

September 22: Autumnal Equinox.

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. This month is when our beloved prophet, President Russell M. Nelson will turn 98 on the 9th of September.

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And, here are some additional dates that represent important events that occurred in Church history.

September 21-22, 1823: Moroni visits young Joseph Smith five times.

September 22, 1827: Joseph receives the gold plates from Moroni.

September 17, 1846: The remaining Saints in Nauvoo are driven out in the Battle of Nauvoo.

September 24, 1860: The last of the pioneers to cross the plains by handcarts arrives in Salt Lake City. Ten companies came by handcarts between 1856 and 1860.

September 23, 1995: The "The Family: A Proclamation to the World" is presented at the annual Relief Society general meeting.

From all of us here at National Headquarters, we wish you the very best as we continue forward in 2022 under John Clayton's leadership. Please know that we are thinking of you, praying for you, love you, and appreciate the privilege it is to serve you. I especially want to express appreciation

for the tremendous blessing it has been to serve as the National President for this past year. It has blessed my life richly. Thank you and may God bless you all, always.

CHALLENGE: I hope you took last month's challenge and found 2-3 stories regarding your mother's grandfather on her mother's side to share with your family. I found several stories about Willard Heber Banks which I will share with my children. This month find 2-3 stories about your mother's grandmother on her mother's side (one of your two great grandmothers on your mother's side) that you want to share with your children. Write them and share them. When you complete that challenge you will have created twelve short personal histories of twelve of your ancestors! What a wonderful accomplishment for you and your family. Thank you for taking this twelve month challenge. I hope it has been a meaningful experience for you.



Larry M. Gibson
2022 National President

8-10

SEPTEMBER

2022

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

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

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)



The countdown is on! ... for the 2022 National Encampment in Salt Lake City!

We will be meeting at the Sons of Utah Pioneers National Headquarters (3301 E Louise Avenue, Salt Lake City). We have wonderful speakers and entertainers, along with some great meals to enjoy together.

All tours on Friday will depart from and return to the Canyon Rim Stake Center (3051 S. 2900 E. Salt Lake City). Lunch on Friday will also be served at the Canyon Rim Stake Center.

We welcome you to Salt Lake City and to 3 days that commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Saints entering the Salt Lake Valley.

BEGINS


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SEPTEMBER

2022 FALL FOLLIAGE TREK

10 DAY CHURCH HISTORY TOUR

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)



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.

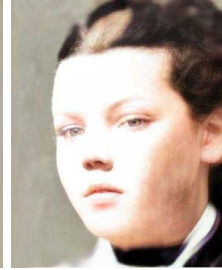
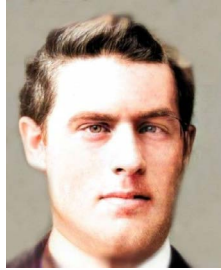
CROSSING THE GREEN

BY RICHARD D. KIRKHAM, PIONEER STORIES VP

Although 175 years ago it was a surging torrent from spring until after mid-summer, the Green River in Wyoming generally flowed moderately in late summer and autumn. That was a blessing for pioneers bound for Utah who typically arrived there in late summer and early autumn. Low water typically allowed wagon trains to ford the river, thus avoiding the expense and delays of ferry crossing. Several good fording places dotted the banks of the Green River from where the bridge is now on Highway 28, continuing downstream for seven miles. Trail variants connected the main road to crossing points. Low banks and a gravelly bottom made certain places ideal for driving wagons and herding livestock across the river.

After crossing the Green, the emigrants and freighters rejoined the road which ran down the west side of the river. In times of high water, fording could be dangerous. Some invited disaster by attempting to ford when the current was too strong. The river swept people, wagons, and animals downstream. Wagons sometimes capsized. Drownings were not uncommon. Horses or oxen occasionally lost their footing, toppling riders or wagons.

The river was extremely cold in late autumn. To prepare for fording, the emigrants sometimes raised their wagon beds and coated them with tar to keep the contents dry. Usually people rode in the wagons while the animals hauled them through the water, but some handcart emigrants pulled their two-wheeled vehicles across. Joseph Oborn, a 46 year old convert from England traveling with the Willie Handcart Company, was among those fortunate enough to survive their horrific ascent up Rocky Ridge and the bitter cold nights at Rock Creek Hollow until the rescue teams reached them from the Salt Lake Valley. He was able to continue another 81 miles, but sadly he died of cholera at Lombard Crossing on October 30, 1856. He was buried there in a blanket on the banks of the Green River. Recalling that heart-breaking day many years later, his wife, Maria said, "My dear Joseph died at Green River, Wyoming. Half our dream died there. Our company arrived in Great Salt Lake Valley on 9 November 1856, six months after leaving England. We had left 74 dead along the way." She became a widow in Wyoming and later settled in Union, Utah.



Today one can retrace with great precision the actual trail that Joseph and Maria used as they crossed Wyoming along with tens of thousands of other Mormon Pioneers and other settlers as they marched on their westward migration. The desert along Highway 28 is still so undeveloped, desolate, and untouched that you can clearly make out the wagon ruts and the trail stretching out for miles heading west toward Utah in many places. Interpretive markers memorialize landmarks and unknown graves of emigrants. Here the Mormon Trail, the California Trail, and the Oregon Trail are one.

The Green River rushes south from the bridge at Lombard Ferry on Highway 28 on its way to Flaming Gorge. Few people stop, but if you pause to contemplate how you might get across that river if there were no bridge there, you would see it like the pioneers did. The river is formidable. When you look downriver about 250 yards on the right bank you see a wooden ferry sitting on the west side of the river. The ferry was built by Forrest Cramer of Pinedale, Wyoming 25 years ago for the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail. The ferry was last used on July 6, 1997 to transport several wagons across the river. It sits on the exact location where an earlier one, much like it was used 175 years ago. It is a very accurate reproduction.

Walking down the path toward the ferry, you can listen to the rhythms of the water as you look across the river at the grove of trees on the left bank. You can almost hear the shouts of men struggling to get their wagons, families, animals and goods across the river and the calls of women as they watch out for their children. Imagine, if you can, how tired they would have been from traveling so many months, with over 1,000 miles of trail behind them and another 200 miles of rough travel yet to go. The Green River may not have been the welcome site for them that it is for us today as we unknowingly cross the river on a beautiful, modern structure hardly noticing the water obstacle flowing beneath us, but cross those waters they did, and we are the beneficiaries of their efforts. The same can be said regarding the bridges of faith that our ancestors built for us with such pain, sorrow, sacrifice and diligence. May we be ever true to the faith that our parents have cherished.

Monument Trek



Pingree Ferry Monument

A SUP MONUMENT OF GREAT US HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

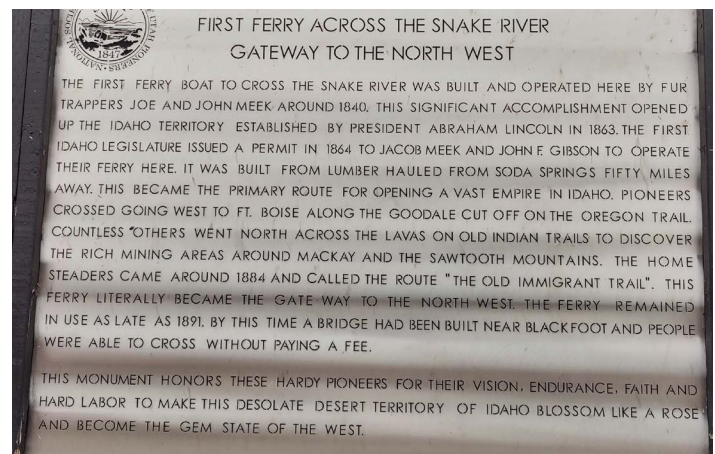


The first ferry across the Snake River provided a gateway to the northwestern part of the country for thousands of pioneers and settlers. This site is memorialized by a SUP monument (site #245) at Pingree, Bingham County, Idaho. The monument is located near the boat landing site at the north end of Tildon Bridge in Pingree (GPS: N43 07 38.1, W112 30 54.4 elevation 4437 feet).

The ferry was built and operated at this site by fur trappers Joe and John Meek around 1840. This significant accomplishment opened the Idaho Territory established by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. The first Idaho Legislature issued a permit in 1864 to Jacob Meek and John

F. Gibson to operate their ferry here. It was built from lumber hauled from Soda Springs fifty miles away. This became the primary route for opening a vast empire in Idaho. Pioneers crossed going west to Fort Boise along the Goodale Cut Off on the Oregon Trail. This ferry literally became the gateway to the northwest. The ferry remained in use as late as 1891.

The SUP monument erected by the Grove City (Blackfoot Chapter) honors these hardy pioneers for their vision, endurance, faith and hard labor to make this desolate desert territory of Idaho blossom like a rose and become the Gem State of the west.



CHURCH NEWS

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

NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS

Riley James Cook WorldWide Pioneer
 Robert Dunn Box Elder
 Richard Fuller Mills
 Tory Mathis WorldWide Pioneer

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

William L Baker Brigham Young
 Michael T Corier Box Elder
 John Enslin WorldWide Pioneer
 Hans Flink Ogden Pioneer
 David Williams Settlement Canyon
 Ray Anderson Temple Quarry
 Phillip H Schow Eagle Rock

NAMECHAPTER

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Mark Dalton Dunn Porter Rockwell
 Steven S Nelson WorldWide Pioneer

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Edward M Bunker Timpanogos
 Lorimer T Christensen Salt Lake City
 Thomas G Meecham The Mountain Valley
 M Russell Miller WorldWide Pioneer

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Jeanene B Morgan Squaw Peak



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

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo / Orem, Utah



We enjoyed a delicious al fresco dinner at the Provo Pioneer Village on Thursday, August 18. Highlighting the evening was the presentation of the Modern Pioneer Award to Mike Nielson, an SUP member and key member of the volunteer corps that keeps the Pioneer Village running. Mike has been an instrumental part of the Village for several years. He has repaired roofs and stovepipes, maintained buildings and artifacts, designed and set up a pioneer-era woodshop, built handcarts and given rides to over 3000 people, taught woodworking and pioneering skills to countless visitors, and with his vision, humor, and energy, made enormous contributions. Mike is truly a modern pioneer, and richly

deserves this recognition. The Provo Pioneer Village, the venue for this meeting, allows visitors to experience the life of the pioneers in the early days of Provo. The Pioneer Village contains original structures built by these pioneers, including two log cabins, an adobe home, a granary, school, woodshop, corn crib, outhouse, and more. The Pioneer Village also contains an ox shoeing stock, a garden, various pioneer wagons, a working blacksmith shop, authentic mercantile general store, pioneer games for the children, and a wide variety of historical artifacts and tools. The Brigham Young Chapter sponsors the Village, which is administered, maintained, and staffed by a dedicated team of volunteers.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Come and Get it!



Kevin Kilcoyne & Roice Nelson

On a beautiful Saturday morning we held our annual breakfast at the Mesa Hills Chapel pavilion on Leigh Hill in Cedar City. Once again Ken Munford and his able crew of helpers arrived early and cooked a delicious hot breakfast. A good size crowd showed up to enjoy the lovely morning and the delicious food. Following the breakfast Kevin Kilcoyne and Roice Nelson led us on a trek of local monuments. Roice was available in Cedar City and Kevin in Parowan to help trekkers customize their own tours using information available on their smartphones. Roice and his monument committee have been in the process of documenting our local monuments

and putting that information on the SUP website as well as the Southwest Heritage Center Historical Society website to provide immediate online access to information about each monument. They have documented 67 monuments so far. To access information about the monuments they are adding QR codes to each monument so that any smartphone can pull up background information on the monument in real time as the monuments are visited. This information is also available at the following web addresses:

Cedar City Monuments click [HERE](#).

Parowan Monuments click [HERE](#).

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Diana Call

The Cotton Mission Chapter held their dinner meeting August 23. Diana Call, executive director of the St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site was our speaker. Diana Call got her start as a museum professional at the Museum of Anthropology at Utah State University before graduating with a B.S. in Anthropology in 2006. She 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. Thousands of

dinosaur tracks are found in the museum which was founded in 2005. It all started when Dr. Sheldon Johnson, a local optometrist was leveling a hill on his property and discovered the first dinosaur footprints. He opened up the site to the public and within a few months, trained paleontologists from around the state, plus hundreds of volunteers, helped uncover thousands of fossils. In 2005, the St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm opened its doors and has served over 500,000 visitors.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah



Martha Hughes Cannon Statue



Tiffany Green

The Mountain Valley Chapter held their monthly Chapter meeting on 18 August 2022, at the Wasatch County Senior Center in Heber City, Utah. The meeting was held to celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. The guest speaker was Tiffany Green. Tiffany is a freelance writer and historical researcher, and also is the education director for Better Days, a nonprofit dedicated to popularizing Utah women's history. She holds a BA from the University of Utah in secondary education with a history emphasis. Tiffany did a masterful job with a PowerPoint presentation about the history of the suffrage activities in Utah and the United States. Tiffany also described how Martha Hughes Cannon was an important leader in the fight for

women to vote. Tiffany described the events to have the bronze statue of Dr. Cannon placed in the Statuary Hall at the US Capitol Building in Washington D.C. Dr. Cannon made history 125 years ago as the first female state senator in Congress. Martha's statue by local sculptor Ben Hammond is currently in the Utah State Capitol awaiting transport to Washington D.C. The statue should make it to our nation's capital this year. A smaller version of the statue is crisscrossing the state as part of the traveling "Legacy of Leadership" exhibit. This meeting was co-sponsored by the Heber Valley Company of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and the Heber City Historic Preservation Commission.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Ogden Family Search Center

The Featured Speaker for the August Luncheon of the Ogden Pioneer Chapter was Scott C. Richards. He and his wife, Tina, are the Directors of the Ogden FamilySearch Center. FamilySearch is a non-profit organization with over 5,100 family history centers in 140 countries. It is the hub for genealogy software including: temple ordinance research tools, digitized images, stories, sources, etc. The Website includes: temple appointments and cards, research tools, access to documents, family history activities, indexing, family history consultant tools, and much more. There are also mobile phone apps that can be downloaded to your smart phones for ease of access to all of these resources. They are a highly valued resource for image acquisition and serve as an

Indexing Center. The FamilySearch Center has many research tools available to patrons: 11.5 Billion searchable records by name), 6.5 Billion searchable images (census records, church records, newspaper items, government documents, maps, etc.) In their data bases they have thousands of individual family trees (Pedigree Resource File, IGI, AF, and other programs.) They have an extensive catalog of books, microfilm, microfiche - all available at the Family History Library and/or digitally on-line. If you don't know how to get started on researching your ancestors, they have over 100,000 articles and videos produced to show you how to get started. After the Chapter Luncheon/Meeting members were given a tour of the Center.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Kenneth Mays

We are pleased to be cosponsoring this year's National Encampment with several chapters in the in the Valley, September 8-10. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

The week following the Encampment, we will be returning for our regularly scheduled luncheons.

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.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



*Ashley Jackson
VA Scholarship*



*Callie Middleton
PV Scholarship*

Timpanogos Chapter held their dinner meeting on August 18, 2022, in the American Fork Senior Center. This was Scholarship Honor Night. Several of the Chapter Scholarship Recipients came with their parents as guests. Scholarship funds were raised to award seven senior students in three high schools a \$1000 Pioneer Values Academic Scholarship. Creative Arts Scholarships

were awarded to eight graduates totaling \$2,400. Scholarship winners are graduates of American Fork High School, Pleasant Grove High School and Lone Peak High School. Timpanogos Chapter also has a Utah State Essay Contest for 4th Grade students in six elementary schools, who claimed \$680 of award dollars. A wonderful way to honor future pioneers!

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Kirkham Autos



Spudnik Plant

This month a great TREK was part of our month's activities. Here are some of the highlights of the TREK: Thirty-one members and spouses traveled to Historic Pocatello and visited the Bannock Historical Museum which featured the history of Pocatello and the Shoshone Indian tribes. Adjacent to the museum is the Fort Hall Replica which has been built to size and accuracy. We watched a short video about the Fort and its history – most of us have never known the details about how this site was so important to the Oregon Trail travelers. Our lunch was in a beautiful park just a block away from the museum. Our next stop after lunch was the original ZCMI building in Pocatello. It still stands and is situated on the

former main thoroughfare that ran through the business section of Pocatello. In the basement, the owner of the building, Mr. Kirkham, has created a museum of restored cars and historical artifacts – a whole floor of fun and memorable automobiles and cultural items which brought back memories to all of us. Finally, we traveled to Blackfoot to the gigantic Spudnik plant where potato machinery is made – everything from crossovers to giant harvesters. We were introduced to the newest technology of manufacturing and assembly. We saw everything from steel-cutting lasers to acres of parts that are assembled into technical marvels to harvest potatoes.