

August 2017

The Salt Lake City Chapter of The Sons of Utah Pioneers Chapter News

This is the day of the "Eclipse" - Enjoy!!

Next Meeting: September 7, 2017, 7:15 p.m. -10th Ward Chapel



Our speaker will be Ted Brewerton whose topic is the Christian beliefs of the Native Americans who were first encountered by the Catholic Fathers when they came to the Americas.

Elder Brewerton is a former member of the First Quorum of Seventy, now Emeritus status. He chaired the committee which created the Church edition of the Spanish Bible; has served as a Regional Representative, Stake President, Executive Administrator for Brazil and the Mexico North Area, in the area presidencies of the Mexico/Central America, South America South and North America West areas, and president of the Mexico City Temple.

He is a true Mesoamericanist, having spent much of his life studying the cultures of that area, has acquired originals and copies of many of the ancient Mayan documents, and the Book of Mormon Archeological Forum has published a 7- page book of all of his presentatins which include the subjects of "The Catholic Chroniclers and the Book of Mormon", "Archaeological Scholars Support 3 Nephi without knowing its contents", Giants and How They Relate to the Elmec and Jaredite Cultures of the Same Period", and "Serpent Symbolism and It's Relationship to the Book of Mormon".

October Activity - Thursday, October 5, 2017

Chapter Trek - Union Station Foundation - October 2017

FOUR MUSEUMS • TWO GALLERIES • ONE HISTORIC TRAIN STATION



[This event replaces our normal monthly meeting at the 10th Ward Chapel]

We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the North Temple Station parking lot, and Mike Reed will make up a map to hand out at the September meeting showing where that parking lot is located. The Front Runner train will depart at 10:00 a.m., and takes about an hour to run to Ogden. We will tour the museums and eat lunch at the complex or on 25th South, where there are many restaurants available. I will also include the map with the next newsletter, so if you are not at the September meeting, you will have access to it.

The [Ogden Historic Train Station](#) - The four museums are the John M. Browning Firearms Museum, the Utah State Railroad Museum, the Utah Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, and the Browning-Kimball Classic Car Museum. The Senior price for the Museum is \$4 and Frontrunner is \$2.50 roundtrip.

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Here are some notes and information which Mary Ellen Elgren talked about. (Provided by Briant Jensen)

Hiram B. Clawson (Mary Ellen's relative) was a close associate of [Brigham Young](#) and for many years served as his business manager. He also was involved in the building of the [Salt Lake Theatre](#) and was often a performer in its plays. Clawson was also for a time manager of the theatre.

Clawson assumed the duties of office clerk for President Young and supervised the President's private business affairs, a post he occupied for many years. Clawson initially managed President Young's private store, but in the spring of 1865 he ended that affiliation and purchased the partnership interest of William H. Hooper of the firm Hooper and Eldridge. As junior partner, Clawson traveled frequently to the east coast as the purchasing agent for the firm. Clawson and Horace S. Eldridge dissolved their partnership in 1868, selling their merchandise to the newly incorporated Zion's Co-Operative Mercantile Institution. At the same time, Clawson was appointed general superintendent of Z.C.M.I and continued to travel as a purchasing agent for the new enterprise. He retired from his post in 1873, but resumed the position eighteen months later when his successor, William H. Hooper, resigned. Z.C.M.I occupied its present day location on Main Street during this second term.

One of Hiram's children was [Rudger Clawson](#) who was a member of the [Quorum of the Twelve](#).

Almost half the funds used to build the Salt Lake Theatre were obtained "in a very unusual manner, thanks to Uncle Sam. Johnson's army, doing detail duty in Utah, had very large supplies when they were suddenly ordered East" to fight in the Civil War. Before the army's redeployment, the government auctioned off large quantities of supplies, building materials, and foodstuffs. Brigham Young sent Clawson to the auction as his agent with four thousand dollars in gold to "buy the things we most needed." As Clawson recounted in a 1907 address to the Daughters of Utah Pioneers:

I found building material, glass, nails, tents, sugar and other groceries, and many necessities. I was cordially received and favored by the officers. . . . I made my purchases as instructed. Tents with cook stoves that sold in New York City for \$12 or \$15, I bought for \$1, nails worth \$40 a box for \$6, and other things in proportion. From the sale of a part of the things that I purchased, which realized \$40,000.00, and with nails, glass and other building material, so conveniently provided, the building of the Salt Lake Theatre was made possible.

Few were surprised when President Young selected Clawson as the first manager of the Salt Lake Theatre. Clawson quickly secured a site for the new theatre—on the northeast corner of First South and State Streets. In addition to the funds obtained through the sale of military surplus, it is reported that President Young also used funds that had previously been set aside to build a Seventies Hall in Salt Lake City. "We have a large fund on hand," President Young is reported to have said, "for the erection of a Seventy's hall, but not enough to build such a hall as I want for the Seventies; so we will use that fund to help build the theatre, and when we get the theatre running we can pay back the Seventy's hall fund with good interest, and in that way the Seventy's will get their hall sooner than if they started to build it now."

The theatre's foundation was laid in July 1861, and the walls had been raised by October. The building was enclosed by Christmas and completed in March 1862. The theatre was built entirely of timber, stone, and adobe, and the finished cost was over one hundred thousand dollars.

President Young took an active role in the operation of the Salt Lake Theatre. After it opened, he attended as many rehearsals and performances as possible. He reportedly even used his private carriage to take actresses to and from the theatre to help them avoid opportunities for embarrassment and annoyance

As Utah's economy struggled in the depressed 1920s, Mormon Church president Heber J. Grant announced his intention to close the building. For Grant, who had attended productions from his youth and once had owned the building as a trust for the church, the decision was not necessary. For other Utahns, however, the announcement was a violation of pioneer heritage.

National Calendar

- [National Convention](#) - Centerville, Thursday, September 14 - Saturday, September 16, 2017

<p>2017 Centerville SUP National Convention You're the Winner Pre-Tour Information</p> <p>ECHO CANYON FORTIFICATIONS and SACRED PLACES Back to the 1840s www.youthofutah.org/echo-canyon-1840s</p> <p>Antelope Island State Park, Utah (7:00) www.youthofutah.org/antelope-island-state-park-utah</p> <p>LDS CHURCH HISTORY MUSEUM Interactive Exhibits at the Church History Museum (5:00)</p> <p>Hill Aerospace Museum Hill Aerospace Museum at Hill AFB near Ogden (7:00)</p>	<p>2017 Sons of Utah Pioneers National Convention September 14-16, 2017 Sponsored by Centerville Chapter</p> <p>Building Pioneer Strength for Tomorrow</p> <p>Tasty Meals Lunch Dinner</p> <p>4 TOUR CHOICES Guest speakers Entertainment</p> <p>Echo Canyon to Salt Lake City Hill Aerospace Museum</p> <p>Church History Museum Hill Aerospace Museum</p>	<p>Sons of Utah Pioneers 2017 National Convention September 14-16, 2017 Sponsored by Centerville Chapter</p> <p>Convention Schedule</p> <p>Thursday, September 14 8:00 am Registration and Convention Check 8:30 am Opening Convention, Welcome, and Welcome Dinner 9:00 am 1st Day Registration 9:30 am 1st Day Report from Convention Center 10:30 am Lunch at Convention Center 1:30 pm 1st Day Report from Convention Center 8:00 pm Dinner and Entertainment</p> <p>Friday, September 15 8:00 am 2nd Day Registration 8:30 am 2nd Day National Convention Meeting 9:30 am 2nd Day Report from Convention Center 10:30 am Lunch at Convention Center 1:30 pm 2nd Day Report from Convention Center 8:00 pm Dinner and Entertainment</p> <p>Saturday, September 16 8:00 am 3rd Day Registration 8:30 am 3rd Day National Convention Meeting 9:30 am 3rd Day Report from Convention Center 10:30 am Lunch at Convention Center 1:30 pm 3rd Day Report from Convention Center 8:00 pm Dinner and Entertainment</p> <p>Registration Fees: Please complete, clip-out and mail to Centerville SUP at P.O. Box 5222, Centerville, Utah 84302</p> <p>Conventions - Please Print out for one person</p> <p>Registration Fees: Please complete, clip-out and mail to Centerville SUP at P.O. Box 5222, Centerville, Utah 84302</p>
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- Thursday, Sep 14, 2017 - Saturday, Sep 16, 2017 - **National Convention in Centerville, Utah**
- Friday, December 1, 2017, 6:00pm - 9:00pm at National Headquarters - **Brighams' Christmas Ball**

National Quick References

- [Pioneer Magazine](#) - Quarterly
- [Trail Marker](#) - Monthly Newsletters
- [Monuments](#) - Historical Monuments and Markers