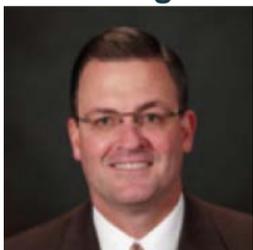




Chapter News - January 2017

Program - February 2, 2017 - 7:15pm - Tenth Ward Chapel



Jeffrey D. Meservy will again be our speaker on Thursday, February 2, 2017, sharing more about the Pioneer Trail as he did last year in April when he visited our chapter.

Brother Meservy is Director of the Taylorsville Utah Redwood Institute of Religion, Seminaries and Institutes of Religion, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has been in charge of the "Pioneers Trails Workshops" for the past 5-7 years.

In his presentation in April he recounted how Brigham Young announced in the October 5th, 1856 General Conference that those stranded "must be brought here", then much more about the efforts of many parties leaving the east and those sent from Salt Lake to assist.

This time Brother Meservy will be choosing a subject to his liking about life on the Pioneer Trail.

Brother Meservy was raised in Centerville Utah, served a mission in Rosario Argentina, attended Ricks College, then received a degree from the University of Utah in Political Science, a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Utah, and a Juris Doctorate from Concord University School of Law. He is married to Lorinda Mitchell and they have five children. He loves to be found often on the pioneer trail.

On the 12th of January 2017, in the Church News, Brother Meservy was announced as the new Mission President of the Chile Santiago North Mission.

Program - March 2, 2017 - 7:15pm - Tenth Ward Chapel



Margaret Young of BYU is in the English Department, Humanities, University Writing. She teaches as an Adjunct Professor. She has been very involved in researching the stories and history of the black members of the church.

She has cooperated with a team of eight members to form a website named BlackLDS.org where they have posted articles, histories, news, and testimonies of the black members of the church from the earliest days. You can find there some fascinating [videos](#) about them.

This will prove to be a wonderful evening, as sister Young is an excellent speaker/presenter.

Our January 5th speaker was Ryan Combs



Ryan Combs - Church History Specialist, Church History Library

[Mormon Missionary Database](#)

Ryan works in the LDS Church History Library, currently managing the Early Mormon Missionary Database, of which he spoke to us this evening. This database can be found at this link above, and ought to be checked out. After his presentation I used it to look for the missionary who baptized an ancestor in 1842 hoping to locate where my ancestor was living at the time. I did not find what I was specifically looking for, but did find much information which will help to complete the picture.

A sister in our ward is working on this project and she told me they are reconciling this database with the FamilyTree in FamilySearch. The first time I looked for the missionary I found 3 references, a week later there were ten, showing they are very actively working on this project.

Ryan attended BYU to study History and Biblical Hebrew at the University of North Carolina--Greensboro for a Masters in Library Science. He and his wife Elizabeth live in Provo with their three children and another baby on the way in February.

Other News

National Events		
All National newsletters. Trail Marker	National Headquarters Clean-up Day Saturday, May 6, 2017 - 8:00am - 12:00pm - lunch will be provided, including a special birthday cake.	National Symposium Saturday, May 13, 2017 - 1:00pm - 5:00pm - Title: Pioneer Legacy. Additional details to come.
SUP/DUP Day This is The Place Heritage Park, Monday, July 17, 2017 - 5pm - 9pm	Days of '47 Sunrise Service , Monday, July 24, 2017 - 7am - 8am - Days of '47 Parade 9am -12pm	National Convention Centerville, Thursday, Septem 14 - Saturday, September 16, 2017

The Pioneer Magazine

The latest issue was mailed, you should have received yours. [Pioneer Magazine](#)

Monuments

There are supposed to be 450 monuments on a list maintained by the National Committee and they now have 389. Two members, L. Steward Radmall and Mark E. Walker, are tracking them, and trying to assess their condition, get the GPS coordinates for each one assign them to chapters for oversight and upkeep. They do not know the location of the 61 monuments, and would enjoy input from anyone if something is known about those missing. Our Chapter is assigned 5 monuments, 2 have been surveyed, and we need to track down the other three. [Monuments](#)

Sustaining Heritage Membership

National promoted six months ago a mechanism whereby members can sign up to support contributions to The Sons of Utah Pioneers through a steady monthly transfer from their bank account to National SUP, ranging from \$10 to \$100 a month. If one chooses the \$10 per month plan, it will cover the national dues and provide a \$70 donation to SUP each year. As a "perk" for this membership category, there will be provided special registrations to selected SUP programs during the year. National reports the success of this membership category is encouraging and eventually can make unnecessary the funding drives of the past. The forms are available through David Smith or the National office.

National Conventions

The next two years are committed, 2017 – Sponsored by the Centerville Chapter September 14-16, and 2018 – Sponsored by the Cedar City Chapter. If our chapter were interested and would like to sponsor one in a coming year, we can send our proposal to the National Office for their consideration.