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FOREWORD

Hubert Howe Bancroft, early historian decided to write the history of Utah in one of its most controversial periods. To do justice to the work he needed a great deal of the material held in Salt Lake City by the Mormons. Without their help the work would have been useless. Thus he appealed to everyone to send him any and all information that they might possess. He promised to bind it for preservation and use it wherever he found the material pertinent.

"This then, is the point; fair-minded men who desire to see placed before the world a true history of Utah, cannot more directly or thoroughly accomplish the purpose, in this generation at least, than by placing within my reach the material necessary for the building of such a work." ¹

This appeal got the backing of President John Taylor and the council of twelve, and men throughout the territory were admonished to write the history of their immediate vicinity.

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Credit for this undertaking goes to John M. Belnap who has carefully nurtured it from start to finish.

1. H.H. Bancroft to James Dwyer of Salt Lake City, Jan 12, 1880.

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BIOGRAPHY

Joseph Stanford served for a number of years as home missionary and Weber Stake Historian, and after the organization of the Board of Directors of the Weber Stake Academy in 1890 he was a Director and Secretary of the Board, assisting in the erection of the Academy building.

In 1868 he entered the employ of the Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution at Ogden as head salesman, and remained there until 1873 at which time he embarked in business for himself, opening a store on 5th Street, now known as 25th Street.

During his residence in Ogden he served in many prominent public positions both politically, socially and ecclesiastically. He was early elected to the city council, serving one term as councilman, and three terms as alderman, the last term officiating as Justice of the Peace.

He was for ten years school trustee, and during seven years of the time acted as Chairman of the Board. During this time the Ogden City Schools were made graded schools; the Central school was built and the intermediate, grammar and academic departments were established. The school houses throughout the city were used for the primary departments for the children up through the third grade. He was indefatigable in his efforts for the advancement of education, and Ogden took the lead in the Territory for the first graded school system, much of the credit belonging to Mr. Stanford.

In 1879 he was elected County Recorder for four years, and in 1889 was reelected for two years.

In 1888 the Territorial Legislature appointed him a member of the Committee on Territorial Capitol Grounds, which position he held until statehood as clerk of the board.

In 1894 he was elected and served for the second time as a member of the department in the Territorial Legislature. He was chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and served on a number of others.

In 1896 he was appointed bookkeeper in the financial department of the Secretary of the United States Senate.

In 1900 he received the election of County Commissioner for Weber County, and was at the time Chairman of the Board.

In 1894 he taught the classes in the Weber Stake Academy in theology, physical geography, literature, history and the art of public speaking.

He was one of the company who secured the franchise and put in the first water system of Ogden.

Mr. Stanford was married in England to Elizabeth Young, by President Asa Calkin, on May 20, 1859.

Ten children were born to them, five of whom are living. While en route to Utah the first child, Joseph, died at Bridger, Wyoming, at the age of seventeen months.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford were a devoted couple and were loved by all who knew them. They were not separated in death, for they died within three days of one another, had a double funeral and were buried side by side in one grave February 16, 1909.



JOSEPH STANFORD

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Ogden City Weber County Utah Ter

Was first settled by a person by the name of Miles M. Goodyear who by virtue of a Spanish grant made to him A.D. 1841 by the Government of Mexico claimed a track of land commencing at the mouth of Weber Canyon, and following the base of the mountains North to the hot springs, - thence west to the Salt Lake - thence South along its shore to the point opposite Weber Canyon - thence east to the place of beginning.

Mr. Goodyear built a picket fort, and a few log houses near the Weber river about 80 rods from the large sand mound. At this fort said Goodyear was living with a few mountaineers and half breed Indians when Captain James Brown a "Mormon" Pioneer on the 6th day of June 1848 entered into negotiations with Mr. Goodyear and finally purchased of him for the sum of Three thousand dollars all of the land claims and improvements recognized by Mr. Goodyear by virtue of the Spanish grant -

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The land extended 8 miles north and south and from the base of the mountains east to the shores of the lake on the west.

In the spring of 1850 - President B- Young and others laid out the present City. The reason for selecting this site was the rich and fertile land laying between the two Rivers the Weber and the Ogden - besides good water power and facilities for irrigation.

March 5th of this year a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints was organized - designated the Weber Branch, over which Elder Lorin Farr was appointed to preside. On the following day (6)th a Ward organization was effected with Isaac Clark Bishop and a regular set of officers for the direction and guidance of the people composing the Ward. A

military organization had been previously (1st Feby) made with Cyrus C Canfield Captn and F. Durfee First Lieut - In the fall a few families settled here from Salt Lake City and quite a number from different parts of the States. A double log house was built in Brown's Fort by donation

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for school and meeting purposes. The Indians were very Jealous and hostile in their feelings. Settlers had to Fort up and use great vigilance in protecting themselves against these native savages. Lorin Farr built the first grist mill 1 1/2 miles from Ogden Cannon. He also built the first saw mill in the same locality.

In Jany (26) 1851 The settlement had grown - prosperity had attended the labors and efforts of the people, and it was deemed necessary by the presidency of the Church to organize the County into a Stake of Zion over which Lorin Farr was appointed President - who chose for his Councillors R. Dana and David B. Dillie. A High Council was organized composed of 12 High Priests. The City was divided into 2 Wards 2 Bishops and Councillors appointed to preside over them. A company of Cavalry was formed C C Canfield Capt also a Company of Infantry - F. Durfee Capt and subsequently in the same year a Regiment was organized C C Canfield elected Colonel and B. W. Nolan Adjt - This same year Ogden City was

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incorporated by the Legislature and a Charter given, and in Oct (23) (20) The first Municipal election was held Lorin Farr Mayor, Gilbert Belnap Marshall, David Moore Recorder - 4 Alderman, 12 Councillors. William Chritchellow Justice of the peace.

Washington Postal Department granted the petition of the people was established an office in Ogden - Isaac Clark postmaster. In The early part of this year (Jany) David Moore was elected Major of Cavalry and

B. F. Cummings Capt of Co A and J C Thompson Capt of Co B (Cavalry).

Population greatly increased and to protect themselves from the Indians the people build a Spanish Wall around the City at a probable cost of Forty Thousand dollars - amount raised by taxation On the completion of this Wall the Indians became more reconciled and peaceably disposed - 1854 The First regular appointed Board of School Trustees Act by appointment from the City Council David Nelson, Edward Farley, Josiah Wright -. A small City Hall built by James Brown. -- (5)

In Novr 1856 City election held Lorin Farr reelected Mayor. In the fall of this year 2 additional Bishops Wards are organized, also 2 School Districts. The Trustees of the Second - A. Allen L. J. Herrick and James Owens build a School House. A Tabernacle is built (on what is known as Tabernacle Square) under the supervision of A. Allen, & C. W. West seating capacity - about two thousand (persons) 7 Miles of road is built up the Ogden Cannon at a cost of \$50,000 Several saw mills are erected along this line of road furnishing a vast amount of Lumber, Shingles, and other building Material facillitating a rapid growth of both City and County.

April 5 1857 The Ogden Irrigating Canal Company under the supervision of I. N. Goodale complete their Canal providing a supply of water to irrigate a large area of land at a cost of \$22,000 - the length of Canal 5 miles.

Feby 14 1859 L. Farr is reelected Mayor of the City, also in 1861 another School House is built in the City under the direction of Trustees J. A. Jost I. N. Goodale and Josiah Leavit -

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Spring of 1862 Chauncy W. West is called to go on a Mission to Europe he leaves his Bishopric (of the 3 Ward) in the hands of his Councillors James McGaw, and F. A. Hammond Richard Ballantyne organizes a Sabbath School and appoints Robt McQuarrie Suptnt. - Lorin Farr builds a new Grist Mill.

The City is increasing in numbers and new settlements are formed in different parts of the County.

At the election in 1863 L Farr is again elected Mayor and several changes occur in electing new members of the Council. C. W. West returns from his mission and is appointed by the Presidency of the Church presiding Bishop of the County. He retains his Council McGaw & Hammond

The several Wards of the Church in the City and County are reorganized as Districts and Presidents put to preside in lieu of bishops.

1865 Lorin Farr elected Mayor Thomas G. Odell succeeds David Moore as City Recorder Mr. Moore as acted in this capacity a number of years. 1866 General Chauncy West and Co

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build a large rock Grist Mill 4 run of Stone on mill creek 1 1/2 miles north of the City - 1867 Randall Pugsley & Co. build a Woolen Factory at the mouth of Ogden Cannon. Built a rock of substantiel building. Cost \$60.000.

The company commence the manufacture of Jeans, Linseys, and other domestic woolen goods under the management of A. Randall.

1869 (My 5) Several Sabbath Schools having been organized in different parts of the County Robt McQuarrie is appointed superintendent & Thomas Doxey succeeds him in the direct change of these schools in the City.

March 3rd at 20 min. past 11 A.M. The Union Pacific track layers hove in sight. At 2 P.M. the first Locomotive Steams into Ogden City. Flags unfurled A Gala day - Grand Ovation! At 5 P.M. a Procession Forms, and marches from tithing Office with banners "Hail to the Highway of nations" - "Utah bids you Welcome!" etc etc Speeches were made by Hon's F. D. Richards L. Farr Col J. C. Little, Major Blair, A Minor Esq and others.

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Ogden and vicinity as contributed considerable labor and supplies towards the construction of the two roads U. P. and C. P. Some of our leading men L. Farr & C. W. West took large contracts and the people generally took a lively interest in seeing the means developed whereby they could span the great desert waste of lands and become connected with the world East and West.

May 17 (of this year 1869) Ground was broke for the Utah Central Railroad to Connect Ogden with Salt Lake City.

Prest George A. Smith offered a prayer. Prest Brigham Young removed the first sod followed by Prest's G A Smith D H Wells Hon. Wm Jennings and Citizens Company Organization Brigham Young Prest Wm Jennings Vice president, John W. Young Secretary, D. H. Wells Treasurer, Jesse W. Fox Engineer. B. Young Wm Jennings F. Little C. Layton & D. H. Wells Directors.

1870

Chauncey W. West Dies in San Francisco and is brought home to Ogden to be buried, a large and influential circle of friends attend his funeral. The leading (MARGINAL NOTATION: In the spring of this year 1869 Apostle F. D. Richards was sent by the Presidency of the Church to preside over in interests of the Church

and people in this County - and at the sitting of the Legislature he was appointed Probate Judge which position he has continually filled by the voice of the people at the Polls. A man eminently fit for the position.)

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Members of the Church from S. L. City. Mr. Wests health had been poor for some time - he sought relief in the atmosphere of the West It proved to be of no benefit. He was a man of energy and force - Kind and generous. Was much loved and respected by the people.

In Feby L. J. Herrick was appointed by the Presidency of the Church to the Bishopric of Weber County the office being vacant by the death of Bp West.

Bishop Herrick selects Walter Thomson, and David M. Stuart as his Councillors April 7 A mass meeting held in the Tabernacle to express the feelings of the community with regard to the "Collum Bill" Resolutions protesting against it were passed.

Walker Bros from Salt Lake City open a large merchandise establishment.

The "Ogden Junction" A newspaper Edited by Franklin D. Richards one of the twelve apostles - was started - it being the first paper published in the interest of the people in this County

The enterprise was undertaken by Mr. Richards who succeeded in organizing

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a stock company for the management and support of the paper - Called the Ogden Publishing Company April 20th C. W. Penrose Esq is made associate Editor with Mr. Richards in the management of the Paper. From 1870 to present date 1880 It was published semi-weekly Oct 1871 A daily was started in connexion with the semi-weekly ("still continuing" is crossed out in the original) Both papers are still continued by the same name but

under a different management. In 1877 the old company sold out to Mr Richard Ballantyne who run the Paper for about one year when he sold to the present company - a number of young men (mostly printers) who have organized themselves as the "Junction Printing Association" with Joseph A. West (son of the late Bishop West) as their President and business manager - The paper has a wide circulation in the City and County as well as in all parts of the Territory Henssey Dahler & Co. open the first Banking house in Ogden May 1870.

May 28 the first train from the Atlantic pass through Ogden to San Francisco. Excursion party (11)

the Boston board of trade.

June 4 Woodmansees new Theater opened. Joshua Williams and Co open an extensive lumber yard. July 9 & 10 Two days meeting are held in the Tabernacle by Prest B. Young & Council. The 16th of this month Rev. J. L. Gillogl arrives to take charge of the episcopal church

Aug. 1st Territorial elections result in nearly a unanimous vote for the "peoples Ticket." 1871 Early this spring considerable excitement over mining prospect - a mining district organized S.S. Higginbotham recorder

(April 23) In July a severe visitation from Grasshoppers doing immense damage to Orchards and Grain fields. In August grading is commenced on the Utah Northern to extend to Logan - a narrow gage road In Sept an Agricultural Fair is held in Woodmansees Hall

Jan'y 1872 Profr O. L. Fowler deliveres a Lecture in the Tabernacle on Phrenology

In Oct D. H. Peery Esq purchases from Wm Jennings the rock grist Mill on Mill Creek. Aug 9th 1873 Terrible conflagration ten stores tottally destroyed.

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Aug. United States observatory established under Lieut Wheeler

Feby 9, 1873 Municipal election L. J. Herrick elected Mayor.

The railroad Companies are making considerable improvement and employing quite a number of men to run their trains and to work in their yards - giving quite an impetus to building and general improvements in the town. Z.C.M.I. mercantile establishment is doing an immense business - it has continued to grow and increase rapidly since its establishment in 1869.

In 1875 at the Feby election L. J. Herrick is re-elected Mayor of the City. The City and County join in the cost of the construction of a new bridge over the Ogden river at a cost of about Eight thousand dollars during his mayoralty. In 1875 in Novr W. W. Burton resigns the position of County Supt of Common Schools L. F. Monch Esq is appointed by the County Court to fill the position. Mr. Monch was elected to the office at the ensuing election and has held the office up to the present time.

(MARGINAL NOTE: (one line bound in, illegible. . . takes a . . . interest in. . .) the young people of Ogden City - By bringing them together often in the City Hall and having Lectures delivered to them on Scientific Literary and Theological subjects. Organizes them into a society from which have sprung the young men and young womens mutual improvement societies all over the Territory.

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July 4 1876 the centennial anniversary of the nations independence is celebrated in a manner becoming the occasion by a large Procession in which all trades, callings & professions were represented. Suitable orations, and speeches were delivered by our leading citizens.

The 24th (of July) was also celebrated in a similar manner out of respect to the day when the Pioneers first entered the valley of Salt Lake.

In Sept of this year the City was visited by small pox. The affected parts of the City were quarrantined by order of the Mayor, L. J. Herrick, and City Council; several persons died, and business was almost paralyzed for a time. By the end of the year however after cold weather set in the disease broke up. In Feby 1877 Lorin Farr was elected Mayor of the City resulting in the election of almost entirely a new ticket for members of the City Council.

Sunday May 27 of this same year The Presidency of the Church and several of the Twelve from S. L. City (14)

visit and hold a two days Conference in the Ogden Tabernacle. When David H. Peery as the choice of Prest B. Young is appointed Prest of the Weber Stake of Zion with Lester J. Herrick and Charles F. Middleton as his Councillors.

Several changes are also made in the Church government in the various Wards of the County. Heretofore Presidents had the presiding charge - under the present arrangements those appointed to preside were ordained Bishops.

In 1878 Messrs Dooley & Orth Bankers with Mr. Stevens build a three story brick block on the East side of Maine street - a bank and 3 large stores. There are now 2 large banking houses. Three that may be said to be exclusive wholesale stores doing about one million and a half of business annually, 12 large retail houses General mdse, doing a business probably of Five Hundred thousand a year. 2 exclusive Hardware stores. 3 Large Drug stores, 4 Lumber merchants (15)

6 machine and waggon establishments 2 stationer stores

2 Furniture Houses 4 Milliner Stores beside 2 music stores Harness Shops 5 Produce dealers with large warehouses doing considerable shipping business, and a large number of petty dealers of different kinds.

In Feby 1879 Lester J. Herrick was elected Mayor of the City and a new set of Alderman and Councillors (save one Councillor) was elected. The Council last year (79) built a sewer along Main and fourth street at a cost of about eight thousand dollars to drain the water from the foundation of houses, and to provide for cellars. It was also done as a sanitary measure as the water is very near to the surface of the earth. It proves a decided success.

1880. The County and City have joined together to build a bridge over the Weber River near the Utah Central Railroad Bridge. Contracts are already let to be completed in December at a cost of 16 thousand Dollars.

(MARGINAL NOTE: 1879. A new L D Saint Meeting house built in the second Ward cost about 8 thousand. New Central School House also erected will be finished this fall at a cost of \$17,000.)

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The City is now putting in a reservoir on Court house hill to collect the waters of several little springs, which will be conveyed in pipes to Main street - one or more hydrants will be put in and the water will be otherwise directed and controlled to be used for the extinguishment of fires on our business streets. A portion of which will be also utilized for one or more Public drinking fountains.

Z C M I are now building a large 3 story (besides a 14 feet basement) Brick Store which will probably cost from 50 to 75 thousand dollars.

Ogden is a lively fast growing City. Is the Junction of 4 Railroads the Union and Central Pacific, the Utah Central and the Utah and Northern Railroad. Contains a

population according to present census report of six thousand inhabitants -

Besides the "Mormon" Tabernacle and the second Ward Meeting houses The Episcopallians, Methodists, Catholic, & Presbyterians, each have a church established (of their own)



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Ogden City Description of
Brief Historical Sketch of the
Settlements in Weber County.

By Joseph Stanford

Ogden City, Utah Terr. 1880

Brief Historical Sketch of
The Settlements in Weber County

Lyne

Is situated 2 miles north of Ogden City, a portion of the people live within the City limits. Present population (1880) 496 souls is strictly an agricultural district. It was first settled in 1849 by Captn James Brown and others. In 1852 the First School House was built. In 1855 a Fort wall was built 120 x 60 Rods, 6 feet thick 12 feet high it was however never entirely finished as in the fall of this year Prests. B. Young Heber C. Kimball and others advised the people to break up and move to Ogden as Lyne was not considered a suitable place to build up a large City. The greater portion of the people took the advise tendered and moved into Ogden. Those remaining were left in charge of Thomas Richardson. Every year however added a few families to their number in the settlement until 1856 and 1857 when all the able bodied men where mustered into service in the Militia under General C. W. West to assist in repelling the invading forces ordered by the Government against the "Mormons" - arrangements of this same character were made throughout the entire County and in the spring of 1858 the move south took place only a few remaining to guard property or to destroy it in the event of the hostile forces gaining an entrance into the valley. In the fall the people returned Peace being made between the Army officers, Government officials, and Pres't B. Young. In 1860 the settlement was reorganized A School District formed and in 1861 a School house was

built R. E. Baird Josiah Parry and Lewis Hardy Trustees. In 1863 a Branch of the Church was organized and R. E. Baird appointed to preside In 1866 a Post Office established In 1867 another school House built. 1868 a Female Relief Society organized by Bp West - in 1869 a Young Mans Mutual Improvement Society organized. In 1877 a Ward organization effected by elders F. D. Richards, Erastus Snow and others. Daniel F. Thomas was appointed Bishop

The settlement still remains under this organization - A new Brick neatly finished school House was erected last year. A good School in almost continous session - An excellent Sabbath school exists and general prosperity and peace prevail.

"SLATERVILLE"

A few families located here in the spring of 1852, others joined them in 1853. In the fall of this year on account of trouble with Indians the settlers moved into Lyne (commonly designanated Brigham Fort) but returned in 1854 In the summer of 1855 a large increase of settlers. A regular organization of the Church had been made by the Stake authorities. Thomas Richardson acting as president. In 1861 a School District was organized E. W. Smout, Thomas Thomas, John Hudson - Trustees who built a school House at Cost of \$950⁰⁰₁₀₀. In 1862 a Sabbath School was organized Edwin W. Smout Supt. 1864 organized as a County precinct Thomas Richardson Justice of the peace. In 1871 a new school house built - cost \$1050 - It was subsequently and unfortunately burn down. Another new one was erected in its place at a cost of \$1100⁰⁰ In 1877 John A. Allred was ordained a Bishop and appointed to preside - he still retains the position. Like all other settlements It has maintained a steady growth from its first organization until the present time. It numbers about 400 souls - The same organizations exists as in all other settlements for the promotion of peace and harmony and for the developement of educational moral and social interests.

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HARRISVILLE

Is a settlement situated about 5 miles North and a little west of Ogden City. It was organized as a school district in Dec 1860. 1863 A log school house was built and the first school opened and conducted by a lady by the name of Potrell. Settlement was composed at this date of twelve families when it was organized as a branch of the Church Nov 15 Lyman B. Shurtliff was appointed President. May 14, 1865 a Sabbath School organized with 20 pupils Martin H. Harris Supt 1866 (Feb 25) Shurtliff resigns and Daniel B. Rawson succeeds to the presidency of the district. 1867 a new school house 22 x 32 is erected - built with adobies. 1869 Precinct organization Ezra Chase Justice of the Peace. In 1871 a Post Office was established.

In 1877 P. G. Taylor was ordained a Bishop and appointed to preside in the place of D. B. Rawson. It is a settlement composed of some 60 families. 582 souls who command a comfortable living by following agricultural pursuits.

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PLAIN CITY

Was first settled in 1858 and was organized into a branch of the Church 1859 Wm W. Raymond president. In 1860 a school District was organized and the first school house built of logs under the Trustees John Spiers, Alonzo Knight and Wm Vandyke. In 1859 a County precinct organization Abraham Brown Justice of the peace. 1866 a Sabbath School organized David Booth Supt. No particular events or changes occur until 1870 when Elder Raymond resigns the position of President and Lewis W. Shurtliff A very promising young Elder who has just returned from a mission, and a resident of Ogden is appointed to succeed him.

In 1877 Elder Shurtliff was ordained a bishop and still retains the presiding charge of the settlement. A new and convenient School House has been built. The people are prosperous A steady increase in population The settlement is noted specially for its extensive culture of the strawberry and is very productive in all other kinds of fruit and vegetables

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NORTH OGDEN

Is located north, and east, at the base of the mountains 6 miles from Ogden Is probably the largest settlement in the County. Was first settled in the spring of 1851. Every seasons emigration since that period has contributed to increase its population. Thomas Dunn in 1851 was chosen as president which position he filled until called on a Mission in 1863 to Bear Lake Valley, when Elder Henry Holmes was chosen to take his place.

First log School house built in 1852 In 1854 a new school House built 24x34 by Trustees C. Dunn, F. G. Clifford, and Iaac Biddle. In 1864 a Sunday School organized 75 to 100 Schollars - in 1867 an adobie House with gallery 24x32 was erected. Several changes have taken place in the local government of the settlement

The present Bishop Amos Maycock was appointed in 1877. The people are in a prosperous condition. They have two regularly organized District Schools 2 Sabbath Schools. Female Relief and Mutual improvement societies. Are now building a commodius Meeting House The settlement presents a cultivated and prosperous appearance. Its present population is 956.

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RIVERDALE

Is a small settlement 2 miles south of Ogden City Was first settled in 1858 and organized into a School District It now numbers 32 families 228 souls Sanford Bingham Bishop Is in a very prosperous condition As a family community the people may be said to be in good circumstances -- no poor among them. They pride themselves in having good day and Sabbath Schools And the same organizations exists that we find in all other settlements for mutual improvement the cultivation of intellect and the developement of all that is good.

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EASTON

Is about 8 miles from Ogden on the line of the Union pacific railroad at the mouth of Weber Cannon. A few families located here in 1852, a branch of the Church organized and A. Wadsworth appointed Bishop. In 1855 The first school house built of adobies under the direction of Trustees D. Osborne. B. Bybee and A. Stoddard. A County precinct organized Byran Bybee and A. Stoddard. A County precinct organized Byran Bybee Justice of the peace. In 1866 a Sabbath School was organized under the direction of Saml Dye. A few families every year more or less up to the present date have been added to the settlement. Several changes have taken place in the government of the people. In 1867 Ira N. Spaulding was appointed to preside He still retains this position having been ordained Bishop in 1877.

Several Railroad employees live in the settlement - hence the population is nearly one half "Gentiles" - They have a neat little school House, Good Orchards and farms.

The area of available land does not admit of a large settlement

Present population 293

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MARRIOTTSVILLE

A settlement embracing about 1400 acres of land was settled in the fall of 1850 by three families. Moses Tracey built the first dwelling house - a double log building on what is commonly known as Brooms Bench. They had considerable difficulty to preserve their stock from wolves, and bears, at this period as the Country around was covered with timber, brush, and heavy wild grass. The settlement being located on the Ogden River about 3 miles N West of Ogden. The Indians under Little Soldier and other chiefs were quite numerous, and often impudent and mischevious. From 60 to 100 lodges and about 200 Warriors

In 1854 several families moved into the settlement among them John Marriott (after whom the settlement was named) who was appointed to preside.

In 1863 The District was reorganized and Simon F. Halvorson appointed to preside. 1864 First School House built (of logs) Sabbath School in 1867 Thomas Wadsworth Supt. Elder Halvorson continued in this position until May 77 when James Richie was ordained a Bishop and appointed to preside. About 40 families 245 souls - They have organized and in good working order a Female Relief Society - Sabbath School - Young Mens & Young Ladies Imp't. association A good adobie School House.

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HUNTSVILLE

Was settled in 1860 by Jefferson Hunt & family - hence the name - A branch was organized in 1861 and Elder Hunt appointed to preside. 1862 Precinct organized - Joseph Grover Justice of the Peace. A log school House built. 1864 a Sabbath School organized James Markham Supt In 1865 F. A. Hammond succeeded J. Hunt, in the presidency and has retained the position up to the present time being ordained a Bishop in 1877.

The settlement lies east of Ogden about ten miles travel up Ogden Canyon - Contains a population of 790. Altitude high, and very cold in consequence of early frosts it is difficult to raise wheat - Oats, Barley, and Potatoes are the main products. It is a good grazing County - Plenty of timber in the mountains, and the people derive considerable revenue from the sale of lumber shingles & ties (for the railroads) A large and commodious School House. The principal school teacher is employed by the year who furnishes his own assistants Like all other settlements a good Sabbath School exists and Female Relief and mutual improvement associations

It is mostly settled by Scandinavians a hardy, economical, and industrious people. They are now erecting a comodius meeting house at a probable cost of 8 thousand dollars

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EDEN

Is located in the same little Valley as Huntsville As a population at the present time of 300 persons Was first settled in 1864 by a few families among them Richard Ballantyne who was appointed to preside over the settlement.

In 1866 a School District was formed and a school house erected - This same year a Sabbath school composed of 60 schollars was organized. Mr. Ballantyne moved into Ogden and Jonah Ferrin was ordained Bishop in 1877 and appointed to preside over the Ward Bp Ferrin still retains the position

HOOPERVILLE

Was permanently settled in 1869 with Gilbert Belnap President. A School District was formed and school house built by the Trustees. A Sabbath School organized with 72 students Jesse Fowers Supt. A county Precinct established this same year Wm Secrist Justice of the peace. Gilbert Belnap was ordained Bishop in 1877 and still retains the charge of the district.

It is probably the youngest settlement in the County but has been of more rapid growth than any other. There are now probably 100 families and some 7 or 8 hundred persons. It is situated on the shores of the Lake west from Ogden and on the southern boundary line of the Co. In fact the line runs nearly through the Centre. The above referred to over which Bp Belnap presides is in Weber the other half in Davis Co. making two separate civil, and Church governments in the one settlement.

Bp. G Williams presides over the Davis County portion. Although thus divided their interests are one. It is a good grain raising district. Large quantities of salt are gathered from the shores of the Lake, and immense quantities are brought to market and shipped off to different points bringing quite a revenue to those engaged in the business, and a source of benefit to the entire people. The same organizations exist for mental culture, social improvement as exist in all other districts.

In settling this district a great deal of hard labor and expense has been incurred in making a canal from Weber River to convey water for irrigating purposes - a distance of at least 30 miles at a cost of \$60 thousand dollars.

WEST WEBER

Is a settlement some 4 to 7 miles West of Ogden. The people are very much scattered. Excellent farming land, a portion in the river bottom very rich. Good orchards. Two School Districts. It was first settled in 1859 and was then known as Brownsville or McFarland's settlement.

Several families of this name had located here. It was organized as District No. 4 in 1863, and presided over by an old pioneer and "Mormon" by the name of Wm Kay - who moved into Ogden in 1865 when Richard Douglass was appointed to preside. A school house built in 1863 Archibald McFarland appointed to preside in 1867. July 27, 1872 John I Hart who had just returned to Ogden from a mission to England was appointed to succeed Elder McFarland in the charge of the District. In 1873 the population was 573 it now probably reaches 700. Elder Hart still retains the presiding charge of the District having been ordained Bishop in 1877. Bishop Hart is a stirring energetic man. A new adobe school House has been built and general progress and prosperity has marked his administration. Sabbath and day schools have existed since the early settlement of the district and are in a flourishing condition.

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MOUND FORT

Is a settlement about one mile north of the Weber River Contains a population according to present census of 380. It being within the incorporate limits of Ogden City it has a representation in their Common Council of one Alderman. Its early settlement and growth is identical with Ogden City. It was organized as a school District in 1850 and a School house erected.

It being so near to Ogden and only a few settlers its early church direction was under those presiding in Ogden until 1863 when it was organized as a Branch of the Church with Amos P. Stone as president In 1865 a second school house built. In April 1870 A. P. Stone resigned. Alfred Randall was appointed president, He retained the position only a short time. David Moore succeeding to the office in the following June. Was ordained a Bishop in 1877 and is acting in this capacity at the present time.

From 51 to 1856 Francello Durfee acted as Justice of the peace.

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BRIEF SUMMARY

There are as attaches to some of the settlements 4 other School Districts in the County.

Total number of School Districts (in 1879) - 21.
Number of Schools 23 Male Teachers 23 Female Teachers 21 number of Boys attending school between the ages of 6 and 16 years 1504 number of Girls ditto 1447 Total 2951 average enrolled attendants 2030 or 69 per cent. Amount paid male Teachers \$8285.52 to Female Teachers \$3469.16 Total \$11,774.68. Amount of Building Funds raised this year - \$9,332.90 Real value of school property in the County \$32,381.00. Amount paid to teachers from the appropriation Fund otherwise a tax of 3 mills \$5606.90 The balance of the amount paid to Teachers by those sending their children to school. Average per Pupil \$3.00. *

Under this head it will be well perhaps to state. That the people of Ogden decided in June last to build a large central School House - at a cost of \$15,000.00 a tax was assessed of 3/4 of one per cent and \$8,000 realized.

The building has been erected and is now nearly completed under the direction of the Trustees Joseph Stanford D. M. Stuart Job Pingree Obed Taylor Architect. Another tax was assed 3/4 of one per cent the present year - which is now being collected. It is a fine brick structure The largest and finest edifice of learning in the Territory, and is designed for a graded school for advanced schollars. It shows well for the energy and enterprise of the people of Ogden and the deep interest they take in the education and intellectual culture of the rising generation.

*MARGINAL NOTE: It will cost when completed \$17,000.00.

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Besides the Districts Schools. The Catholics have a fine academy The Episcopallians and Methodists have each their own schools

The Sabbath schools number 21 in the County 392 Officers and Teachers and 2647 pupils is ably directed and managed by the County Supt and pioneer in Sabbath Schools Eld Richard Ballantyne. Particular attention is paid to the Schollars in instructing them in the faith of the Latter Day Saints.

There are 17 Young Mens Mutual Improvements Associations with a membership of 900 in the County. Also 17 Young Ladies improvement associations 1,000 members. The exercises in these organizations - are Theological Readings, Essays, Lectures & c Joseph A. West is the County supt each District having their local Supt Mrs. Sarah Herrick is County sup't of the young Ladies. There are also Female Relief*, and Primary associations for the little children in nearly every settlement.

There are the following canals in the county for the sole purpose of conveying Water for irrigation purposes

North Ogden	15 miles	cost	\$30,000
West Weber	10 "	"	\$25,000
Hooperville	30 "	"	\$60,000
Harrisville	10 "	"	\$20,000
Plain City	20 "	"	\$40,000
Marriott & Lyne	15 "	"	\$30,000
Ogden Valley	20 "	"	\$35,000
Ogden Weber	10 "	"	\$30,000

TOTALS 130 " " \$270,000⁰⁰

*MARGINAL NOTE: Ladies Relief Societies Note

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Probate & County Judgeship

In Novr 1851 Isaac Clark appointed by the Ter Legislature - at his death Feby 11 1854 Johnathan Browning succeeds to the office.

June 1st 1857 C.W. West appointed

Mar 8 1859 Aaron F. Farr

Jany 19 1861 F.A. Brown

May 9 1863 A.F. Farr who continues in office until 1869 when the Hon F. D. Richards takes the office and has been returned to the position at every election occurring every two years up to the present time

The Co Court is composed of 3 select men besides the Judge - a Clerk and an attorney The County Recorder is elected every 4 years.

A new and comodius Court House was built in _____

The population in the county in 1870 - 7,858.

The census returns for 1880 - 14,000 Fourteen thousand.

Weber County is as good a grain raising district as any in the Territory the bottom lands near the two rivers is particularly productive. Fruit orchards, and vegetable gardens is an important item with every farmer as a ready cash market is found for all he can raise. Considerable sorghum and Broom Corn raised. The latter is manufactured into brooms by a Mr Scoville in Ogden. His Factory was established about 3 years ago and produces near enough brooms to supply the wants of the people in this part of the Ter.

As a mineral district it is presumably good It is particularly so in iron ores. Prospecting is being done extensively this spring. Several companies have commenced working Claims with very flattering and encouraging prospects for silver lead and some gold

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