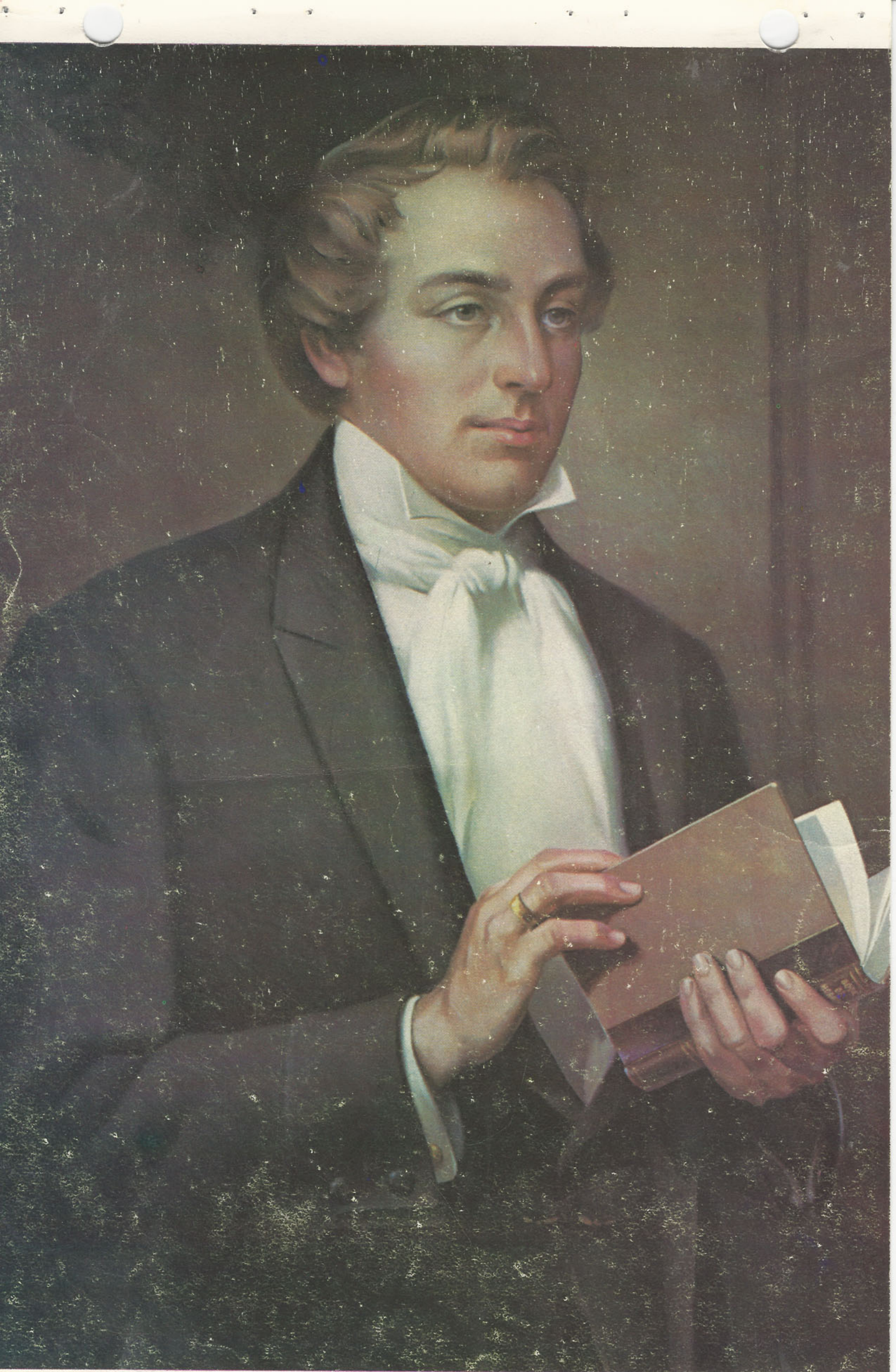


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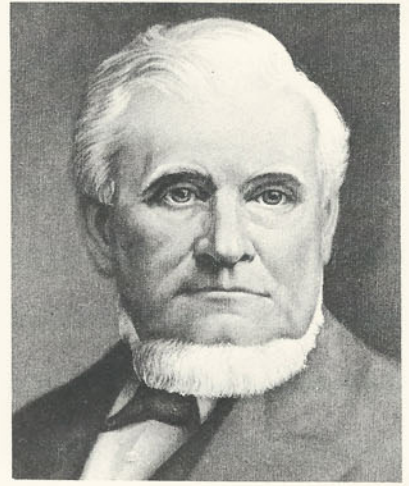
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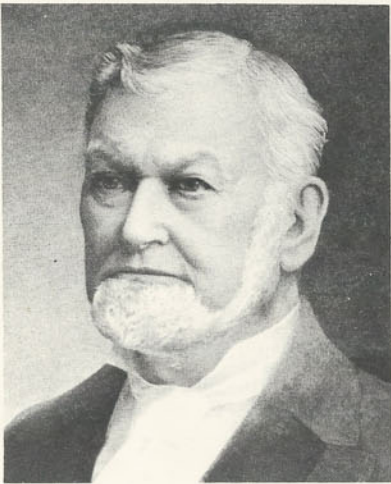
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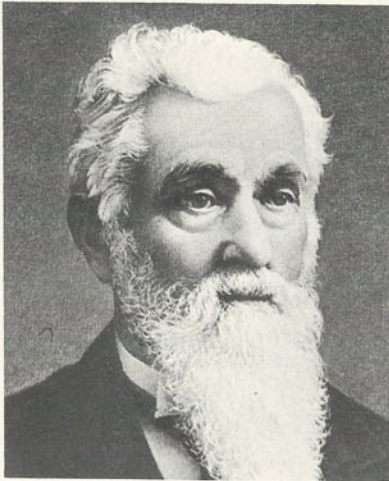
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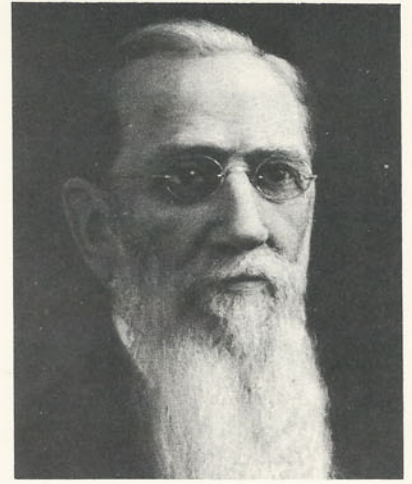
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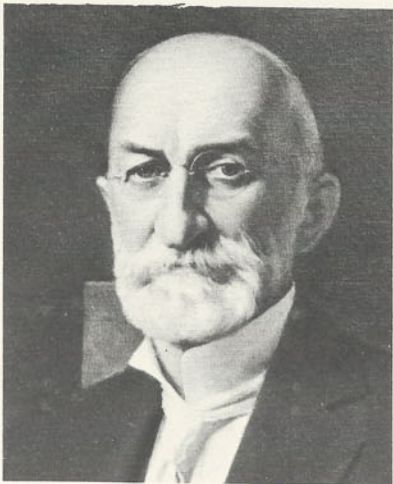
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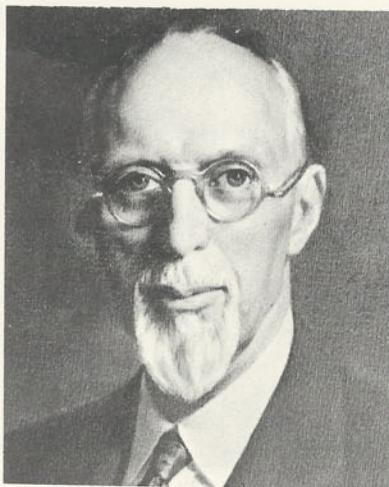
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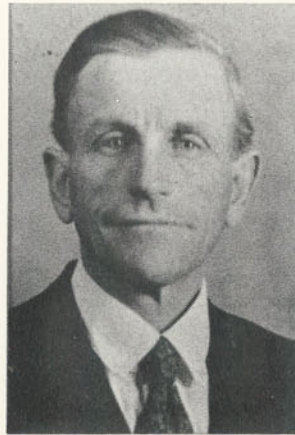


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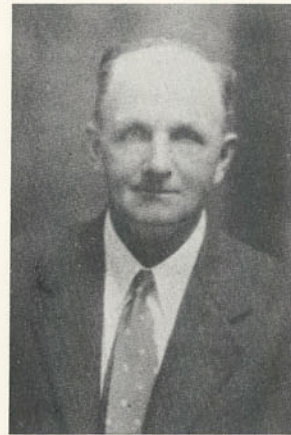
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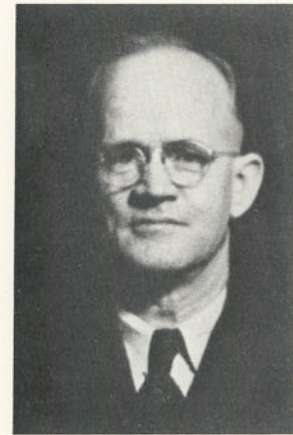
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J. Henry Thompson



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Harvey J. Wight



1968 1970
Wallace O. Briggs

Bishop's Message



Bishop D. Jay Harper
Jay Cottle
Cleve Smith



Keetch Gordan, Finance Clerk
Kenneth Crump, Ward Clerk
Rodney Hall, Ward Clerk
Boyd Booth, Executive Secretary

Dear Ward Members;

In the Book of Mosiah 2-17, we read of King Benjamin's counsel to his people, "And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow being ye are only in the service of your God.

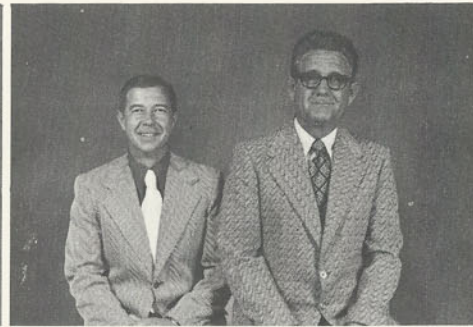
What is your attitude as you serve? Do you serve willingly and with a cheerful heart? Willingness of service has ever been important to the Lord. He has praised those who gave freely of their time and their talents. He says that willingness must become a part of that service if the full blessing would be obtained.

Man is that he might have joy, and the greatest joy of all is in the service of our God, in the satisfaction of having done our part well to establish his work, and in the knowledge that we have made lighter the burdens of our fellowmen.

We the Bishopric, would like to thank those who have given of their time and talents in the service of their fellowmen. As we are nearing the completion of our new chapel, we wish to give thanks for your faithfulness and support in this important goal. It is through your decidation and united effort that this Chapel is being built.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the members of the Malta Ward.

Bishop D. Jay Harper
In behalf of the
Malta Ward Bishopric



Building Fund Committee
 Music Dept.
 Sunday School Music
 Sunday School Secretary

Relief Society Presidency
 Librarians
 Sunday School Presidency
 Young Adult Group Leader

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 Deacons Quorum
 Teachers Quorum
 Priest Quorum

High Priest Quorum
 Young Men & Young Women
 President & Secretary
 First Year Beehive
 Second Year Beehive

Executive Committee
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 Laurel
 Sales Group

Service



Geraldine Adams



Harold Hutchison



Roger Neddo, Jr.



Sam Patterson



Gene Thompson



Jimmy Thompson



David White

Missionaries



Michael R. Allred



John Angus



Dorothy Barrett



Kathryn Gardiner



Ricki Booth



Brad Gardiner



Mr. & Mrs. Jay Harper



Phillip Hodges



Lorin G. Jones



City Councilmen



Malta Ward Junior Boys Softball Team - Ventures
Malta Ward Junior Boys Softball Team



Fire Department



C & Y Women's Softball Team
R. E. A. Women's Softball Team
Malta Ward Girls Softball Team



Elmer & Alleen Adams & Family
Reid & Alta Allred & Family
Bennett & Patsy Anderson & Family
Burton & Joan Anderson & Family

Reid & Iris Angus & Family
Dean & Evelyn Barnes & Family
Clarence & Velda Barrett & Family
Basil & CharLane George & Family

Gene & Maurine Baxter & Family
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James & Melba Bodily & Family
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Elmo & Louise Elison & Family
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Martha Jane, Shirley, Bill, Debbie Hitt
 Tom & Marie Hitt & Family
 Ted & Viola Hodges & Family
 Ronald & Susan Holtman & Family



Neil & Michalene Hunter & Family
David O. & Wanda Hutchison & Family
Tinker & Sharon Hutchison & Family
Glen & Hazel Jones

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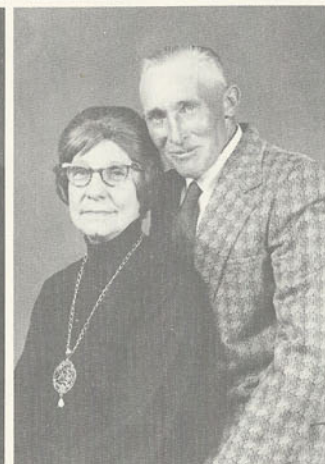
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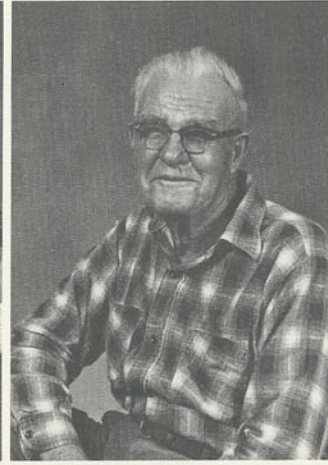
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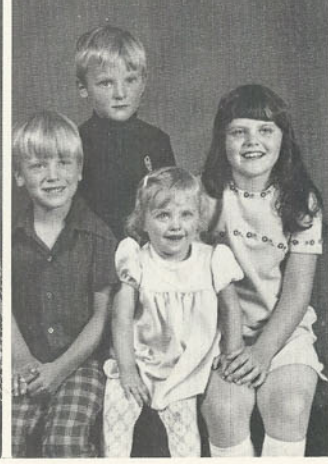
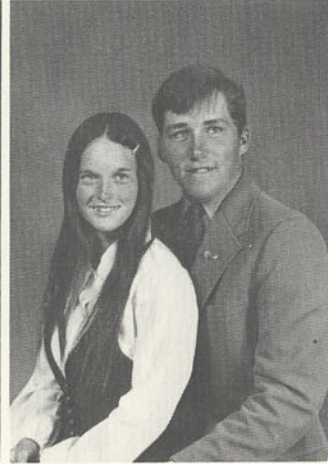
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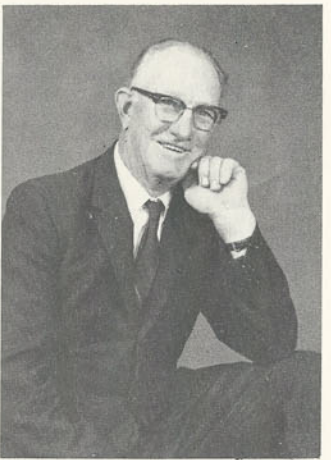
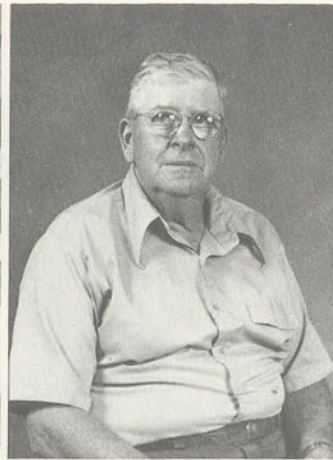
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 LaVere & Fontella H. Tracy & Family
 Lorenzo Tracy



Charles & Chloe Warr
 Maylon & Marj Whiting
 Blaine & Viola Wight
 Harvey & Sarah Wight
 Irene Udy
 Rex & Genevieve Udy



Kirt & Janet Yates & Family
 Pearl N. Zollinger
 Buddy Ward & Family

History of the Raft River Valley

"The history of the Raft River Valley is Inextricably interwoven and intermingled with the great historical pageant of the discovery - exploration, occupation and development of the Great Northwest."

"Across the stage have passed the great English, French, and Spanish explorers- the great fur companies, traders and trappers;- James Bridger - Kit Carson - Fremont -" the Pathfinders and others, General William Ashley - James Beckwith - David Jackson - William Sublette - Jedidiah Smith, Peter Skeen Ogden - trappers fur traders and trailmakers - their impress has been left upon the entire Western United States." In their great discoveries and explorations they have passed

through the portals of our mountains. In those early days the Raft River flowed wide in the valley floor, reaching in the early spring a mile wide, in the high water run off. Thus did it get the name Raft River as it was necessary at the time to raft across her. There was no sage brush in those early days, wide expanse of grass belly deep to the horse, waved in the breeze. Cattlemen and sheep raisers found it ideal for their flocks and herds.

In 1867 James Shirley and Charles Gamble drove a herd of cattle into the valley from Texas. They spent the summer and fall in the valley and the winters at Fort Hall, returning in the spring.

In 1870 Andrew Sweetzer came. Soon came James M. Pierce, John Marshall, Dell and Bill Rice, Same and James Coe Andrew Lounsbury, George Scott, William A. Boulware, James Hitt, Jane Hitt, Stauffer and Tennin, John and Jonas Chaburn, Ed Conant, Fred Ottley, Lewis and Schwabacker, Frank Terrill, Emery, Gwinn, Keogh Bros, W. J. Pierce, William Jones, Charles Parke, Beechers, Parishes, Barkers, Hubbards, Taylors, Hutchisons, Hadfields, Powers, Gallihers, Robertsons,

Longs, Condit, Wm. A. Bull, James Darby, Kossmans, Caldwell, Osterhouts, Cotterels, Bowens, Horns, Kemsleys, Kirks, Olsons, McGills, Burrows, Kempton, Barnes, Neals, Shangles, Durfees, Whitakers, Bronsons, Darringtons, Edwards, Spencers, Eames, Johnsons, Grahams, Homers, Brackenburys, John Hepworth, Halls, and Wakes, and others not known by this writer, by 1900.

These stock raisers trailed their cattle to Corrine, Utah to market them. They were loaded on stock cars and shipped by rail to market. Later the railroad was extended across the Great Salt Lake and Kelton was the loading zone for the herds and flocks.

The early settlers ground their own grain for flour and cereal or haul their wheat to Corrine, Utah and brought back their grist. John and Jonas Chatburn saw a future in the milling business, so they sought out a spot where they could build a small grist mill on a small stream west of Malta about eight

miles. People came from near and far with their wheat to get their years supply of flour and cereal. Ed Conant bought them out and ran the mill for many years. This area was known as Conant.

Mrs. Charles Gamble, Persis Horne, and Emma Smith delivered babies and helped the sick, giving freely of their time.

The mail in this area was delivered in open boxes along the way. First come first served was the custom. In the winter of 1884 and 1885, Julia Ada Condit, Sarah Condit Secor, and Dana Condit, Their Brother, secured a permit from the United States Post Office Department to open a post office and name the community. Apparently it seemed like an island in a wide expanse of sea, so they named it Malta.

Wm. A. Bull owned and operated the first store, which was located just below the cemetery hill.

Leonard Condit established the next store in Malta. He also owned and operated a dance hall. He built a two story home with rooms he rented out as a hotel.

There were saloons and other western establishments.

George Burdick was a colorful character connected with the saloon business. At one time so the story goes, George and a friend were taken by the law for an offense. The friend said "Give me justice." George replied "Give me anything but justice." The first school was a log building one mile north east of Malta in the Bull Lane. Sarah Condit was the first teacher. School lasted three or four months. The students were often as not bigger than the teacher, which posed a problem.

In 1902 a red brick building was constructed to house the school. It was also a one room school. Later on they built another room. It was a frame structure adjoining the brick building. This building still is in use as the hot lunch room.

By 1912, it was necessary to build another building. This one was constructed of cement and sandstone. Two grades were in each room. The basement was not finished at that time. As families grew in members, the people of the community banded together to establish a high school. This was supported by tuition.

Each student attending was required to pay.

Their needs became greater and finally they were able to have a better high school supported by School Taxes. It was held in the old red school. About 1928, Mr. D. D. Biggers was the principle. Through his efforts and the support of the community the basement of the gray school was finished. People donated books, and loaned books to establish a library, which was necessary for the school to be accredited. The students still had to buy their own books for classes. Typing was taught as a new subject. Each family supplied the typewriter for their own children.

In December, 1930, the school was rased by fire. Typewriters, books, furnishings were all lost, with the exception of the few books taken home to study. The following summer a group of the men contracted the building of a new school. It was beautiful to us who had been left with only the old red school house and an old hardware building to attend classes in. This building is the present elementary school. I. J. Neddo, Jesse Shill, John A. Elison, and George W. Neddo were the chief contractors with others in the community working on the project. The brick laying was

contracted to a brick mason from Burley.

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were among the early settlers. This area was presided over from 1877 by Francis M. Lyman, president of the Toole Stake. Small branches were organized.

November 19, 1887 the Cassia stake was organized with Horton D. Haight as president. Elba Ward was organized that same year with Thomas Taylor Sr. as Bishop. Malta was a branch of that ward.

In 1902 Sunday School was held in a one room log building on the Taylor Ranch in Bull Lane. Some of those working about that same time in this organization were; Thomas R. Smith, Charlotte Hall, Robert Wake Sr., and Isaac James Neddo Jr.

Malta Ward was organized in 1910 with Thomas Taylor Jr. as Bishop.

The Raft River Stake was organized April 27, 1915 with John A. Elison as president. He was called to move to Almo, Idaho, with his family to preside over the new

stake. He left a good job in Oakley to answer the call. The year 1919 made another change for the stake, as it was decided to have stake head quarters in Malta. All the stake officers were called to move to Malta, in order to be where the stake meetings were held.

Malta Ward grew by a number of families moving into the area, in obedience to the call were, Elisons, Barlows, Harpers, Nyes, Richins, Pasketts, Richards, Johns, Tracys, and Lees. There may be others not known to this writer.

President Elison built and operated a flour mill in Almo. Later as he was called to move to Malta, He moved the mill. The basement of The Clarence Barrett Home is the only remaining part of the mill.

The first church building was built of logs with siding as the outside finish. The inside was finished with wainscoting. As the need became apparent the Wickel Dance Hall was purchased to house the Ward and Stake meetings and activity programs. Everyone in the community participated in the dances and parties held at the church. The Relief Society annual celebration on March 17, was always

well attended by the whole community.

The Relief Society prepared the bodies for burial and the Bishop conducted the funerals for everyone alike. When sorrow and other problems bowed the people down everyone rallied around to help. One man said in recent year, "The Bishop is Bishop of everyone even if we aren't members"; And so the love for one another was strong.

This great valley has suffered drouth and pestilence. In the late twenties and early thirties, as the great depression swept this land, the drouth was taking its toll. Through the efforts of some of the men in the valley, people were able to secure free gasoline with which to pump water to irrigate the parched land. Some were forced to participate in the WPA program in order to survive. It was a very humbling experience for all and perhaps much good was gained.

The people have been patriotic in serving the country as the need has arisen. Oscar Pierce gave

his life for his country in World War 1, Kent Horne and Travis Hawkins in World War 11, and Ted Hodges in the Viet Nam Conflict.

Following the free gasoline some of the men organized and were able to secure an REA loan, with which they brought power into the valley, and surrounding areas. November ^{1939 or 40} 1941 saw the switches engaged and the life giving power flowed through the lines. It truly was life giving, as we were now able to pump water to quench the thirst of the land. Lands that were abandoned by the former owners and early settlers have been reclaimed. The dreams and visions of those in the past are now being realized.

For many years Flossie Smith was the music leader in the ward. Martha Jane Hutchison, better known as Jenny Hitt to us, served as organist in the early years of the church organization. Flossie Smith played the piano and Fred Gardiner played the fiddle for all the childrens dances, and also on occasion for adult dances.

One whom we hold in high esteem was our great country doctor Chester I. Sater, who came in 1910. He gave freely

of his time and effort to keep us all well, and restore us to health, when we became ill. He very often served people with out receiving one cent of pay. \$25.00 was his fee for delivering the babies. "About a buck" was the fee for the house calls. During the great flu epidemic of 1918, when so many people succumbed to the ravages of the flu, Doctor Sater cared for the people with tender care. He had not heard from his brother who loved in Heglar and decided to pay him a visit. To his great sorrow, he found his brother dead and the sick wife lying by his dead body in the bed unable to arise. Orson Sanders dispenced medicine under his direction, Prior to his service, Mr. Nash was our druggist.

Bishops of the Malta Ward following Thomas Taylor Jr., who served from 1910 to 1915, were Aaron A. Zollinger 1915 to 1916, Isaac James Neddo Jr. 1916- to 1925, Orson S. Sanders 1925 to 1936, John O. Smith 1936 to 1941, Rawlins J. Harper 1941 to 1944, Shirley H. Barlow 1944 to 1947, J. Henry Thompson 1947 to 1961,

Harvey J. Wight 1961 to 1968, Wallace O. Briggs 1968 to , D. Jay Harper is now our Bishop.

The Grange was organized in May 1932. Scott Gamble was the first Master, and Rocha Powers was the first Secretary, Among the early members were Scott and Chrissy Gamble, Harrison and Rocha Powers, Frank McGraw and his wife Lillie, James and Jenny Hitt, Ike and May Powers, John and Lou Powers, Dr. Chester I. Sater and Mrs. Sater, Frank Riblett, Dr. Craner, Arthur and Beulah Pierce, Jessie and Lois Pierce, John and Fern Hitt, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Roberts, and R. C. Wake. In all there were thirty members. They held their first meetings in the old red school house. Later they purchased a building in Idahome and moved it to Malta. They laid a hard wood floor and made it suitable for dancing. They later built on a kitchen and dining room.

The Lion's club and Social club were organized the community in more recent years. Each has made contributions to the community. Through the leadership of the Lions Club our school has benefited much. They have done much work in the area of sight. At the present time they are and have

raised money to put seating in the school auditorium. Also they are working to furnish the money for the teachers lounge at school.

In the 20's Kraft Food Company purchased the original church building for a cheese factory. James Moncur moved to Malta to be the cheese maker. He operated the factory alone. He did not have power machines to assist him in his labors, but he at times made up three vats of cheese a day. At a later date, they purchased a piece of land from Deardorf and built a more spacious building where many were employed. New men were moved in the valley to manage the operation, from time to time. Because of discention among the milk raisers and Kraft Foods, the factory was vacated. Milk is now being hauled into Rupert. Some of the Men who hauled milk in this area were, Bert Hutchison, R. M. Kelsey, and Wayne Whitaker.

We have had various men operate garages in Malta. Chauncy Platts, Mathias Udy, and David W. Hutchison,

(better known as Garage Dave), were among those remembered. Gill Bros. Also in more recent years operated a shop and garage service.

Space in this book will not permit us to have a detailed report of every one who has helped with the building of the community, or even to mention every family name.

At the present we are engaged in building a new chapel, because of the need. Bishop Wallace O. Briggs started the project and Bishop D. Jay Harper is carrying the project through to the finish.

At this time we would like to thank everyone who has helped in making this book a success, and expecially Mrs. Naomi Paskett for compiling and writing this history of the Raft River Valley.

Information for this brief history was obtained from the papers of I. J. Neddo and Alice O. Neddo, Essentials of Church History, L. D. S. Biographical Encyclopedia Vol. 4, and members of the community.

For the best comprehensive bibliography, Portrait and Priesthood Lineage coverage, make sure the Book of Remembrance "Trade Mark" (shown above) appears on all your sheets and charts. Especially is this essential in regards to Personal Record Sheet No. 33 (Male) and No. 34 (Female). The ORIGINAL male and female sheets.

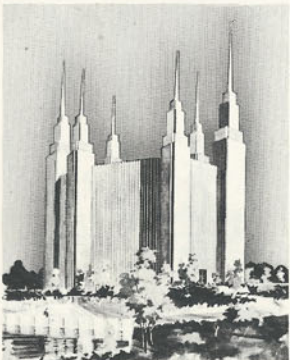
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HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND
DEDICATED 20 APRIL 1958



THE BRITISH TEMPLE
NEWCHAPEL, SURREY, ENGLAND
DEDICATED 7 SEPTEMBER 1958



WASHINGTON TEMPLE



THE KIRTLAND TEMPLE
KIRTLAND, OHIO
DEDICATED 25 MARCH 1836



THE MANTI TEMPLE
MANTI, UTAH
DEDICATED 21 MAY 1888



THE ARIZONA TEMPLE
MESA, ARIZONA
DEDICATED 23 OCTOBER 1927



THE OAKLAND TEMPLE
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
DEDICATED 17 NOVEMBER 1964



THE NAUVOO TEMPLE
NAUVOO, ILLINOIS
DEDICATED 1 MAY 1846



THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
DEDICATED 6 APRIL 1893



THE IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO
DEDICATED 23 SEPTEMBER 1945



THE OGDEN TEMPLE
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THE ST. GEORGE TEMPLE
ST. GEORGE, UTAH
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THE HAWAIIAN TEMPLE
LAIE, ISLAND OF OAHU, HAWAII
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THE SWISS TEMPLE
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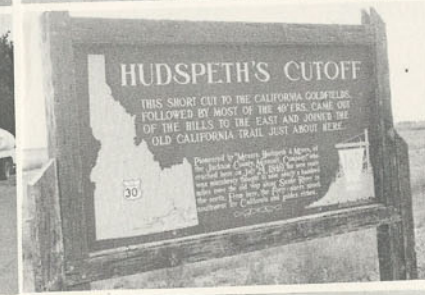
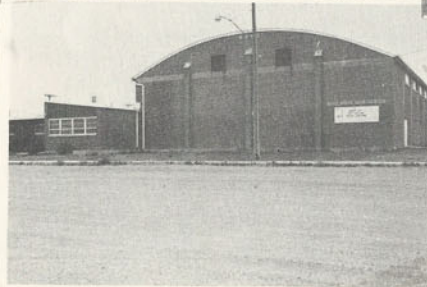
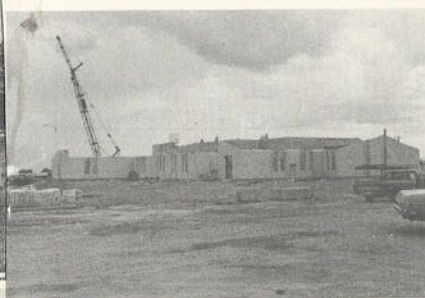
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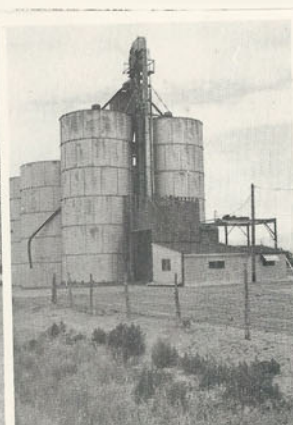


Naf Store and Dance Hall
City of Rocks National Park

New Church under construction
Old Church
Second Church

L.D.S. Stake Seminary
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Schorzman's Mercantile

Durfee's Cafe
Hudspeth's Cutoff Landmark
Granite Pass Landmark



Old Post Office
New Post Office
First Church
Malta Service Store
Valley Cafe
Raft River Rural Electric
Cooperative, Inc.
General Mills