



# NEWSLETTER

## OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

These last two years serving as president have been tremendously rewarding for me. I am grateful to all of you for your participation and support. So many of you have served in assignments and attended activities. This year we have seen the statehood Centennial stir the awareness of our whole community. So many wonderful projects have been completed: Heritage Week, Opera House restoration, the Pioneer Courthouse improvements in the basement and the quilts upstairs, the Historic St. George LIVE tours, the publication of the county history, the many celebrations. We have also delighted in the projects of our sister historic societies ~ the Historic Plaza and Fort Trail in Santa Clara, the Relief Society Building monuments and history of homes in Washington City, the Bradshaw Hotel and museum in Hurricane and the CCC camp in Leeds. So this has been a wonderful time to be associated with all of you.

Our monthly officers meetings have been exciting (imagine that ~ exciting meetings). There we have coordinated so many projects and found ways to support other community projects such as the new Art Museum, the Legacy Art and History book. One of the delights of our organization is that we have not been territorial; it has not mattered whose project it has been ~ which town, which organization ~ we have been supportive of all the efforts throughout the county.

One other point: we are fortunate to have a solid parent organization ~ the Utah Historical Society in the old Rio Grande Depot in Salt Lake City. It has been my privilege to work closely with our colleagues there. I have the greatest admiration for them, in the publishing of our county history and in our grants. It has been my personal good fortune to have associated closely with the state Society for three decades and I would commend membership in the Utah Historical Society to all of our group. Membership brings a subscription to the Utah Historical Quarterly, which is well worth \$20.00, c/o 300 Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101).

So Karl Brooks, as president, and Walter Wiesst, as president-elect, are moving into a dynamic group of hard workers. Congratulations and I pledge my support.

*Dr. Doug Alder*  
Outgoing President

## PRESIDENT ELECT'S MESSAGE

As we go into our Sesquicentennial year we on the Washington County Historical Society History board are anxious to maintain the momentum of the Centennial year. This is a hearty "Thanks" to all those who worked so hard to make the Centennial such a huge success and a plan for others to step forward and volunteer to make the Sesquicentennial equally as great. This is an important year because it celebrates 150 years since the first permanent white settlers arrived in the Salt Lake Valley. As members of the County History Board, and community representatives, begin thinking of projects we could focus on during this year. Music, readings, pageant, restorations, let your creative juices flow so we can come up with some good ones to work on. Especially thanks to all of you for your leadership during the past year. You have been great.

I am pleased to work with each of you. Thanks for your willingness to serve.

*Dr. Karl Brooks*  
President

## HURRICANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hurricane City Historical Society is working hard on Pioneer Corner. It will soon be completed. More information coming in the next newsletter.

*Verdell Hinton*

### MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETINGS

have been changed to *last Thursday* of each month.

*Price for luncheon ~ \$6.00*

Reserve the date of January 30 for our Winter Social.  
It will be held at Greene Gate Village  
6:00 P.M.

## WASHINGTON CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Washington City Historical Society is happy to announce a GRAND OPENING has been scheduled, Open to the Public!



Begin 1997 by touring the restored Relief Society Hall, 75 West Telegraph Street in Washington City ~ Friday, Saturday and Monday January 3, 4 & 6, from 1 o'clock to 7 o'clock. Guides will assist you as you visit the oldest LDS Relief Society Hall built in 1875. Inside you will have the opportunity to view two priceless quilts, especially crafted for this hall.

As you wander through the gardens, sit on donated benches under 100+ year old Mulberry trees, stroll on the Centennial Heritage Walkways while viewing 325 name bricks, enjoy the small pools, grape arbor & gazebo in a walled-in Pioneer Garden in the rear. Start 1997 Sesquicentennial year with a real "pioneer spirit" as you enjoy this Centennial Restoration.

*Priscilla Cahoon*

## SANTA CLARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"You have to have a dream if you want to have a dream come true!"

We dreamed and hoped and worked, and our Relief Society Building was restored, and now the Hug/Gubler Home restoration is nearly complete. There have been many who have donated labor and materials for the home, but we want to give a special "THANKS" to Bruce Stucki, Jay and Quentin Ence for their help and support in restoring this wonderful pioneer home. They saw a need to proceed with the restoration even when there was not sufficient funds... and they personally financed the restoration. THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

We are now looking for persons who will donate or loan furnishings for the home, preferably some that date previous to 1920.

The plans for our Historical Library are complete and we hope to start construction soon. We have had a successful fund-raising dinner. We are also selling \$100.00 "bricks" with donor names on them which will be used to construct a walkway or wall. We encourage the purchase of name bricks "in memory of a deceased loved one", to honor pioneer ancestors and the living or to just support the Historical Society. Anyone interested can contact Joyce Whittaker at 628-0971.

The "walking trail" from the Jacob Hamblin Home to the Old Fort site Monument is completed. We have plans to add benches, Sites of Interest Markers and other improvements. We invite the public to enjoy this walking trail.

Our Relief Society Building is open for public tours on Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M..

*Joyce Whittaker*

## LEAVE A LEGACY



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## LEEDS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHAT WAS THE CCC?

In 1933 the United States was in the grip of a great economic depression. Franklin D. Roosevelt had been elected President because of his plans and promises to get the country moving again. One of his first projects after taking office in 1933 was the creation of the civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC provided jobs for thousands of young men who were unemployed because of the depression and also provided labor for public work projects such as roads, fencing, retaining walls, dams, and many other conservation related projects. Nationally there were over 1500 CCC Camps established. By 1939 there were 46 CCC camps in Utah, Eastern Nevada, and Western Wyoming.

One of the best preserved remnants of a CCC Camp is located on West Mulberry St. just west of 200 South Main in Leeds, Utah. This was CCC Camp #585. This camp was able to house approximately 250 workers at a time. Each

worker enlisted for a period of 6 months to 2 years. They built many of the fences, walls, roads and campgrounds which are still visible today in the Dixie National Forest and surrounding areas. The Leeds CCC Camp consisted of the buildings which are still standing today as well as a large barracks area which went to the west beyond where present day I-15 is located. At the Leeds Camp there was a garage, a recreation hall, a doctor's office, a library, a mess hall, a camp swimming pool and most of the conveniences of a small city. When the U.S. entered WW II in 1941, most CCC workers became soldiers and by the end of 1942 the CCC had ceased to exist, and the Leeds CC camp was vacated.

The Leeds Area Historical Society and the Lions Club of Leeds are involved in restoring and preserving the Leeds CCC Camp. Buildings have been stabilized, trim painted, roofs repaired and the grounds cleaned. Planning is underway for possible exhibits and other uses for the CCC buildings. The Leeds Area Historical Society is also planning preservation and restoration of the ghost town cemeteries at Silver Reef. These cemeteries have been annexed into Leeds Town boundaries. Surveys are pending to establish exact cemetery boundaries before further work is done.

In addition to the CCC Camp and cemetery projects preliminary discussions are underway concerning the establishment of a hiking/horseback trail following the old Babylon Road which was the wagon road from the Silver Reef mines to the ore mills located along the Virgin River. What on these projects is being sought from members of historical societies throughout Washington County. Please call Mike Empey at 879-2050

## WASHINGTON CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Mattie" musical dinner and show was a grand success with a sale-out crowd of 206 guest. Two beautiful quilts were auctioned, table decorations of 50 Mattie dolls were also sold. We thank all the people who supported and shared in this Annual fund raiser for us.

257 Pies were baked and sold at our annual Thanksgiving Pie event.

Another great Craft Fair at the Cotton Mill, brought us profits from books and craft items, with a well organized bake sale.

### NEWS BRIEFS

The society hopes you will enjoy our 1997 Calendar "Celebrate the Century". The calendar will be distributed during December to 25,000 residents in Washington County. Look for your calendar and enjoy Reta Hall's 12 original paintings, her contribution to the society to begin our fund raisers for 1997.

Washington City's Society has been awarded a matching grant in cooperation with Washington City from the Sesquicentennial Coordinating Council for the placement of historical markers in the city in 1997. Also, they will be printing a Self-guided Tour (Family-Walk-O-Thon) brochure that will coincide with these historic markers. The society is

gearing up and promoting "the spirit of pioneering" for the coming up 1997 church festivities.

The Cahoon's published centennial book, Utah's "Dixie" Birthplace has been accepted quite well with total proceeds from its sales going to the society for future restorations.

After 5 years of service to Washington City Historical Society, Harold and Priscilla Cahoon have resigned their positions. They have been called on a 18 month LDS mission to the Nauvoo Visitors Center.

Ferd Neilsen will be the incoming president for the society, effective 1 January '97 Darlene Neilsen, his wife, will be the society's future secretary. The Neilsens have just recently returned from a mission.



## TO CURRENT AND FUTURE MEMBERS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As you may already know, the purpose of this society is to record and preserve the vital and exciting history of our county. Meetings will be held: monthly, the last Thursday of each month, 12 noon in the old courthouse.

Yearly Membership ..... \$10.00  
Lifetime Membership ..... \$150.00

*Thank you for your Support!*

Please mail this form with your dues to:

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# WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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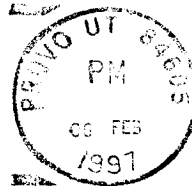
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