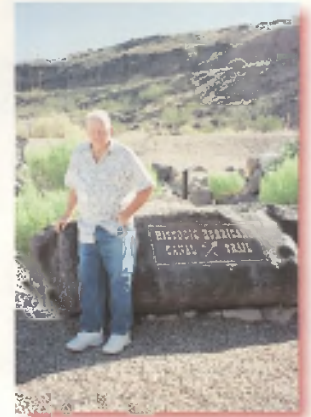




WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



MARCH 2004



**PRESIDENT
JOYCE WHITTAKER
SANTA CLARA**

Santa Clara Heritage Square. A visit is worth a thousand words!



Joyce Whittaker, has accepted the position of President of the Washington County Historical Society for 2004. Joyce has been involved in County Historical Activities for nine years as she served as President of the Santa Clara Historical Society. She published a 572 page history of Santa Clara in October of 2003.

The new officers will carry on in the traditions that have been set by previous County Historical Society officers. We continue to support and encourage the outlying communities in their projects and activities. We are concerned about the St. George Boulevard street project. We encourage historic preservation and plan to assist in producing a Historic Walking Trail Guide of the St. George downtown area.

COMING EVENTS

Bart Anderson has volunteered to arrange the meetings for the remainder of the year, March, April and May.

March will include a definitive discussion on the Mountain Meadow Massacre, which will help to answer all of your questions.

April, President Joyce Whittaker will share little known facts about Santa Clara people, historical, of course! And she will provide additional information about her book, SANTA CLARA, UTAH - A BLOSSOM IN THE DESERT. The first printing of the book has been successful, and a 2nd printing is in the works. Anyone interested in purchasing the book should contact President Whittaker. The price is \$50.00.

May, our last meeting of the season, will include a representative of the BLM, who will advise us on the restoration of the Red Rock Recreation area just off of I-15. This project will be covered also in an upcoming Newsletter. Be sure to join us.



THANKS A MILLION!

TO COSTCO CORPORATION FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION TO THE PRODUCTION OF THE NEWSLETTER. WE APPRECIATE YOUR LARGESSE!

AND TO DON WIRTH, COMPUTER WRANGLER, FOR KEEPING US FROM MAKING TOO MANY MISTAKES!

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IN MEMORY

LuWayne Wood - November 15, 1911 to December 18, 2003
 The Washington County Historical Society is grateful for the many years of service given by Mr. Wood. He will be long remembered and sorely missed.


"The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on."
 (Walter Lippman)





The Washington County Historical Society meets the last Thursday of each month, September through May, at the Old Court House on St. George Boulevard. Luncheon is no longer offered; however, we encourage you to bring a sack lunch if you so desire. This year Mr. Bart Anderson will contribute to the planning of the programs.

Be sure you are a member and receive the Newsletter! You will find a membership form on the last page, including the various membership fees. You will note that there is a Corporate Membership available, which will include a small "ad" for all those who are members. In subsequent editions, Corporate Members will be listed in appreciation of their support.

We wish we could afford to send a Newsletter to everyone who wants one every month. Fiscal constraints preclude such a service. And, until pigs fly,  we will be forced to terminate sending copies to anyone who has not joined the Society. We don't want this to happen to you! So join today. We need your support!



Repeat Performance is the only building in St. George with a sidewalk elevator. Plan a visit, view this curiosity, shop. You'll be helping the hospitals as well.



Dave Shrum wants to know:
WHAT IS IT?

Next Newsletter will have all the answers.



THE HAMBLIN STORY

On the almost impassible road, the Forest Service has put a marker reading, "Old Hamblin Townsite". Here in the north end of the Mountain Meadows in 1856 Jacob Hamblin brought his wife, Rachel, and children to get out of the heat of summer at Santa Clara where Jacob was head of the Southern Indian Mission. He built a cabin in the north end of the valley and the family kept their cattle there. They made butter and cheese and sold some of these, and other produce, to the immigrant trains which passed this way on the way to California over the Old Spanish Trail.

It was here on September 11th, 1857 that the 18 small children, survivors of the terrible (Mountain Meadows) massacre in the South end of this valley, were brought to Rachel Hamblin for her to care for until they could be placed in foster homes by Jacob Hamblin and the Indian authorities.

Soon after Jacob Hamblin located his family at the Meadows, other families came to join them. In 1866 Erastus Snow suggested that the settlers gather together and build a fort. They built their homes close together along one street. The town became known as Fort Hamblin, named thus for Jacob Hamblin. Later the Fort was dropped from the name and the place became known just as Hamblin. In 1877 the census of the Pinto Ward, of which Hamblin was a branch, showed 9 families consisting of 50 souls at Hamblin. These were evidently the families of Richard Gibbons, Edwin R. Westover, David Canfield and three of his sons, Simpson Emmett, John Day,

and Jacob Mica Truman. Jacob Truman had been the youngest enlisted member of the Mormon Battalion on the history making march across the continent. He is buried beside his wife in the little cemetery at Hamblin, where a fitting marker notes his membership in the Mormon Battalion.

In the late 1860's Jacob Hamblin moved his



family to Kanab and left this little namesake town.

The township of Hamblin was surveyed in 1873.

Richard Gibbons was the first Presiding

Elder at Hamblin, and was followed by Jacob M. Truman, who died November 26, 1881.

How long a school was conducted for the children of Hamblin is not known, but most of the settlers lived the year round at Hamblin and a school would have had to be provided for the children. In 1893-1894 Mary Ann Cottam, later the wife of Albert E. Miller, of St. George, taught school at Hamblin and boarded with the John Day family. The following year Sara Meeks Morris taught school at Hamblin. Later in the spring of 1895 she moved to Enterprise where her husband, Ben, had been building one of the first homes in that town.

Water for culinary use for Hamblin was provided by a small spring on the northeast slope above the little town. Water for irrigation for gardens and farms came from springs in the wash further down the slope to the southwest. In the late 1890's, the floods washed the wash so deep that the water could not be brought onto the land and the families at Hamblin drifted away, most of them settling in Enterprise to the northwest where a new town was just being started.

Today, Emma Day Hunt of Enterprise and the Canfield men, Milo, Burr and Duane, of St. George are the only surviving citizens of Hamblin. As far as is known all these people were born at Hamblin. Elizabeth Story Depue Caufield was postmistress at Hamblin. She lived there 33 years.



Our thanks to Mr. Delmont Truman who shared this original material written by Grace Twitchell about 15 years ago. We are indebted to all who have maintained their sense of history in thought and on paper. If you have a story to tell about a town in Washington County, someplace that has been forgotten, contact us with a brief article.

The Editor



CIVIL AIR PATROL 62 Years and Counting February 13, 1942 - 2004

Peter J. Henderson
Public Affairs Officer

If you asked the average person the question "What do you know about the Civil Air Patrol?"
A very likely answer would be "Oh, I've heard of them but I couldn't tell you who they are."

Actually, the volunteer men, women and youth of the C.A.P. have been serving their country for the past 62 years.

In 1940, America was preparing to go to war if necessary, and many, in the military, along with civilian pilots, felt that "General Aviation" could play a roll domestically should we go to war. On December 1st, 1941, the Civil Air Patrol was officially created. Seven days later the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. America was now committed in World War II, and by early 1942, German U-boats were sinking ships off the eastern shoreline. Because the U. S. Navy was so thinly spread along the 1200 mile coastline, Civilian pilots from the C.A.P. began coastal reconnaissance flights. These men frequently flew their little planes (usually single engined) as far as 150 miles out to sea. Initially, the planes were unarmed, but later began to carry small bombs and depth-charges. In an 18 month period, the organization sighted 173 U-boats; sank at least two of them, and summoned help to 91 distressed ships, along with 363 survivors. The Civil Air Patrol, which is now an auxilliary of the United States Air Force, had proven it's worth.

St. George has it's own C.A.P. Squadron, headed by Commander Patricia Kent, as noted below with Lt. Col. Al Behning. Presently the unit has 23 senior members and 26 cadets. Obviously, there are no U-boats to hunt now, but in the past two years, the Squadron has been called out on 15 missions, searching for missing planes, hunters, hikers and several elderly people who had become lost. Members of the Unit also flew 27 sorties, assisting with air reconnaissance at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, and were involved in the recent search for N.A.S.A. shuttle parts.

The Cadet Program is a vital part of C.A.P. and is designed to foster leadership and good citizenship in our youth. Focus is on aerospace education, moral leadership, physical fitness, plus search and rescue procedures. There is zero tolerance for drugs, alcohol and improper behavior. Cadets receive 5 glider flights and 9 flights in powered aircraft, so it is not surprising that some later elect to enlist for military service.

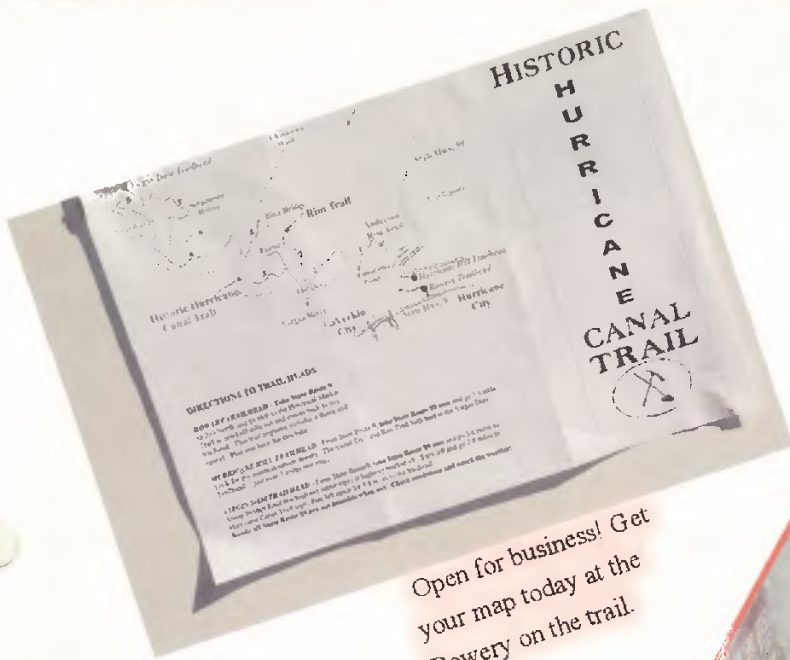
The cost of designated missions, and the purchase of C.A.P. aircraft is bourne by the U.S.A.F. But most of the training flights are paid for by the volunteer members themselves. After more than sixty years of dedication, the C.A.P. stands ready to provide service to law enforcement, homeland security, community and country. It is an organization with a proud tradition.

First Commander, Utah Group #4
M. J. Miles



First Commander of St. George Squadron, E.L. "Andy" Anderson

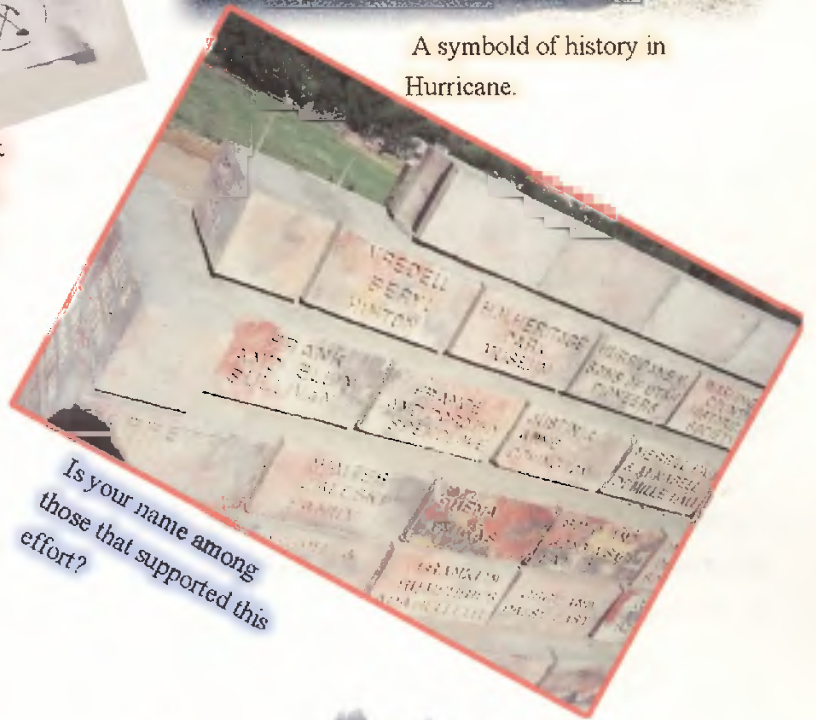
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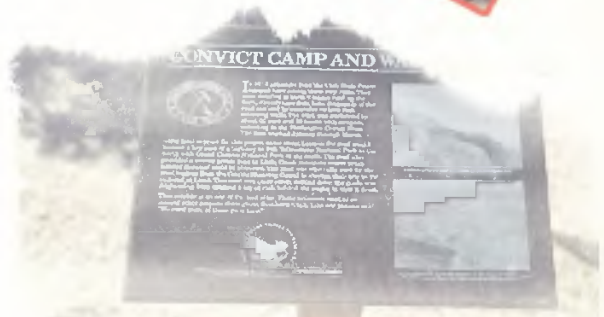
A symbol of history in Hurricane.



Is your name among those that supported this effort?



This interesting monument is one block off State Rt. 9, on the way to LA VERKIN.



No, the Editor did not forget a caption!

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