

The Political Life of Anthony Ivins by Historian Leo Lyman

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Historian **Edward Leo Lyman** the author of *Finally Statehood! Utah Struggles: 1849-1896* (2020) will discuss the political life of Anthony Ivins.

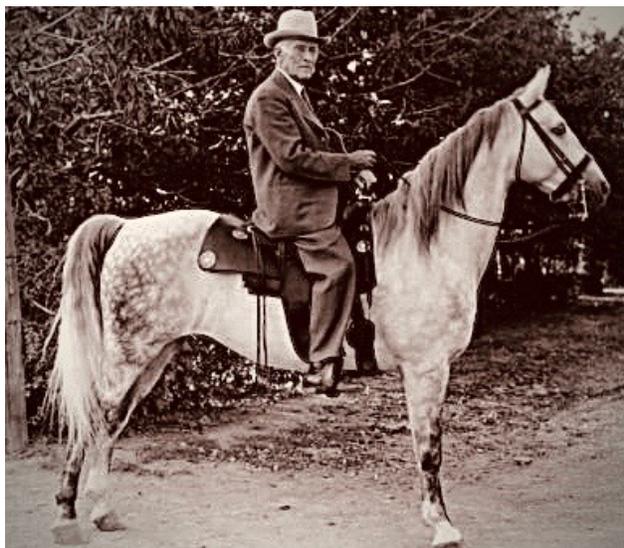
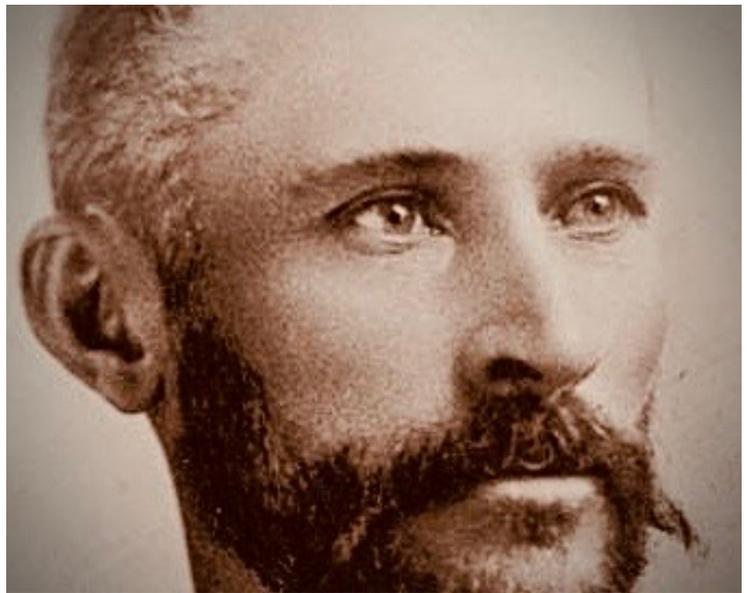
Nine-year old Anthony Ivins and his family traveled to Saint George in 1861. On that journey, he saw the six-year old daughter of Apostle Eratus Snow, Elizabeth, who later became his wife. Anthony's father, Israel Ivins completed the first plat map of St. George city.

At age 23, Ivins was called on a mission to Arizona and northern Mexico to establish Mormon colonies. Anthony held numerous public offices including: constable (St. George), city councilman (St. George), county assessor

(Washington), prosecuting attorney (Washington), county attorney (Mohave), mayor (St. George), special Indian agent (Shivwits), and territorial legislator (Utah).

In 1888, Anthony Ivins helped organize the "Sagebrush Democrats" and became one of the most popular Democrats in the territory. His name was frequently mentioned as a candidate for the first governor of the State of Utah.

In 1895, Ivins disposed of his successful cattle ranching business to



return to the Mormon colonies in Mexico serving as president of the Juarez LDS Stake and the general manager of the Mexican Colonization and Agricultural Company.

He returned to Utah in 1907, to become a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of the LDS Church. Ivins also served on the board of trustees of the Utah State Agricultural College, the National Boy Scout Committee and as president of the Utah Savings and Trust bank. He was often known as the *Cowboy Apostle*. Not surprisingly, he was elected to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1970.