

Final Report

WWI Grant from Utah Division of State History

Utah State Archives Historical Records Advisory Board,
Competitive Grants Program, Final Summary and Evaluation.

Grantee: **Dixie Encampment Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.**

1. Purposes of the Project:

a. The first purpose was to locate the grave sites of veterans of WWI who are buried in Washington County cemeteries.

b. The second purpose was to identify descendants of as many of the veterans as possible and recognize them in public events.

c. The third purpose was to get access to and copy as many documents, pictures, and other materials of the veterans for placement in appropriate archives.

d. The fourth purpose was to sponsor one or more public presentations about WWI events so as to commemorate the end of WWI and acknowledge the participation of citizens of Washington County in the war to end all wars.

2. Outcomes Accomplished:

a. One hundred and thirty three (133) grave sites were located in three cemeteries: Santa Clara, St. George, and Washington City. A total of one hundred forty eight veterans were identified as participants in WWI. Each grave site was physically visited and evaluated for the extent of its upkeep; for the most part grave sites were clean and well kept, although a few head stones had deteriorated. Notes were made about the sites for future action.

b. By means of phone calls, personal visits, and referrals by contacts, descendants of approximately thirty five (35) of the 133 veterans were located and recognized in public meetings.

c. Documents (personal histories, correspondence, chapters in books, pictures, high school yearbooks, and other artifacts) were located and copied for placement in archives. Dixie State University, Washington County Historical Society, the Cities of Santa Clara, St. George, and Washington City all cooperated in identifying and locating materials. Documents for over sixty (60) veterans were retrieved.

d. A local St. George newspaper called the *Washington County News* was published from 1898 to 1945, and a digital copy of all issues was made. Dixie State University provided us with access to the files. Copies of the newspaper for the years 1917 and 1918 were scanned and one hundred and forty one (141) pages of articles about WWI and veterans of the war were copied and made part of the final report.

e. Two public lectures were sponsored— (1) Allan Kent Powell, of Salt Lake City, Utah, provided an illuminating and informative analysis of the WWI Diary of Nels Anderson; (2) Robert Bruggeman, a noted and local historian provided an analysis of the causes and consequences of WWI.

3. Benefits.

The general public has become more aware of the events of WWI through the publication of articles in local news outlets, as well as through the process of locating descendants, and the public lectures and recognition meetings. This has been an arduous and lengthy journey, but the community has responded positively to the discoveries and information.

4. Plans for Follow-up and/or Continuation of the Project:

We plan to provide the cities involved with information about grave sites that could be improved. Beyond recognizing the end of WWI on Veterans Day, November 11, the project will not be continued.

5. Records:

Approximately two (2) cubic feet of records were copied and prepared for deposit in the following archives: Utah Department of State History, Dixie State University, National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, and the Museum of the St. George Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

6. Number of Digital Images Created:

An occasional digital image was created for the Washington County Historical Society's Web Site, and images were prepared for the files in the final report.

7. Successes and Problems:

a. Successes: A fair amount of interest in WWI, its veterans, and their descendants was generated. Many members of the community were identified who had special interests in WWI, although they did not have veterans buried in this area.

b. Problems: Maintaining interest in the project was the major problem. WWI seemed to be a long way in the past, so that a sustained program was difficult to maintain.

8. Attachments:

Copies of newspaper articles, reports of specific activities involving identification of grave sites, and some miscellaneous notes are attached.

9. Sample Interim Reports:

Santa Clara City Grave Site Analysis

Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

At 1:30 p.m. Brady Fronk and Wayne Pace drove to the Santa Clara Cemetery for the purpose of locating grave sites of WW I veterans buried there. The Cemetery sites on a bluff overlooking the Santa Clara River and is accessible by vehicle. The cemetery is well-cared for, some sections of dirt and gravel, but most parts the grave sites are nestled in plush grass.

A map of the cemetery shows the locations of grave sites, but the list of names is not associated with specific sections of the cemetery, making it almost impossible to locate the site of a specific veteran. So, we walked the entire cemetery, looking for grave sites of veterans on a list provided by the City.

After about an hour of walking, we were able to identify five (5) of the nine (9) sites on our list. Interestingly, we also located two (2) veterans who were not on our list. Their gravestones indicated that they were WW I veterans.

The sites identified are as follows:

Ence, John M.	20 06
Ingalls, William H.	no number; base of headstone cracked
Reber, Cleon J.	no number
Stucki, Edwin	no number
Wittwer, Julius C.	3c 14
Frei, J. Claude	not on list
Gray, Wallace	not on list
Sites not located	
Beck, Carl W.	160 D

Gubler, Hyrum	no number
Reber, Lorin	117 D
Stucki, Ether J.	no number

St. George Cemetery Analysis of WWI Veterans Grave Sites

April 21, 2018

At approximately 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2018, R. Wayne and Gae T. Pace, Brady and Ms Paula Fronk, Steven Bennion, Alan Fernelius, and Ronald Whitney assembled at the St. George City Cemetery, 600 East and 100 South Streets and 45 individual plot maps were distributed in groups of 7, 6, and 4 to the seven persons.

Individually, each person walked to a designated Plat area and, using the maps, sought to locate the grave sites indicated.

Of the 44 sites listed, the group initially identified the grave sites of 29 WWI veterans. Two (2) grave sites were identified, but no headstones existed to mark the grave sites. Thirteen (13) could not be located. In the process, however, an additional six (6) grave sites not on the list were located with headstones indicating that the individuals were veterans of WWI.

The markers of Andrus, Moses Willard and Graff, William Henry appear to have some damage or deterioration.

Abercrombie, Leslie Mackenzie and Christian, George Frederick have no head stones marking their sites, although a space appeared to exist where the grave sites might exist.

Grave markers exist for Lowry, Guy E.; Whitehead, Morris R.; Jones, William J.; and Miller, William E., although they were not on the list of WWI grave sites provided by the City. They were later added.

With the assistance of the St. George Cemetery Sexton, however, an additional sixty-two (62) grave sites of WWI veterans were identified, for a total of one hundred fourteen (114) sites.

Plans were made to locate all grave sites not located in the first attempt.

April 28, 2018

On Saturday, Apr 28, a small group of dedicated workers assembled at the St. George Cemetery on 100 South and 600 East: Wayne Pace, Gae Pace, Lowell Elmer, Gary Miller, JoAnn Miller, Brady Fronk, Paula Fronk, and George Alexander; his injured feet did not make it appropriate for George to engage in the project, so he left and returned home.

Each individual was given a small stack of individual maps of five grave sites and everyone moved quickly to locate and assess the grave sites. By the end of the first hour and a half, the majority of the grave sites had been locate and assessed and the maps returned to Pace. It was necessary for the Pace's to return home, so Brady Fronk volunteered to help complete the identifications and assessments and collect all forms.

Washington City Grave Site Analysis

May 5, 2018

Due to the scheduling of the annual St George Ironman Contest access to the Washington City Cemetery was not possible until 1:00 pm. At 12:30, Wayne and Gae Pace and Brady Fronk drove to 300 East in Washington City and a block north to the cemetery. Each taking a list of the 13 grave sites, a search was made and twelve (12) of the thirteen sites were identified, plus the following sites not included on the list from the City of Washington were identified:

Shugart, Harold B. Cpl WWI Medical Division; b. 5 Dec 1896, d. 5 September 1970.
Dewey, Bruce Gould b. 1897, d. 1970.
Paxman, Charles Haven b. 22 April 1894, d. 16 February 1973.
Prince, Theodore b. 26 June 1888, d. 15 March 1961
Bramstead. Virgil V. b. 23 February 1896, d. 15 October 1963 [some confusion here because two head stones lay side by side, one indicating that Bramstead was born on both February 23 and February 24 and may have died on different dates; head stone illegible at points].

At least four (4) of the head stones were in some disarray and many were covered with grass cuttings and other disrepair.



Washington County WWI Veterans' Grave Sites

Key: CN: Central MK: Mesquite SC: Santa Clara TQ: Toquerville WC: Washington City
Unmarked: Saint George Uk: Unknown

Last Name	First Name	Location
1 Abercrombie	Leslie MacKenzie	
2 Allen	Charles Erastus	
3 Andrus	Moses Willard	
4 Asay	Jerome, Jr.	
5 Atkin	John Peter	
6 Averett	John Woodruff	WC
7 Baker	Andrew W.	
8 Barton	Alma Ross	
9 Bateman	Alfred Hess	
10 Bean	Henry Dwight	
11 Beck	Carl W.	SC
12 Bennett	William H.	
13 Bentley	Arthur Ray	
14 Bentley	Mathew Mansfield	
15 Blood	Robert	
16 Bramstead	Virgil V.	WC
17 Bringham	Benjamin	TQ
18 Burgess	Frank	MK
19 Burton	Sidney Lindsay	
20 Canfield	Milo	
21 Cannon	Ambrose Mason	
22 Cannon	Kenneth Mason	
23 Carter	Don Smith	
24 Carter	William	
25 Chadburn	George	CN
26 Cheney	Bart	Unknown
27 Christian	George Frederick	
28 Cottam	Joseph Milton	
29 Cottam	Moroni	Provo
30 Cox	LeRoy Henderson	
31 Cox	Warren Lee	
32 Cox	Wilford Fenton	
33 Craig	Albert Weston	
34 Dewey	Bert Alphonso	WC
35 Douglas	Roscoe Robert	
36 Ellis	Robert Edmund	
37 Empey	Levi	
38 Empey	Nelson A.	
39 Empey	William Albert	
40 Ence	John M.	SC
41 Foster	Henry Clay	
42 Frei	J. Claude	SC
43 Fullerton	Harry Preston	
44 Gardner	Rex	
45 Gerdts	Henry W.	
46 GraffF	William Henry	
47 Gray	William	SC
48 Gubler	Hyrum P.	SC

49 Hafen	Leland	
50 Hafen	Guy	
51 Hansen	Daniel Walter	
52 Hinds	Barney R.	
53 Holt	James LeRoy	
54 Houston	John Steiner	
55 Ingalls	William H.	SC
56 Iverson	Victor Moses	
57 Jackson	Harvey Albert	
58 Jacobson	Alma H.	
59 Jolley	James William	WC
60 Jones	Alvin Alfred	
61 Jones	Clarence Amos	
62 Jones	Ellie	Veyo
63 Jones	William J.	
64 Judd	Frank	
65 Kastle	Louis Paul	WC
66 Kearney	William A.	
67 Keate	Daniel Lester	
68 Keate	Julius Ross	
69 Keate	Neal Dee	
70 Kemp	Milo	
71 Keyes	Grant Zenia	Sevier Co
72 Kleiman	Moroni	TQ
73 Krum	Herman	
74 Lang	Albert	
75 Lamb	Sherman	
76 Larson	Reuben	
77 Leany	Francis Searce	
78 Leavitt	Josiah H.	
79 Lowry	Guy E.	
80 Mathis	Gordon Wallace	
81 McArthur	Ezra Mervin	
82 McMurtrie	Daniel Matthew	
83 McNeil	David Lindhurst	
84 Miles	Frank	
85 Miles	Orson Pratt	
86 Miles	Richard W.	
87 Miller	William E.	
88 Miller	William Henry	WC
89 Milne	Vivian	
90 Mitchell	Marvin Young	
91 Moore	Alexander DeWar	WC
92 Moore	Clarence S.	WC
93 Morris	Claudis Newberry	
94 Morris	Leslie A.	
95 Moss	Leon	
96 Neilson	Joseph A.	
97 Neilson	Vernal	WC
98 Page	Joseph Frederick, Jr.	

99 Parris	George Hopkins	
100 Paxman	Charles Haven	WC
101 Pendleton	Anthony	
102 Phoenix	John J. Jr..	
103 Pickett	Henry	
104 Powell	Clyde Ira	
105 Prince	John Franklin	
106 Prince	Theodore	WC
107 Pymm	John Franklin	
108 Randall	Brigham Dyson	
109 Reber	Cleon J.	SC
110 Reber	Lorin	SC
111 Rosenberry	Clyde	
112 Rossetta	James	
113 Roundy	Napoleon Bonaparte	
114 Ryan	Vincent Edmond	
115 Ruby	Alfred Alonzo	WC
116 Schmutz	Walter Albert	
117Smith	Frederick Lee	
118 Snow	Karl Nelson	
119 Squire	William John	
120 Stewart	John Wallace	
121 Stucki	Edwin	SC
122 Stucki	Ether J.	SC
123 Stucki	Ferdinand Karl	
124 Sullivan	Archibald Cleo	
125 Sullivan	Gordon	
126 Taylor	Kenneth M.	
127 Thompson	Ezra	
128 Thomson	Harold Ira	
129 Timmins	Beatrice	
130 Turnbeaugh	Seven Wallace	WC
131 Turner	James Edward Jackson	WC
132 Ulrick	Albert	UK
133 Vincent	Lorenzo Power	
134 West	Frank Squire	
135 Westover	Ralph	
136 Whiney	Ralph Emanuel	
137 Whitehead	Erastus Goddard	
138 Whitehead	Morris Rennie	
139 Wilhoit	Roscoe Rex	
140 Williams	Harold Roger	
141 Williams	Kumen Davies	
142 Wilson	Alvin Deliverance	
143 Wittwer	Julius C.	SC
144 Woodbury	David Orin	
145 Woodbury	John T. Jr..	
146 Worthen	Robert	
147 Worthen	Vernon	
148 Vanburen	Fredrick Cheney	Manti

Section III: Budget

Expenditure of Cash or the Value of In-Kind Services	Grant	Local Match	Total Budget
In-Kind			
Original Budget	\$3,573	\$5,000	\$8,573
Revised Budget	\$3,573	\$3,625	\$7,198

Actual Donations and Expenditures

Time Donations Dixie Encampment Chapter, SUP	Donated Time		
Ten X 50 hours each = 500 @ \$7.25 per hour	500 hrs	\$3,625.00	
R. Wayne Pace, Overall Coordinator	250 hrs	\$1,812.25	
R. Wayne Pace, Mgr, Public Information [included above]			
David Peterson, Mgr, History Lectures	83 hrs	\$601.75	
Mark Christensen, Mgr, Records Collection	160 hrs	\$1,160.00	
Lowell Elmer, Asst. Records Collections	4 hrs	\$29.00	
Art Partridge, Mgr, Acknowledgement Meetings	109 hrs	\$790.25	
Brady Fronk, Mgr, Grave Sites Locations	55 hrs	\$398.25	
Paula Fronk, volunteer	5 hrs	\$36.25	
Gary Miller, Asst.	7.5 hrs	\$54.38	
JoAnn Miller, volunteer	7.5 hrs	\$54.38	
Al Fernelius, Asst.	3 hrs	\$21.75	
Travis Black, Mgr , Finances	no report		
George R. Cannon, Jr, Mgr, Websites	no report		
Total 694 hrs		\$5031.00	
Reimbursed Expenses			
Professional Lecturers (2 @ \$500 each)	\$1,000		
Robert Bruggerman, WWI Expert		\$500.00	
A. Kent Powell, Author WWI Diary		\$500.00	
Musical Performers at Final Meeting		\$250.00	
Materials and Expenses	\$1,500		
Preparation of Programs and Flyers		\$250.00	
Copying and Printing Materials		\$1,250.00	
Travel	\$827		
Making Contacts 432 miles @ \$.54 each		\$233.28	
Searching Locations 400 Miles @ \$.54 each		\$216.00	
Grand Total	\$3,573	\$3,199.28	
Difference	-\$317		

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Organization Representative: R. Wayne Pace

Date: October 30, 2018