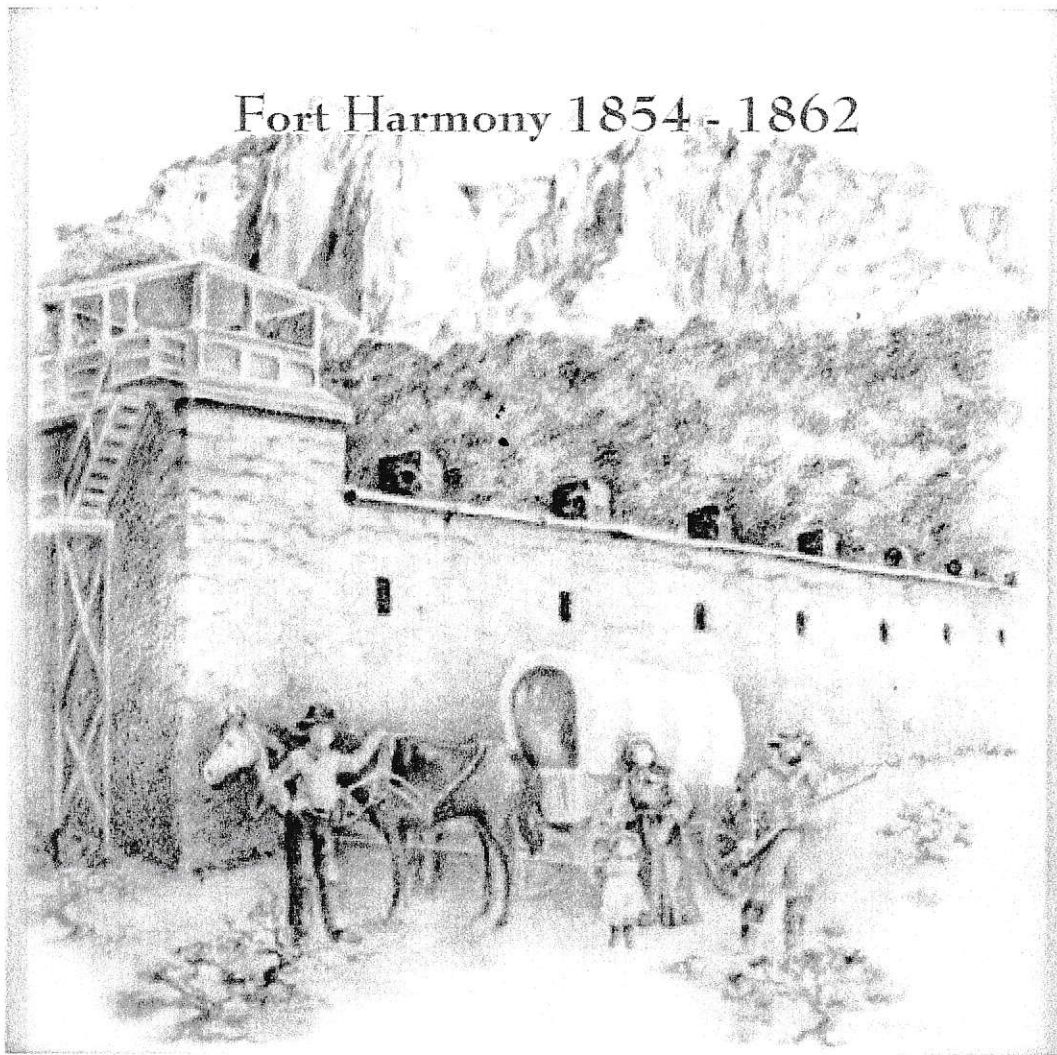


Fort Harmony 1854 - 1862



artistic interpretation of Fort Harmony in 1854

Fort Harmony Historical Society

information packet for interest in our

Historic Declaration of Support

first signing October 24, 2009

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*Fort Harmony Historical Society would like to encourage your support in our efforts to see Fort Harmony as
"the gathering place"*

*We ask for your help finding a way in acquiring property, completing the archaeology work & building an Interpretive Center
Please contact us with any comments, suggestions or to arrange an individual meeting.*

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*Packet prepared for FHHS's Historic Declaration of Support.
by edivina jones*

FORT HARMONY



**Recognized on the National Register of Historic Places and
by the Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmark Association**



Mission of Fort Harmony Historical Society
*to establish and operate a multiuse site; to preserve and restore
Fort Harmony; to safeguard and share the significant heritage found in
Harmony Valley, through entertaining, educational and
engaging experiences of discovery.*

Please support the vision at Fort Harmony as a "gathering place"

- ~ 32 1/2 acres of property needs to be acquired
- ~ archaeological work needs to be completed
- ~ an Interpretive Center is needed to house and facilitate the sharing

What we know about Fort Harmony

- ~ 1854 Brigham Young and Parley P. Pratt chose and marked the site
- ~ completed drawing and instructions provided by Truman O. Angell
- ~ home to about 300 individuals from 1854 to 1862
- ~ birthplace of Washington County
- ~ headquarters for the Southern Indian Mission
- ~ resting place by travelers exploring and establishing the West
- ~ uninhabitable in 1862 by the Utah floods
- ~ State and Nationally recognized

Washington County has been working with us to insure proper care of the Fort site as they are the stewards of the property on which the Fort is located. The site was donated to the County in 2006 by the Eldon Schmutz Family.

Our Progress in the Preservation

- ~ 2007 archaeology dig of southwestern corner; funded by Utah Division of State History
- ~ continued collection of information (histories, interviews, and research)
- ~ Fort Harmony Days established for Community celebration, awareness and fund-raising
- ~ web site: fortharmony.org created to share what we are doing and learning

Location

In Southern Utah's Harmony Valley, between Cedar City and St. George, near Zion's Kolob Canyon. Take exit 42 off I-15 & go west one mile; you will see the gated site to the south.

Share Our Vision... *A place to gather in a place of beauty*

Our vision is to create a "gathering place" that preserves, protects and shares the inspiring heritage of Fort Harmony and Harmony Valley.

Benefits

Historical

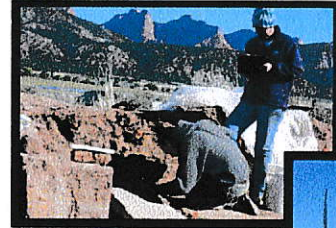
- ~ opportunity to recover more heritage
- ~ provide an environment for safekeeping of artifacts

Educational

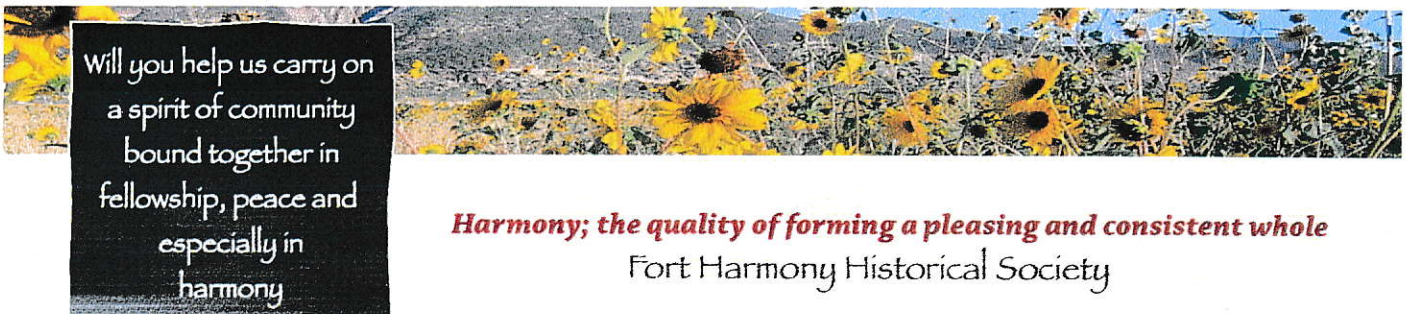
- ~ hands on classroom for students in the study of archaeology
- ~ point of interest for elementary children and others studying Utah History

Community/Visitors

- ~ safeguard land from deterioration/development that would diminish Fort Harmony
- ~ destination for understanding the traditions, hardships and culture of a people beginning anew
- ~ economic possibilities in culture, tourism and business



Fort Harmony was a vital part of the settlement of the Western United States and most certainly to Southern Utah. We are certain the property surrounding the Fort is pertinent. We have found historic information here and this would provide a buffer from possible undue development. A significant historic landscape is what's possible not only for the Fort, but for Harmony Valley. Fort Harmony Historical Society is gathering pioneer histories, artifacts and area information for the preservation effort. We are asking for help in the land acquisition, crucial archaeology work and funding for an Interpretive Center at Fort Harmony. This will continue the preservation enabling us the privilege of sharing our Nation's heritage, offering knowledge and enlightenment, about a very industrious people. With the beauty of Southern Utah and its rich history, a valuable and engaging experience is possible for all. Fort Harmony's heritage offers a worthy perspective in a "Utah Heritage Corridor." Harmony Valley holds an impressive, virtually untouched, historic find in such an awe-inspiring place



Will you help us carry on
a spirit of community
bound together in
fellowship, peace and
especially in
harmony

Harmony; the quality of forming a pleasing and consistent whole
Fort Harmony Historical Society

Report of activities for Lyman D. Platt, president, March 31, 2010 to April 21, 2010: 1) received back from Edwina Jones the time form that I ordered several months ago; 2) helped identify a boy scout who will take on the San Daniel campsite as an eagle project in conjunction with assistance from FHHS; 3) assisted FHHS in spraying and cleaning Ft. Harmony; 4) prepared a lecture to be given on May 20th at the Washington City Relief Society building: "Ft. Harmony's and its Influence on the Settlement of Southern Utah;" 5) prepared a lecture to be given at the Old Spanish Trail Association's 2010 Annual Conference, on April 29th at Kanab: "Spanish Archives: Their Organization in Hispanic America;" 6) went with a group guided by Al Matheson from Cedar City, to the Arizona Strip, reviewing Ft. Pierce, the Native American art work along the river; the petrified trees in the area; the Old Mormon Trail and the Honeymoon Trail; 7) toured Babylon and the Silver Reef area with several of our WCHS board members; 8) wrote a brief history of Harmony Valley; 9) compiled a brief history of the St. George Temple; 10) received documentation on the "DeMille" home at Schunesburg, showing it was not built by Oliver DeMille; 11) submitted my vitae to the WCHS website, along with a list of my publications; and 12) received \$1,000 from Jo Collester for Partners in the Field.

I previously presented this letter to the board asking for assistance in getting Ms. Muir answers to her questions. No offer was forthcoming. I submit the letter herewith for recording on our website. I am turning this information to a local researcher here in Harmony Valley to see if they can find any information. Lyman De Platt, Ph.D.

Letter received from Marla Muir, 4077 West 5740 South, Kearns, Utah 84118: Dear Sirs: the researchers at the state archives suggested I write to you concerning our grandfather Thomas Flynn, as he was in the Washington County area between 1908-1918. Thomas married my grandmother, Phoebe Skinner in 1899 in Provo, Utah. It was stated in the 1900 census that he was from New York and his parents were from Ireland. Our family was led to believe he came with the railroad. Phoebe died in 1900 in Provo at which time he left the area, leaving his four children with his mother-in-law. [This would seem to indicate a previous marriage.]

We found through newspaper articles that he settled in Washington County, but we are not sure of the time period. He and a partner Osgood Barney went into business in a pump operation and a peach tree orchard at Virgin and maybe at Leeds. There are also indications that he may have owned property in Hurricane. The archives has helped as much as they can and suggested I write to you to see if there is any possible way you or someone you know could help us with this matter. We cannot find any further trace of him or Osgood Barney in the Utah area or any other area through the 1920 census. The only reason we think he settled in that area is because he is listed as a partner with Osgood Barney and he would come and see my father in Provo, without our great-mother knowing as she hated Thomas. My father was a little older and would talk with him. We cannot even find a burial spot or grave any place in Utah.

We were hoping for some type of help as we are stuck in Salt Lake at this time. Anything you could help us with would be appreciated. If there is a fee we would be more than glad to pay it.

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Mountain Plains Office

535 16th Street

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Dear Sirs,

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Mrs LoAnne Barnes

Chairman Leeds Historical Preservation Society

SubjectMonthly Meeting, April 2010

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DateApril 21, 2010

Dear Board Members and Friends:

I have arranged our April tour for April 24th at Enterprise. We will meet at the DUP museum at 10:00. There will be a tour of the museum and demonstrations of their local publications, etc. There will be snacks for sale. Depending on the weather and the time, we will also go to the Enterprise dam, Hebron and the Terry Ranch.

Our April 28th meeting has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. in meeting room A, in the basement of the St. George Public Library. As part of our meeting, we will be discussing preservation of records in the county.

Just for George Cannon: George, please be prepared to give us an update on what you have added to the website during the last month. Also, please check and make sure the room is reserved. Thanks.

Agenda for April 28, 2010, St. George Public Library, 10:00, basement conference room.

- 1) Review and approval of February 24 minutes
- 2) Website update
- 3) We will have reports from each of the areas this time; please be prepared to make these reports.
- 4) Training on records preservation
- 5) Distribution of new time form.

RECORDS FOUND

As Brigham Young traveled from Salt Lake City down to areas South, to see to and visiting the developing areas, he did not have a lonely trip. On record we have him traveling with 98 persons, 34 wagons with 84 horses. President Brigham Young is recorded as preaching to the travelers on the necessity of building a fort. On such a trip the corners of Fort Harmony was marked. Noted in journals is the welcoming of Brigham and his groups at Harmony by preparing great feasts.

Farming and gardens were established as mission callings were given to the people to tend to this task. A lot was assigned in 10 acres plots for farms and one acre plots for gardens.

Brigham Young Travels South

Pres. Brigham Young, wife and Andrew Muffit	wagon & 2 horses
James Leatham, B. Young Jr, sister Easton	wagon & 3 horses
Pres. Kimball, wife, Charles and Heber	wagon & 3 horses
John Watts	wagon & 2 horses
Lorenzo D. Young and wife	wagon & 2 horses
Ephrian Hanks, wife, child Yoades	wagon & 2 horses
Joseph Young, Phineas Young, Jos. W. Young	wagon & 2 horses
Erastus Snow and wife	wagon & 2 horses
Lewis Robinson, wife and child	wagon & 2 horses
Henry Johnson, wife J.N. Walkly, T. Jenkins, H. Woodward	wagon & 5 horses
Stephen Chipman and wife and Thomas Bullock	wagon & 2 horses
Dimick B. Huntington and wife	wagon & 2 horses
Francis Pirch, wife	wagon & 2 horses
Gideon D. Wood, wife and child	wagon & 2 horses
Joshua Arthur, wife and 2 children	wagon & 2 horses
Anson Call, wife and Father	wagon & 2 horses
Parley P. Pratt, Smith B. Thurstin	wagon & 2 horses
Wilford Woodruff, T. C. Angell, Sam L. Sprague	wagon & 2 horses
John Taylor, A. C. Brown, Geo Taylor	wagon & 2 horses
Ezra T. Benson, Thos McKenzie, Chas Benson	wagon & 3 horses
Geo. A. Smith, A.J. Stewart	wagon & 2 horses
Edward Hunter, Archibald N. Hill	wagon & 2 horses
Daniel H. Wells, Arza B. Hinkley, Stephen Taylor	wagon & 5 horses
Lot Smith, Robt Burton, Ed Walker, Henry S. Dalton Wm. R. Smith	wagon & 6 horses
Porter Rockwell, Amos Neff, Geo. Bean	wagon & 2 horses
Henson Walker, John G. Holman	wagon & 2 horses
Lyman S. Hutchings, Wm. W. Hutchings	wagon & 2 horses
Silas Richards, Alexander M. Shoemaker	wagon & 2 horses
Aaron Johnson, Enos Curtis, David A. Curtis	wagon & 2 horses
John T. Caine, Edward Partridge, Joseph A. Peck, Ward Peck	wagon & 4 horses
Henry P. Richards, Orson K. Whiten Joseph E. Smith, Daniel S. Mills,	
Devalson and Merrick	wagon & 5 horses
William Cluff, Silas Smith, Eli Bell	wagon & 2 horses
Edson Whipple	wagon & 2 horses
Wm Smith, Dave Garner, John Whitney and Orson Miles	rode horse back/5 horses

Fort Harmony Survey Garden Spots 1855

NAME	LOT#	DATE
Atwood, Samuel	13 & 14	2/16/55
Barney, Henry	23	
Blackburn, Elihu	21	
Brown, Thomas D.	9	
Carter, Ruben	18 & 19	
Davis, John R.	28	
Davis, William R.	29	
Groves, Elisha H.	5 & 6	
Hadden, Alford S.	24 & 25	
Powell, James L.	20	
Knell, Benjamin	16	
note: with Knell was Prime Coleman		
Riddle, Isaac	16	
note: with Riddle was Allen Rufus C.		
Roundy, Lorenzo W.	12	
Shirts, George	2	
Young, William	26	

Travel information from: *Southern Indian Mission* by Thomas D. Brown
Survey information from: Washington County records dept.

Fort Harmony Survey Farms 1855

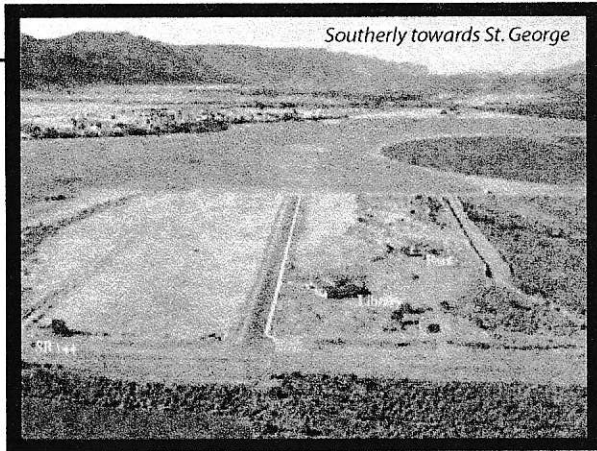
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Atwood, Samuel	39 & 42	2/16/55
Barney, Henry	52 & 53	
Blackburn, Elihu	12 & 51	
Brown, Thomas D.	35	
Carter, Ruben	45, 46 & 47	
Davis, John R.	63	
Dalton Charles W.	26 & 27	
Groves, Elisha H.	29 & 30	
Hadden, Alford S.	54 & 60	
Ingrham, Alexander	11	
Knell, Benjamin	36	
note: with Knell was Prime Coleman		
Knight, Samuel	62	
Morse, Gilbert	6	
Lee, John D.	13, 20, 21 & 22	
	19	2/28/55
Littlefield, Waldo	28	2/16/55
Morse, Gilbert	7	
Powell, Thomas A.	34	2/24/55
Powell, James L.	50	2/16/55
Richey, Robert	37	
Riddle, Isaac	44	
note: with Riddle was Allen Rufus C.		
Roundy, Lorenzo W.	38	
Shirts, George	24	
	25	3/03/55
Shirts, Peter	West of lot 8	3/06/55
	9, West of lot Q & 10	2/16/55
Wardell, John	8	3/03/55
Young, William	5 & 61	2/16/55

FORT HARMONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & EVENTS

- 2005 the formation of Fort Harmony Historical Society
- 2005 entered agreement with Resource Conservation and Development, Five Counties - Southern Utah
- 2006 had Washington County and Washington County Historical Society fence the Fort site
- 2006 Fort Harmony website, www.fortharmony.org, up and running
- 2006 Summer; assisted with the production of, "I See Our Zion", a local community theatrical event
- 2006 began sponsoring monthly historical lectures & producing DVDs of lectures for resale
- 2007 conducted Fort Harmony tour for the Sons of the Utah Pioneers (Cedar City & St. George) & Daughters of the Utah Pioneers (Harmony Valley)
- 2007 agreement for Pro Bono representation with Steve Swindle, lawyer with Van Cott, Bagley, Cornwall & McCarthy - Salt Lake City, UT
- 2007 "Fort Clean Up" with volunteers
- 2007 first annual "Fort Harmony Days" with Dinner & "Winds of Harmony" (play written for FHHS)
- 2007 met with Mike Empey for Congressman Jim Matheson's office for support
- 2007 received non-profit training by Utah Non-profit Association
- 2007 participated in Apple Festival - New Harmony Fire Department Fund-raiser
- 2007 participated in Roundy Family Reunion, Kanarrville
- 2007 sponsored Lee Family day
- 2007 CAD engineers drawing was completed of Fort Harmony using the instruction from Truman O. Angell
- 2007 Fall; Office of Public Archaeology one week dig/recovery on the southwest corner of Fort Harmony
- 2007 participated in Apple Festival - New Harmony Fire Department Fund-raiser
- 2008 met with SUU, Regional Services for support
- 2008 annual "Fort Harmony Days" with fund-raising dinner with auction & family fun activities
- 2008 received classification from IRS as a 501 (c) 3 organization
- 2008 received permit from the Utah Office of Public Commerce to solicit funds
- 2008 conducted Fort Harmony tour for the Sons of the Utah Pioneers (Cedar City & St. George)
- 2009 agreement for Pro Bono work from accounting firm, Hinton, Burdick, Hall & Spilker PLLC
Chris Barker, CPA Cedar City, UT
- 2009 conducted Fort Harmony tour for the Washington County Historical Society
- 2009 received training from Wilson Martin, State History of Preservation & Lori Hunsaker, Archaeology
- 2009 met with Elder Marlin K. Jensen, Church History - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for support
- 2009 received grant writing training by Utah Non-profit Association
- 2009 met with Tim Bawden, LDS Church Office to inquire about property exchange & donation
- 2009 met with Monte Bona, instigator of Sanpete Heritage Corridor, for support & inclusion in corridor project
- 2009 annual "Fort Harmony Days" with Chili Cook-off & family fun activities
- 2009 participated in Apple Festival - New Harmony Fire Department Fund-raiser
- 2009 "Fort Clean Up" with volunteers
- 2009 signing of "Historic Declaration of Support"





FORT HARMONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 PRESERVE • PROTECT • SHARE

County property  proposed area of development 

Amphitheater

"HILL"

CHURCH
 20 ACRES
 water shares ?
 9

Museum

MORGAN
 20 ACRES
 3 water shares
 8
 North quarter corner Sec. 19
 Township 38 S. Range 12 W.
 SaltLake Base and Meridian

Schmutz Lane

	SCHMUTZ 5 ACRES 1 water share 7 Lot 6 County Records
FHHS Office Bowery Blacksmiths Gardens	SCHMUTZ 5 ACRES 1 water share 6 Lot 5 County Records CORRAL & BARN SITE
Pioneer Memorial ROCK 5 Lot 4 County Records	FORT SITE SCHMUTZ 2.5 ACRES no water 4 Lot 3 County Records
LIBRARY 3 Lot 1 County Records	1 Well Parcel 2 Lot 2 County Records

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FORT HARMONY & NEW HARMONY RESIDENTS, 1852-1869

Alma (Indian)	Davies, Rachel Andora	John Sydney	Murdock John
Brigham W.	Davis, Elizabeth	Jolleys	Nolan Thomas
Charles Albert	Davis, James	Jones Nathaniel V.	Oscar David
Cynthia Minerva	Davis, James	Jose William	Owens Daniel
Emora Ann	Davis, James	Knell Benjamin	Palmer Richard
George Franklin	Davis, John	Knight Samuel	Pamonis Michael
James H.	Davis, John R.	Lee Adaline	Platt Benjamin
Juliett	Davis, John R.	Lee Alice	Platt James
Leah Ann	Davis John Rees	Lee Alnorah	Platt John William
Levi	Davis John W.	Lee Amelia	Pollock
Marvan B.	Davis Mary	Lee Amorah	Powell James
Miriam	Davis Patience B.	Lee Elizabeth	Pratt Parley Parker
Orson A.	Davis Polly	Lee Elizabeth	Price Edwin Waldo
Sarah (Indian)	Davis Polly	Lee Emeline	Redd, Benjamin J.
Susan (Indian)	Davis William Reese	Lee Erastus H.	Benjamin J. Redd
??? Mary A.	Dickson Robert	Lee Eunice	<i>called as "down and back" teamsters in 1862</i>
??? Sarah Caroline	Dickson William	Lee Ezra J.	<i>He requested a dance be held before leaving</i>
Allen, Rufus Charles	Dixon David	Lee, George Albert	Reed Benjamin
<i>appointed president and captain</i>	Dixon Henry	Lee, Harvey Parley	Riddle Isaac
<i>of the Southern Indian Mission</i>	Dowel Thomas A.	Lee Heber J.	Ritchiem Ritchie
Ames, Clarke	Easton Bob	Lee Helen Rachel	Ritchiem Robert M.
Ames, Mrs. Clarke	Eldredge Elnathan	Lee Henriette	Robinson Richard
Anderson, J.	Flint James	Lee Hyrum J.	Rockwell Porter
Atwood, Samuel F.	Flynn James	Lee Iris A.	Rogers C.
Samuel F. Atwood	Fream	Lee J. A.	Roundy Lorenzo
<i>appointed second lieutenant of the</i>	Free Louiza	Lee, James B.	Sherrat John
<i>Southern Indian Mission</i>	Gerber Louis	Lee, Marjorie A.	Shirts Darius
Barney, Alma	Gerber Moroni	Lee Martha A.	Shirts Don Carlos
Barney, H.	Greaves Mary	Lee Mary	Shirts Elizabeth
Barney, Mary	Groves C. H.	Lee Mary A.	Shirts Elizabeth Ann
Barney, Rose Ann	Groves Elisha H.	Lee Mary Adaline	Shirts Elsy
Batchelder, Emma	Groves Indian	Lee Nancy Emeline	Shirts George
Batchelder, Teresa	Groves Ira	Lee Preston A.	Shirts George
Beauchamp, Aaron	Groves Ira	Lee Rachael C.	Shirts George Rhily
Becknell, Hyrum	Groves Lucy	Lee Ralph D.	Shirts Margaret
Beddoe,	Groves Lucy	Lee Samuel Parley	Shirts Peter
Berry, Martha Elizabeth	Groves, Lucy Maria	Lee Sarah J.	Shirts, William Derius
Blackburn, Jehu	Groves, Mary Leah	Lee Thurza Jane	Tate,
Brown, Thomas Dunlop	Groves Patience Sybil	Lee Willard John	Tenney Nathan C.
Thomas Dunlop Brown	Groves Samuel	Lee William	Thomas Robert
<i>one of the twenty-three missionaries, called</i>	Groves Samuel Elisha	Lee William O.	Thorley Thomas
<i>as clerk, to the Southern Indian Mission</i>	Hadden Alfred S.	Lewis David	Thomton Amos G.
Burgess, Hyrum	Hamblin Jacob 3,	David Lewis	Tootapea Elijah
Callahan, Patrick	Hardy Augustus P.	<i>appointed first lieutenant of the Southern</i>	Tsibeekoo William
Carter, Reuben	Harrison R.	<i>Indian Mission</i>	Tullis, David
Chamberlain, Charles	Haskell Thales H.	Lewis Preston A.	Wantects, Nephi
Chamberlain, Solomon	Haskell Thomas A.	Littlefield Edwin Waldo	Wardell John
Clarke, G.S.	Haslam Margaret	Littlefield James	Webb Wesley
Coleman, Prime	Hatch Ira	Littlefield Mary	Williams Betsy
Collett, Sylvanus	Heber John	Littlefield Mary James	Williams George
Conway, Hornes	Henefer William	Littlefield Samuel James	Williams Mary Ann
Cook, John	Heywood Joseph L.	Littlefield Sydney	Wilson William H.
Curtis, Lyman	Hill, Susan	Littlefield Waldo	Woolsey Agatha Ann
Dalton, C.W.	Susan Hill	Lords Mrs.	Woolsey Rachel Andora 1
Dalton, Elizabeth	<i>made a mat and pillow and night cap and</i>	Lords Henry ?	Woolsey William
Dalton, George	<i>furnished a plate, spoon, cup, needles and</i>	Lott John	Wright P.
Dalton, Juliett	<i>thread for "down and back" teams in 1862.</i>	McConnel Jehiel	Wylie R.
Dalton, Sarah Jane	Hoopes Lavina	Morris Elias	Young Harriett Elizabeth
Dalton, Sarah Jane	Hunter	Morse, Gilbert	Young Leah
Darrow, M.H.	Huntsman Elizabeth	Morse Hannah Irena	Young Rachel Diranda
Davies, James G.	Ingram A. G.	Morse Tereasa	Young William
Davies, Patty	Ingram Moroni	Mott Stephen	
Davies, Rachel			

HARMONY VALLEY & THE PIONEERS

In December, 1847, the Territorial General Assembly in Salt Lake commissioned Parley P. Pratt to gather a company of 50 men to explore the Southern part of what is now Utah. Some stayed in Parowan, Little Salt Lake Valley, and others explored as far South as what is known today as Santa Clara. Then, at General Conference, on October 6, 1851 it was announced that a new community was to be founded. Within a few days John D. Lee and a company of nineteen wagons were on the way towards this Valley. In the Deseret News dated December 8, 1852:

On the first water south of the rim of the great basin, in Washington County, John D. Lee, Elisha Groves and company are building a Fort on Ash Creek called Harmony. Fifteen men are capable of bearing arms. Fifty-one loads of lumber have been taken there from Parowan and six teams are constantly employed building the Fort. One of the first rooms erected was a school house. The point is well selected for military purposes and commands the spring and about 160 acres of farm land on the creek and about 20 miles of good grazing around. It is about 20 miles north of the Rio Virgin, which is inaccessible to teams until a road can be worked at considerable expense.

In April 1854, Brigham Young sent twenty-three young men to the area, with ten wagons, as missionaries to the Indians. May 19, 1854, Brigham Young, Orson Pratt and others visited the new settlement, but did not like the location as there wasn't enough land to sustain the colony. It would be considered an Outpost. The next day a new fort site was located, we now know as Fort Harmony. , Harmony and Kanarra creeks were inspected as to where canals would be dug for the flow of water.

In February 1855, it was ready for living, our Fort Harmony was 200 feet square. The houses on the East were one story and the walls ten feet high. On the West the houses were two story with walls sixteen feet high. In the center a well was dug, a 100 feet deep, which supplied the culinary water. On the North and South gates stood. Fort Harmony was the seat for Washington county from 1856 to 1859; with John D. Lee as judge. Elisha H. Groves, Henry Barney, Richard Robinson, Rufus C. Allen all held an office at the Fort. At the end of 1856 there were twenty-five families and two hundred twenty-five souls calling Fort Harmony their Home.

In January 1860, an earthquake cracked the Fort walls. As a result, some of the walls had to be torn down to keep the Fort safe for living in. The Winter of 1861-1862 was devastating for the Fort. Snow and Rain fell almost incessantly for twenty-eight days with the Sun never shining. Having been built of adobe Fort Harmony crumbled and melted in the constant moisture. The people moved to the Indian Mission Farm, today's Town of New Harmony. Other families moved to what is now known as Kanarraville and some went south.

HARMONY VALLEY & THE NATIVE AMERICANS

Harmony Valley and Fort Harmony's history is intricately intertwined with the Native American history. The Paiute Tribe occupied Harmony Valley long before the pioneers came. It was named "Somato" or the "Cove" and was a place for Native American gatherings, the logical spot just south of the Great Basin Divide. In the Fall of 1863 the Indian Mission was organized after the order of a military unit. The Mission was to teach, help and learn with the Native American groups living in the area. Native American artifacts have been found all over the Valley.

Introduction

Despite national recognition Fort Harmony stands in jeopardy of degradation and disturbance. Investigations could enhance the understanding of this important pioneering period of Utah history & give opportunity for the public, historical societies and other organizations to be involved in the field research and analysis of a local archaeological site; also, assess the nature of the Fort's remains for future preservation and stabilization.

Site Description

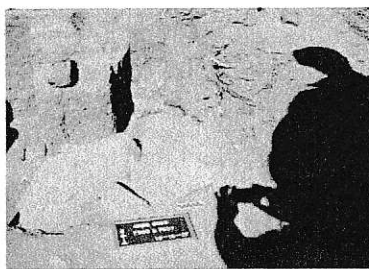
Fort Harmony is located in Washington County, Utah; [NE1/4, NW1/4, NW1/4 of Section 24, Township 38 South, Range 13 West on the Kolob Arch 7.5' USGS Quadrangle (1972) with UTM coordinates of 301713 mE, 4150335 mN (NAD27) - elevation 5100 feet ASL (1555meters)] approximately 3.5 miles east of the town of New Harmony. The site lies in an open valley - upper Sonoran life zone with vegetation including sagebrush, rabbit brush, snake-weed, pinyon, juniper and various grasses.

The surface shows the partially exposed Fort rock foundation. On the northern and western sides sediment accumulation of up to four feet above current ground surface appears to have preserved the lower portion of the foundation walls and interior of the Fort. In the deepest areas there may be up to six feet of deposits that contains artifacts and other remains from the main occupation.



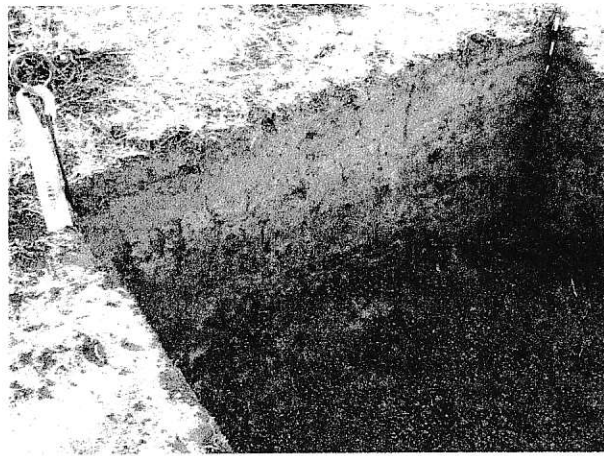
Mormon Expansion & Colonization

Fort Harmony was one of the earliest forts constructed by Mormon pioneers. It was part of a vast project, envisioned and initiated by Brigham Young, to colonize areas outside the Salt Lake Valley as well as utilize natural resources (Prince 2004:171; Seegmiller 1998:41). It was the first settlement in Washington County, Utah and served as an important base for settlements in southern Nevada, northwestern Arizona and California. The Fort was an outpost for missionary efforts to Great Basin and southwestern Native Americans groups as well as a base for settlements by Mormon immigrants.



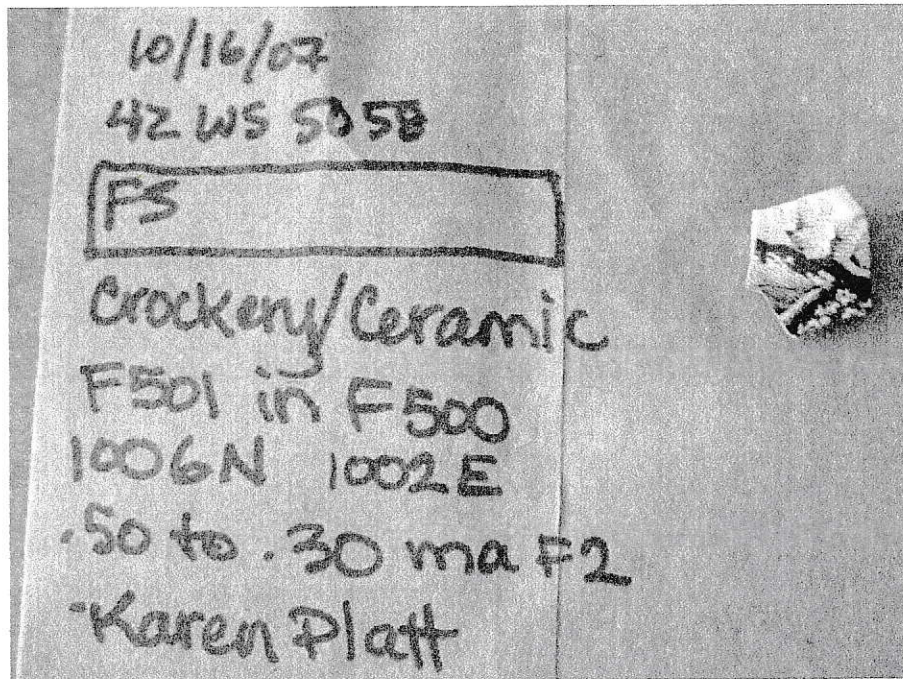
Methods and Procedures

Excavation areas were controlled by a one meter grid system. All excavation was by hand, with shovels being used in the upper disturbed deposits and trowels in the lower intact deposits. All soil removed was sifted through 1/4 inch mesh screens. All significant features, surfaces and artifacts were photographed. All materials were brought to the lab for processing. Artifact categories included the following: ceramics, glass, metal, wood, bone and stone.



From Archaeology

A 1x1 meter unit was placed in the center of the Fort in an attempt to locate the original use surface of the interior courtyard. The surface associated with the Fort's occupation is approximately 20 - 30 cm below current ground level. In the southwest corner of the Fort there appears to have been a 20 foot room. A feature found within this room is a possible fireplace. A concentration of ash and charcoal seems to extend into the adobe wall. There appears to be a pilaster used to support the second story. The items recovered from this room include: ceramics, monocle, button, metal, bone and wood fragments. In a second room a wall, hearth, chimney and probable fireplace were excavated. Items recovered from the second room include: thimble, eggshell fragments and brick fragments.



Summary

The 2007 test excavation at Fort Harmony added a wealth of information to the local history of the area as well as to the understanding of the Early Mormon period in Utah. Future work at the site will expand on these research issues and awaits further funding.