



Killington Vermont Conference Set for May 26 - 29, 2005

Registration for the Killington conference is well under way, and has been strong. The tours are filling up with only a few tickets left, and the hotel registrations are at a record number. We have far exceeded our block of rooms and the Killington Grand has gone out of their way to accommodate the large attendance. A few condo rooms adjacent to the hotel are still available. If you have not already sent in your conference



*Killington Grand Hotel
Killington, Vermont*

registration, please remember that the deadline for the pre-registration discounted price is April 30th.

Airlines are also filling up and several people are flying into Albany, Manchester, or Burlington, as an alternative to flying into Boston.

Besides the conference tours to places like Fort Ticonderoga, Plymouth, Massachusetts, and the Joseph

Smith birthplace, there will be over one hundred papers and panels on a wide variety of Mormon history topics, from which to choose. In addition there are the plenary sessions with Dr. Richard Bushman and Dr. Charles L. Cohen. Elder Marlin K. Jensen, Executive Director of the Family and Church History Department of the LDS Church will be the featured speaker at the Sunday morning worship service at the Joseph Smith Memorial.

Together let us celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Smith and explore the theme of "*Joseph Smith and the Creation of Mormon Religious Traditions.*" This is a great opportunity see and touch historical objects, and to learn the latest in Mormon History scholarship. What better way of doing it than sharing the experience with a friend? Spread the word and bring someone with you to the conference.

MHA Membership Special Giving Program

Four years ago MHA implemented a special giving program to enhance its financial foundation. Each year as more people have participated, it has steadily grown to be a significant part of our organizational fabric. We have increased the publication of the *Journal* to three issues a year, and will eventually move it to a quarterly publication. We want to do this without an increase, or only a modest increase in dues, but to do so we need your help.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As this is my final message for the newsletter as President of MHA, I would like to say something more about the nature of the Mormon History Association. The umbrella of MHA provides a wide range of coverage. People of all religions, professions, and backgrounds come together under its roof. They have different interests and training. They live all over the world. Indeed, MHA is a good case study in diversity. There are active Latter-day Saints, cultural Mormons, members of the Community of Christ, and members of a whole range of other religious organizations. There are professional historians, amateur historians, family historians, local history buffs, and more. There are doctors, lawyers, businessmen, journalists, film producers, and other.

What brings all these people together? I believe it is a strong interest in, and even passion for, Mormon history. Their common interest bridges any gaps and enables them to enjoy spending time together and growing in their understanding of the Mormon past.

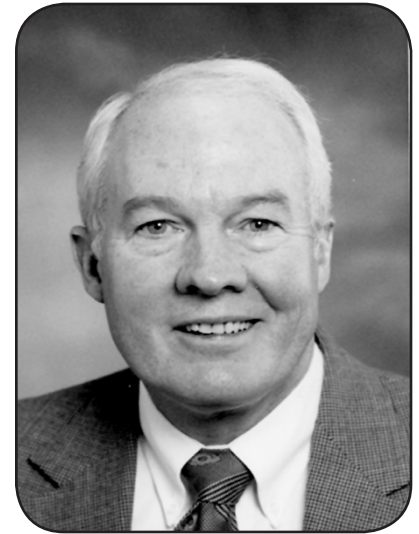
The Mormon History Association is powered by the spirit of volunteerism. This basic American trait and habit has provided energy for numerous associations and MHA continually depends upon it. As in any voluntary organization, the work is done by volunteers who are willing to give of their time and means. I believe that volunteerism has made a big difference in MHA, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who contribute to the success of this great organization. Volunteering fosters commitment, engagement, and solidarity. These traits serve to strengthen MHA when they are present and weaken it when they are not. If you have been willing to volunteer, thank you. Keep it up. If you have not had the opportunity, find out how you can get involved in the future.

As I have said before, I am really looking forward to the Vermont conference of MHA in May. The program offers something for everyone. I am particularly please that so much is being done to honor the legacy of Joseph Smith. Allow me to share an idea or two from my presidential address on "*Joseph Smith and the Globalization of Mormonism*." I will try to show that Joseph Smith contributed to this process of globalization in at least three ways:

1. He prophesied and taught about the expansion of Mormonism
2. He called missionaries to serve outside the United States
3. He even provided foreign missionary service himself

While examining a copy of the preliminary program for the Vermont Conference, I felt a need to express appreciation to those who have worked diligently to prepare for this event. I wish to thank Larry and Alene King for their dedicated service. The members of the program committee also deserve our thanks. Susan Rugh, who has done an outstanding job in her role as chair of the committee, needs special recognitions for her work.

Plan on coming to Vermont in May. I look forward to seeing you there.



*Donald Q. Cannon
MHA President*

Call for Papers – Casper, Wyoming May 25-29, 2006

During May 25-28, 2006, the Mormon History Association will gather in historic Casper – the first time the organization will have held its annual meeting in Wyoming. The Program Committee welcomes proposals on a broad array of topics, including ones showing promise of innovative approaches to the Mormon past. The Committee particularly solicits proposals exploring the **Conference theme: *Centers and Peripheries***.

Recent scholarship has eroded the metaphor of a “mainstream” American religious history (formerly conceived largely as Puritanism and its legacy). This development is among the reasons that Mormonism has assumed a more prominent place among scholars of religion across the nation. The Conference theme is an invitation to consider and reconsider the realities, the perceptions, the concepts, and the relations among various centers and peripheries – construed spatially or metaphorically – in Mormon history. This might, for example, include new attention to established, competing, or shifting geographical centers and outposts, as well as life on the trails between them. (2006 is the sesquicentennial of the Willie and Martin handcart companies.)

By contrast, “Centers and Peripheries” might be thought of in social terms, as in, for instance, gender, race, or family relations. Or the theme might be approached through theological frameworks of perceived and evolving orthodoxies and heresies, or in organizational contexts considering the denominational heirs

of Joseph Smith’s revelations and initiatives. Both in former and more contemporary times, the theme might prompt exploration of the relation of the Restoration churches in the U. S. with those abroad. It might also be thought of in terms of main currents and competing eddies in the historiographical stream: what has been, and what in the future should be, the central thrust of Mormon History? Perhaps, as with American religious history generally, questions should be posed about the very notion of centers and peripheries in several of these areas.

Within the framework of this theme, MHA is actively seeking proposals for the conference. Each year MHA receives a growing number of proposals for conference papers, and the Program Committee therefore prefers full panels of three papers and a commentator. Single paper proposals, however, are still welcome. For all proposals, please attach the Proposal Form (available at www.mhahome.org) to your document. Proposals that do not address the theme explicitly will also be considered. The deadline for all proposals is Oct. 1, 2005.

Proposals should be mailed to the Program Committee Chair, Michael N. Landon, Church Archives, Family and Church History Department, 50 East North Temple Street, 2EW, Salt Lake City, UT 84150. Electronic proposals may also be sent, by the deadline, to landonmn@ldschurch.org. Updated information about the process will be available on the MHA website. We expect notifications of acceptance or rejection to be mailed by January 1, 2006.

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MHA Extends Student Award

Kelsey Draper was recently honored at the 2005 Religious Education Student Symposium at Brigham Young University. Her paper entitled, “*United States Press Reactions to the 1978 Revelation on the Priesthood*,” was judged the best paper in the category of papers on Mormon history. Kelsey is a senior from Carmel, Indiana, majoring in Humanities, with minors in English and German. She was awarded a \$100 check and a one year membership in the Mormon History Association, at an annual luncheon held in connection with the symposium on February 25, 2005. The award was presented by Alexander Baugh, MHA awards chair for student papers. Congratulations Kelsey!

Why Vermont?

by Larry E. Dahl

Why hold Mormon History Association Meetings in Vermont? Why does The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints erect monuments, markers, and visitors' centers identifying certain sites memorializing people and events in their history? And why do many members of the Church, and some who are not members of the Church, travel hundreds, and even thousands of miles to visit these sites regularly? There is not just one answer to these questions. There are many people who simply love history, whether religious or secular, and who are interested in learning about a religious movement that has had, and is continuing to have, a tremendous social/religious influence in America and throughout the world. Some, who admire the lifestyle and sense of purpose they see in the lives of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and who are aware of the continued growth and involvement of the Church in local and worldwide humanitarian efforts, are genuinely intrigued, and perhaps seeking to find their own commitment to embrace a similar lifestyle and purpose. To so-called "active" or "believing" Latter-day Saints, the interest in Vermont runs much deeper. They consider the sites sacred, regarded with respect and reverence, because of the persons and events that are associated with the sites. To those who believe that Joseph Smith was indeed a prophet of God, raised up to restore the fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the earth after millennia of relative spiritual darkness, the place of his birth is of significant interest. Similarly, the history of his family and other luminaries in early church history who have connections with Vermont become of interest. In a very real sense, our view of history heavily influences our perceptions, values, and behavior in the present and the future. Memorializing people and places important to our religious experience can provide stabilizing contact points, anchors to faith, which contribute to a continuous validation in our minds and hearts of our whole system of belief and deeply held convictions. Hence, for persons of different persuasions – secular or religious history buffs, those seeking answers to personal religious questions, and committed Latter-day Saints – a look at people and sites connected to Mormon history in Vermont is an interesting venture.

Items of particular interest in Vermont

1. Joseph Smith's Birthplace

- The original log cabin in which Joseph Smith was born no longer stands. The site of the cabin is 200' NW of the current visitors center, behind the director's building. It is identified by a small stone marker. The front door step of the original cabin is located near the stone marker. The hearthstone of the original cabin is now in the visitors center.



Tunbridge Village Store, Tunbridge, Vermont, where tradition says, Joseph Smith Sr. met Lucy Mack

- The 38½ foot granite shaft, or obelisk, was dedicated on December 23, 1905, by President Joseph F. Smith, nephew of Joseph Smith, on the 100th anniversary of Joseph Smith's birth. Each foot of the shaft represents a year of Joseph's life. It weighs 39 tons and is cut from one piece of granite. Adding the two bases, the inscription stone, and an ornate top, the monument stands 50 feet tall and weighs about 100 tons. The granite was taken from the Marr and Gordon quarry in Barre, about 35 miles away, and transported by train, then by horse-drawn wagons to the Sharon site.

- Thousands of people from all over the world visit this site every year.

2. Where the Joseph Smith Sr. family lived in Vermont

For 20 years, from 1796, when Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack were married, until 1816, except for a three year stay in Lebanon, NH (1811-1814), the Smith family moved again and again to different locations in Vermont, seeking some financial success and security – Tunbridge Gore (1796-1802), Randolph (1802), Tunbridge Gore (1802-1803), Royalton (1803-1804 - a few months), Sharon (1805-1807), Tunbridge Town (1807-1808), Royalton (1808-1811), [move to Lebanon, NH, 1811-1814], Norwich (1814-1816). After three successive crop failures in Norwich, Joseph Smith Sr. moved his family from Vermont to Palmyra, New York, again in search of opportunity and financial stability for his family. Some may see all these moves as evidence of the Smith family's ineptness, or of unusual, external coincidences. Another view sees the hand of Providence getting Joseph Smith Jr. in the vicinity of the Hill Cumorah in New York.

3. Other LDS Church leaders and notable women born in Vermont

Brigham Young, Oliver Cowdery, Heber C. Kimball, Luke and Lyman Johnson, Erastus Snow, Newel K. Whitney, Newel Knight, and George W. Robinson were all born in Vermont. Lucy Walker Kimball and Nancy Marinda Johnson, notable women in early Church history were also born in Vermont. Though Emma Hale Smith, wife of Joseph

Smith, was born in Pennsylvania, her parents, Isaac and Elizabeth Hale lived in Vermont for several years before moving to the Susquehanna Valley, PA, in 1791. [Details about birth places, monuments, markers, etc. for these persons can be found in *Sacred Places: New England and Eastern Canada, A Comprehensive Guide to Early LDS Historical Sites*. Lamar C. Berrett, General Editor. Bookcraft. Salt Lake City, Utah. 1999, pp. 86-132]



Sign showing Brigham Young's birthplace, Whitingham, Vermont

4. Village Store in Tunbridge

In the middle of the town of Tunbridge, the Village Store where tradition says Joseph Smith, Sr. met his future wife, Lucy Mack, still stands. Lucy was working in the store for her brother, Stephen Mack, who, with his partner, John Mudget, operated several businesses in the area. John Mudget died at the young age of 29, and is buried in the cemetery 1 3/4 miles south of the Tunbridge Church. It was Stephen Mack and John Mudget who together gave Lucy Mack a \$1000.00 wedding present.

5. Congregational Church/Universalist Society Meeting Place

There is a Tunbridge Meetinghouse just north of the Town Clerk and Library Building in Tunbridge, but it is not the Congregational Church building that Asael Smith and his sons, Jesse and Joseph Smith, Sr., were associated with. Asael Smith and 15 others objected to paying taxes in support of the Congregational Church, a denomination they did not belong to. They organized a Universalist Society in 1797. They did agree to buy pews in the Congregational meetinghouse on condition that they could use the building for their own meetings. That building no longer stands, but the site is located on the west side of State 110 at a point 1.1 miles north of the Tunbridge Town Clerk and Library Building. There is no marker at the site, but it is noted on USGS maps of 1924 and 1944.

6. The First Branch of the Church in Vermont

The first branch of the Church in Vermont was organized in Benson, in 1831 through the missionary efforts of Jared Carter. Jared Carter was a native of Benson, but in early 1831 was living in New York. He was there introduced to the Restored Church, and was baptized in February 1831 by Hyrum Smith. In September 1831 he went on a mission to, among other places, Benson, Vermont, where he baptized 27 converts. In 1832, he, with his brother Simeon, again preached in the Benson area, and the number of members of the Church grew to 100. Most of these converts remained faithful, and moved to Kirtland in 1833 to gather with the

saints. Of special interest in connection with the history of the Church in Benson is the claim of Erik Barnouw that a stone building he bought at auction in 1951 for \$85.00, is the same building erected as a church meetinghouse by a group of Freewill Baptists in 1826 in Benson. According to Barnouw, most of the members of the Baptist congregation were converted to Mormonism by Jared Carter in 1831, and those who did not convert to Mormonism rejoined a Putnam Free-will Baptist group, leaving the stone building/church meetinghouse to the Mormons. The stone chapel was then

used by the Mormons until they moved to Ohio in 1833. After that, it was used as a school house until 1910, then abandoned. Barnouw bought the building at auction in 1951, restored much of it, and built a modern house around it. It exists today as part of that house located about five miles SW of Benson. If indeed, Erick Barnouw's conclusions are correct, the stone church would be the first such building erected and used as a chapel by the saints in this dispensation. That distinction is currently given to a little church meetinghouse (no longer standing), that was built in the early 1840's in Ramus, Illinois (now Webster).

Erik Barnouw published his research and conclusions in a little book entitled *A House With a Past*. Vermont Historical Society, Montpelier, Vermont. 1992.

At the end of 2004, there were 4,162 members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Vermont, comprising one stake (Montpelier), with six wards and five branches. Some members in the south, east, and western part of the state are attached to units in adjoining states.

Hopefully, the Mormon History Association meetings in Vermont this year will prove to be educational, interesting, and inspirational to all who attend.



The "House with a Past" in Benson, Vermont

Oregon-California Trails Association Annual Convention – Salt Lake City

The Utah Crossroads Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) will sponsor “*Trailing the Pioneers*,” the Association’s 23rd annual convention, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The convention will focus on the overland wagon trails that came to and crossed today’s Utah. Everyone who shares a love of history is welcome to enjoy a week of fascinating presentations, adventurous tours and entertainment in the company of some of the West’s best scholars and most dedicated history buffs.



Field trips precede and follow the convention, which formally opens Wednesday, August 17 at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Fred Gowans, noted author and authority of the Rocky Mountain fur trade, former Director of Native American Studies at Brigham Young University and resident historian at the Museum of the Mountain Man in Pinedale, Wyoming, will present a keynote address on the battle for economic control of the Green River Valley in the 1850s. Dr. Gowans is renowned far and wide “as an entertaining and dynamic speaker.”

Crossroads president Brent Reber has extended a warm invitation to members of the Mormon History Association to attend the convention. Noted historians of Mormonism, including Melvin L. Bashore, D. Robert Carter, Lyndia McDowell Carter, and William D. Hartley, will speak about death on the trail, the piscatorial adventures of overland emigrants, the experiences of a survivor of the handcart disaster of 1856 and a forgotten trail tragedy in 1865, and the story of a forgotten Mormon Forty-niner. Former OCTA president David L. Bigler will look at “*Terror on the Trail: The Massacre at Mountain Meadows*,” while Todd Berens will recall his experiences searching for “*Mt. Misery*” in southern Utah while researching the William Lorton journal with Dale L. Morgan, and sharing root-beer floats with Juanita Brooks.

A pre-convention tour will trace the Mormon Trail from Ft. Bridger to the Salt Lake Valley, while tours on Thursday and Saturday will view the Salt Lake Cutoff (with a stop at Eli Anderson’s wagon museum and the National Railroad Monument on Promontory Summit); the Hastings Cutoff, the Golden Pass Road, the Pony Express trail and the Lincoln Highway. For the adventurous, there will be a hike up Little Emigration Canyon OCTA and down Big Mountain from Mormon Flat to Mt. Dell Reservoir.

Vern Gorzitze, OCTA president-elect and Convention Chair, says local specialists will sponsor workshops and seminars on family history and frontier health care. Loree Ann Romriell will discuss samplers and needlework, while Mary Bywater Cross shares the knowledge she incorporated

in two books: *Treasures in the Trunk: Quilts of the Oregon Trail*, and *Quilts and Women of the Mormon Migrations*, are the results of her studies.

National publishers and local booksellers will show their wares in the always popular book room, and festivities will conclude Saturday night with a barbecue at Historic Wheeler Farm.

From the opening keynote address to an evening of fun at Wheeler Farm, Crossroads and OCTA wants to welcome MHA members to share this week of memorable events and activities. We look forward to seeing you in Salt Lake City, Crossroads of the West.

For registration, call (801)233-9142, For more information, visit www.utahcrossroads.org/OCTA2005/.

by Will Bagley

ASCH Elects Jan Shipp

The American Society of Church History, the oldest professional historical association in the nation, has elected former MHA president, Jan Shipp to serve as its president in 2006.

ASCH meets annually at the same time and place as the American Historical Association, and also has spring meetings every other year. The 2007 spring meeting is to be held in Salt Lake City with Steven Olsen as the program committee chair.

Jan encourages all MHA members to “join this association the same way we encourage our members to join the Western History Association. The benefits to those who join is that being a part of ASCH brings members into the larger community of scholars of church history, thereby contextualizing the Mormon experience. Even just reading the ASCH journal *Church History* expands horizons, so that it puts Mormonism and Mormon history in a much larger context.

“Many great scholars from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, etc., as well as all the great public universities are very active in this association, and several of our Tanner lecturers (Martin Marty, John Wilson, Henry Warner Bowden) have been ASCH presidents. This means that it would be a happy thing for our members – especially our younger members – to move into a professional meeting circle that brings together scholars who study all forms of Christianity. It is an association in which I have been active for a good thirty years, and it has truly enriched my scholarship.”



Jan Shipp
former MHA President and
ASCH President-elect



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J. Michael Hunter

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JWHA Conference Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2005

The John Whitmer Historical Association will convene for its 2005 Annual Meeting in Springfield, Illinois, September 29 - October 2. In the opening session held in the very room in the Old State Capitol Building where the Mormon Prophet heard John Taylor and Orson Hyde preach (and where Lincoln made his "House Divided" speech), Sterling McMurrin Lecturer, Ronald G. Numbers, Hilldale and William Coleman, Professor of the History of Science and Medicine at the University of Wisconsin will compare Joseph Smith, Jr. with American Prophetesses Ellen G. White and Mary Baker Eddy. Other plenary sessions in this conference focused on *Joseph Smith and His Complex Legacy*, will feature a lecture by Richard L. Bushman, JWHA's 2005 Distinguished Senior Scholar; a "Saints and the Cinema" Dinner with Richard Dutcher; and the association's traditional annual banquet. "Prophets and Prophets in the Mormon Tradition(s)" is the topic Jan Shippis has chosen for her Presidential Address.

Conference headquarters will be the Renaissance Springfield Hotel (and nearby Convention Center) in the very center of the city that was so critical in settling the fate of Nauvoo and the Saints in Illinois. All are urged to call (217) 544-8800 to reserve hotel rooms at \$80 a night for up to four people and to send an e-mail to JWHA Executive Secretary Ken Mulliken <MullikenK@stmary.edu> to register for this exceptional conference.

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If you plan to attend the conference and have a family connection to someone who arrived on the Mayflower, or was stationed at Fort Ticonderoga during the Revolutionary War, let us know. We want to compile this information in advance of, and to enhance, the pre- and post-conference tours.

If you have such a connection please e-mail Larry and Alene King at klarry@comcast.net and tell us about it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BYU, Library of Congress Symposium May 6-7, 2005

Sponsored jointly, the symposium titled "*The Worlds of Joseph Smith*" being held in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., will feature sessions focusing on Smith's own world, his recovery of "past worlds," his challenges to the theological world and his founding of a global religion.

The symposium is open to the news media and invited scholars in the fields of American religious history and religious studies. Each session will feature the presentation of papers, three respondents and time for open discussion. Some seating, by registration only will be available to the public. The program will also be broadcast on the Internet.

Western History Association 2005 Conference October 12-15, 2005.

The 45th annual WHA conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, October 12-15, 2005. The theme is *Western Traditions and Transitions: Cultural Diversity and Demographic Change*.

A century ago visitors to Arizona and New Mexico doubted these territories would ever prosper, and their economies would never diversify. They claimed the climate of areas like the Salt River Valley would deter prospective resident. By 2000, however, Phoenix had emerged as the sixth largest city in the U.S.; Tucson ranked 30th and Albuquerque 35th. Go to www.unm.edu to register and get more information.