



CASPER CONFERENCE SLATED FOR MAY 25-28, 2006

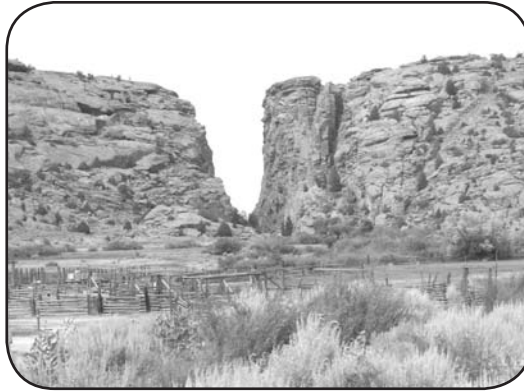
If you have not already made plans to attend the Casper Conference, Big Mistake! There are so many commemorative and exciting activities planned you will have to go on vacation to rest up after you get home. The schedule includes pre-conference tours to Martins's Cove, Independence Rock, and many important historical sites along the Mormon trail. For you history buffs who are sticklers for details, yes this includes the Oregon and California trail. Ft. Laramie and Ft. Caspar are also on the itinerary That is correct. It is Ft. Caspar at Casper, Wyoming. Don't ask me why. Only in the eternal wisdom of the city fathers was that designation made.

The post conference tour will include Rock Creek, where the Willie handcart company camped and lost so many people in one night, South Pass, the world class Buffalo Bill Historical Center on Western History, and the McCracken Research Library in Cody, Wyoming. We will also spend time experiencing the Cody LDS Ward murals and Big Horn Basin display, and then later travel to Cowley and the Big Horn Basin. Here we will visit the Sidon canal's prayer rock, Big Horn Academy built in 1916 and the Big Horn Stake Administration building built in 1909. The finalé of the tour will be to travel to and walk the Little Big Horn and find out how General Custer was overwhelmed by those pesky Indians. The plans are to return to Casper by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday in time for flights, or the drive home. If you would prefer to stay one more evening in Casper, reservations can be made at the conference hotel.

Papers will include a wide range of topics on Mormon History. As might be expected, next year's sesquicentennial commemoration of the Willie and Martin handcart companies has generated a number of proposals discussing that event. Other proposed papers will explore aspects of Mormon overland emigration, the Mountain Meadows Massacre, Utah War, and Mormon colonization

A number of proposals discuss the conference theme of

"Centers and peripheries within the framework of globalization, out-migration, postmodernism, and Mormon identity construction." Proposals describing aspects of the history of Latter-day Saints in the Caribbean, Latin America, Russia, and Africa will also be included. Sessions have also been proposed that will reflect on the significance of Latter-day Saint communities in various intermountain states, including the conference host state of Wyoming.



Devil's Gate, Wyoming

Based on the wide variety of topics submitted for proposed sessions, those attending should find it an interesting and enjoyable conference. Mike Landon and his committee are feverishly working through all the excellent proposals and promise a reply, before the end of the year, to

everyone submitting a proposal.

The Tanner Lecturer is Dr. Stephen J. Stein, Professor of History, Indiana University. His topic will be *"Historical Reflections on Mormon Futures."* The lecture will examine the views of diverse futures - historical and eschatological - articulated in the LDS tradition and the changes in those judgments over time. It will seek to place these views within a comparative historical framework.

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For those planning to fly to the conference, flights in and out of Casper are limited. SkyWest (the Delta Connection) has five flights to and from Salt Lake City each day. United has six flights to and from Denver, and Pinnacle (the Northwest Connection) has two flights to and from Minneapolis. However, the planes are rather small and do not carry more than 30 passengers.

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President's Message:

In May 2006 the Mormon History Association will meet in Casper, Wyoming. It will have occurred to some discerning souls among you that Casper is rarely confused with New York City, that Casper is, indeed, America's Outback. You are right and you are wrong. But why come?

Like every meeting of the MHA, our gathering in 2006 will sponsor opportunity to hear and to exchange ideas with the leading scholars in Mormon history, as well as to discover new voices, new conceptions, new angles of vision, and new friends. The conference theme, *Centers and Peripheries* will accent the exploration of geographies, theologies, ideas, people, classes, and practices that have been (or seemed) off center stage. The theme encourages attempts to relate these dimensions to perceived (and sometime shifting) centers of population, orthodoxy, hierarchy, influence, and practice. Who knows what insight may emerge when we look through such a lens?

The conference location, the Association's first meeting in Wyoming, will induce a fresh probing of, among other things, the great Western trek; as important and dramatic a colonization as any in American history. Perhaps I understate the case to suggest that the trek was "of biblical proportions," an event whose reality is erratically understood and whose corporate and individual meanings are tough to fathom: layered, latent as well as explicit, psychological as well as geographical, social, economic, and religious.

The occasion of our sessions in Casper will provide a first or a renewed opportunity physically to encounter the trail itself, and this in the company of the rarely-gathered experts on this complex history. In particular, the timing of the conference with the sesquicentennial of the Willey and Martin handcart companies, around whose memory swirls tragedy and heroism. My friends over the years have occasionally accused me of being possessed by an excess of Stoicism, but I found myself moved this past June at Martin's Cove as I surveyed sites for the conference. I found the place compelling. An excursion to Independence Rock will also leave its impress for those wise enough to transcend texts in the search for a tactile past.

As is the case in most of our venues, the Casper experience has the potential to change your thinking. I hope you will join us.

Phil Barlow



*Philip L. Barlow
MHA President*

NOTICE

We are in the process of digitizing the *Journal of Mormon History*, and expect that, by next spring, the full complement of journals will be available, and fully searchable, on the internet. We also plan to make copies available on DVD for those who wish to purchase them.

To accomplish this project, we are searching for back issues. If you have issues back to the beginning of publication, and are willing to donate them (we recognize they are precious to you), we would joyfully accept your sacrifice. It is not possible to scan them without cutting them apart.

Please contact Larry and Alene King at 888-642-3678; 801-224-0241; 581 South 630 East, Orem, Utah 84097; or klarry@comcast.net

MHA AND ITS FORMATIVE YEARS, 1965-72

By Newell G. Bringhurst,
MHA Historian

The prime moving force behind the founding of MHA forty years ago was, of course, Leonard J. Arrington, at the time a Professor of Economics at Utah State University in Logan. On September 9, 1965, in the Hatch Room of the USU Library, Arrington brought together a small group of 14 individuals, all academics, from USU, BYU, and the Logan Institute of Religion. They met on what Arrington artfully dubbed "A 'Rump' Session of Mormon Historians" to discuss the formation of a permanent organization with BYU History Professor, Eugene Campbell agreeing to draft a proposed constitution, and serve as chair of a nominating committee to select a list of officers. The group also moved to publish a newsletter, to be edited by Leonard Arrington and sent to prospective members, at an initial dues rate of \$1.00 a year. Also, at that rump session James B. Allen presented "an interesting paper" entitled "The Historical Significance of Joseph Smith's First Vision." Most important, participants agreed to hold an organizational meeting in December 1965 in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in San Francisco.

This "Formative Meeting" of the Mormon History Association was held in the Monterrey room of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel. It attracted a total of 55 individuals. Arrington presided and in his trademark nurturing, welcoming way, personally had each of the 55 introduce himself/herself, and state the reason for their interest in the association. Much was accomplished at that meeting. A slate of officers was chosen at the recommendation of nominating chair, Eugene Campbell, which included a president who of course was Leonard Arrington, who not only has the distinction of being the association's first president, but also of being the only one to serve a term of two years, from 1965 to 1967. Other officers selected, included a 1st Vice President, Eugene Campbell, and a 2nd Vice President, James L. Clayton, the latter, a Professor of History at the University of Utah. Also four individuals were selected to the MHA Council. Also Dello G. Dayton, a Weber State University Professor, was chosen as MHA's

first Secretary-Treasurer, an all-important position which would evolve into today's MHA Executive Director. The association also announced its intention to present a series of three annual writing awards. Initially worth \$25.00 each, one was given for the best book, a second for the best article, and the third for the best thesis or dissertation, all three in the field of Mormon history. The fledging association also established a liaison with *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* wherein the just-established journal agreed to serve as a venue for publishable articles produced by members of the association. *Dialogue*, in fact, asked Leonard Arrington to serve as guest editor for an upcoming issue devoted exclusively to Mormon History.

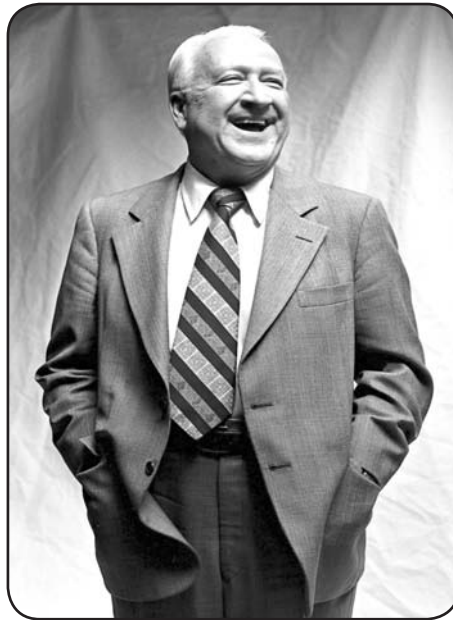
The meeting also featured a lively panel discussion entitled "New Approaches in Mormon History" featuring Ralph Hansen of Stanford University, and Klaus Hansen, then at Utah State University, with James B. Allen serving as moderator. The two Hansens were frank and forthright in their presentations. Ralph Hansen, while calling for more

research in primary, Church archival material, "decried the fact that so many valuable manuscripts were still highly restricted in their use." Klaus Hansen noted the coming of age of Mormon history stating that "non-Mormons are now taking Mormon history very seriously and that Mormons ought to take themselves a little less seriously."

Finally, and perhaps most important, the members at this "Formative Meeting" agreed to meet yearly, with their annual meeting scheduled in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, held in August of each year. The first such meeting, was actually a single adjunct session held in Portland Oregon in August 1966. This same format, that is MHA adjunct sessions held in conjunction with the larger meeting of the Pacific Historical Society would be followed over the next three years; specifically in 1967 at Palo Alto, in 1968

at Santa Clara; and in 1969 at San Diego. In 1970, MHA dropped its affiliation with the Pacific Historical Association, and instead held its adjunct annual meeting in conjunction with the Organization of American Historians meeting in Los Angeles. And in 1971, MHA changed its affiliation, yet once more, holding its meeting in conjunction with the Western History Association, meeting that October in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The year 1972 represents a major turning point, in that MHA met on its own, planning and organizing its own conference, which was held in May of that year in Independence, Missouri. MHA thereby established a tradition of meeting in the late Spring of each year at a site of historical significance to the conferees.



Leonard J. Arrington
MHA's organizer and first president

Smith Institute Disbanded

By Jill Mulvay Derr
Former Managing Director,
Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for
Latter-day Saint History

On September 1, 2005, the Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter-day Saint History at Brigham Young University disbanded and the Joseph Smith Papers project moved to the Family and Church History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City. The change, announced by Church and university officials on June 17, was prompted in part by the rapid expansion of the Smith Papers project. Between 2001 and 2005, under the joint direction of Smith Institute and the Family and Church History Department, the JSP grew to include a dozen full-time employees and more than twice that many volunteer and part-time workers. Nearly all Smith Institute staff and personnel involved full time with the Smith Papers, including managing editor Ronald K. Esplin and senior review editor Richard L. Jensen, have moved to offices in the East Wing of the LDS Church Office Building, which also houses the Church History Library and Archives. Jill Mulvay Derr likewise joined the Family and Church History Department, as director of its nascent division for publication and interpretive development. William G. Hartley, Grant Underwood, and Ronald W. Walker have rejoined BYU's History Department as full-time faculty members, and have moved their offices to the university's Joseph F. Smith Building. Marilyn Parks, the institute's remarkable secretary of twenty years, is now working as administrative assistant to the director of BYU's School of Music.

Smith Institute and its faculty and staff were among the last to vacate the historic Knight Mangum Building, which has housed the institute since it moved to BYU from the LDS Church Historical Department in the fall of 1980. Much like the transfer to BYU of the History Division, (directed by Leonard J. Arrington from 1972 to 1980, who then directed the institute from 1980 to 1986), this change has been fraught with a sense of loss. Smith Institute, like its predecessor, served as a focal point for Mormon scholarship and for scholars of Mormonism. Faculty, students and scholars came to the institute to draw upon the expertise of its faculty and its superb research library, to apply for grants, and to report and discuss the latest research and publications in faculty seminars and public symposia. Under the auspices of the institute the Mormon Women's History Initiative emerged, and outstanding students from across the nation engaged in the summer fellowship programs directed by Richard Bushman (1997-2002) and Claudia Bushman (2003), many of whom are now launching academic careers. Since 1980 Smith Institute faculty and associates have published more than 300 articles and some 65 books, including the first Papers of Joseph Smith volumes edited by Dean C. Jessee

and the massive Mormon studies bibliography, compiled by James B. Allen, Ronald W. Walker and David Whittaker.

The Smith Institute maintained an unwavering commitment to the scholarly study of Mormon history from the perspective of faith. It also lent support to serious scholars writing from other perspectives, faiths, institutions and nations. The impact of the institute's closure, as Jan Shipp observed, will take several years to measure. Yet those who share Smith Institute's commitment to the highest quality of Mormon history scholarship surely will carry that legacy forward at the Family and Church History Department, in the academic departments at Brigham Young University and other universities developing Mormon Studies programs, through journals and presses publishing Mormon history, and through the Mormon History Association. To quote T. S. Eliot: "Not farewell, / But fare forward, voyagers."

MHA SPONSORS SESSION AT WESTERN HISTORY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

By Brian Cannon

The MHA sponsored a session at the meetings of the Western History Association in Scottsdale, Arizona, on October 14, 2005. The session, chaired by Craig Foster, examined Mormon fundamentalism in the 20th century. Ken Driggs, and expert on modern fundamentalists and the law, traced the history of the fundamentalist community since its emergence early in the twentieth century, describing the various off-shoots and their difference customs, beliefs, family clusters and conflicts with the law. Marianne Watson, co-author of *Voices in Harmony: Contemporary Women Celebrate Plural Marriage*, discussed the evolution of the custom of placement, or arranged marriage, among fundamentalists from the 1950s to the present. Former MHA President Newell Bringhurst probed the racial concepts and practices of fundamentalist groups and sects. Kathryn Daynes, an associate professor of history at BYU, provided commentary on the papers.

Other presenters at the conference also explored Mormon topics. David Miller of Cameron University presented a paper on Army surgeon George Sanderson's views of the Mormon Battalion. Megan Falater of Arizona State University shared her research on the effect of the Indian Student Placement Program on indigenous Mormon identities. Darron Smith of the University of Utah addressed conversion and retention of African American Latter-day Saints.

2005 JWHA HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

By John Hamer
Co-Executive Secretary

Like that of MHA, the annual conference of the John Whitmer Historical Association commemorated the bicentennial of Joseph Smith's birth. 130 scholars and enthusiasts traveled to Springfield, Illinois to participate in an extremely successful program.



Richard L. Bushman (right) panel with Newell Bringhurst

Beginning with a welcome from the state historian of Illinois, Thomas F. Schwartz, the highlights included Sterling M. McMurrin lecturer Ronald L. Numbers' comparison of the life and career of Joseph Smith with that of American prophetesses Ellen G. White and Mary Baker Eddy.

Richard L. Bushman answered a panel

of scholarly critics reviewing his recent biography, *A Rough Stone Rolling*, and he also presented a paper comparing the lives of Joseph Smith with contemporary (and long-time Springfield resident) Abraham Lincoln. Bryon C. Andraesen of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library presented a paper describing the numerous connection between early Mormons and Springfield, including the events of Joseph Smith's 1842 trial.

Celebrated filmmaker, Richard Dutcher (director of *God's Army* and *Brigham City*) gave a presentation about Joseph Smith in film, which included a report about his own efforts to produce a film about Smith's life, and ended with a candid assessment of the contemporary state of Mormon cinema.

At the Presidential Banquet, JWHA President Jan Shipps was introduced by MHA President Phil Barlow. Shipps' presidential address: "Prophets and Prophecy in the Mormon Tradition(s)" gave new insights into the explanation of how prophecy, as opposed to traditional explanations such as charisma, set the prophet apart in the early history of the movement.

JWHA's Best Book Award was presented to Devery S. Anderson and Gary James Bergera for their work editing the recent companion volumes, *Joseph Smith's Quorum of the Anointed, 1842-1845*, and *The Nauvoo Endowment Companies, 1845-1846*. The Best Article Award was bestowed posthumously to Kim L. Loving for his thorough, honest, and open article, "Ownership of the Kirtland Temple: Legends, Lies, and Misunderstandings."



*Richard Dutcher
Filmmaker*



JWHA Presidential Banquet

Philip L. Barlow, MHA President, representing MHA, third from right

Also at the Banquet, Newell G. Bringhurst was installed as JWHA's new President and Alexander Baugh was elected as President-Elect. Executive Secretary, Kenneth Mulliken retired and was thanked for his service to the organization. The new Executive Secretary team will consist of John Hamer and Michael Karpowicz.

JWHA CALL FOR PAPERS

Alex Baugh announce that JWHA's September 28–October 1, 2006 Conference will be held at Camp Doniphan in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, and the theme will be "**Scattering of the Saints: Diverse Expressions of the Restoration Movement.**" The goal will be to encourage the study of alternate expressions of the Restoration, from the earliest schisms to the most recent. **Baugh invited all interested scholars, students, and enthusiasts to send 1-page paper proposals with CV's to Proposals@JWHA.info between now and February 28, 2006.**

STRANG SOCIETY CALL FOR PAPERS

"Big Man Dead"

150 Years Since the Assassination of James J. Strang

The Society for Strang Studies in conjunction with the Beaver Island Historical Society, will host a conference to be held June 16–18, 2006, in St. James, Beaver Island, Michigan.

Papers and projects relating to all aspects of Strangism and the effect the religion had on surrounding communities are being sought for presentation during the conference.

Interested persons should send a one-page outline of the proposed paper or project to Vickie Speak at vickie_speek@yahoo.com. Submissions may also be mailed to the Beaver Island Historical Society, Box 254, Beaver Island, MI 49782. Requests for information concerning the conference may be obtained from Bill Olson at wolson@itol.com or Bill Cashman at wcashman@beaverisland.net.

Presentation should be 20 minutes in length and may be included in a post-conference publication. **Deadline for proposals is February 3, 2006.**

Book Notices & Selected Articles

Book Notices

By

J. Michael Hunter

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- Romney, Thomas Cottam. *The Mormon Colonies in Mexico*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2005.
- Rushton, Patricia, Lynn Clark Calister, and Maile K. Wilson. *Latter-Day Saint Nurses at War: A Story of Caring and Sacrifice*. Provo: Brigham Young University Press, 2005.
- Shute, R. Wayne. *Under the Bright Samoan Sun: Stories of the Remarkable History of the Church in Samoa*. Springville, Utah: Cedar Fort, 2005.
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- Tiffany, Scott, ed. *City Saints: Mormons in the New York Metropolis*. New York: New York New York Stake LDS History Committee, 2004.
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Selected Articles

By

Sarah Sorenson

- Bergera, Gary James. "Identifying the Earliest Mormon Polygamists, 1841-1844." *Dialogue* 38, no. 3 (fall 2005): 1-74.
- Cowan, Richard O. "The Historic Arizona Temple." *Journal of Mormon History* 32, no. 1 (spring 2005): 94-118.
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Thorp, Malcolm. "Popular Mormon Millennialism in Nineteenth-Century Britain." *Journal of Mormon History* 32, no. 2 (summer 2005): 112-33.

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If ever a group of historians will be able to see, touch and experience history to its fullest, this will be the year.

More events are being planned and will be announced on our website as plans solidify (www.mhahome.org), and in the January newsletter. Conference registration packets and on-line registration should be available sometime after the first of the year.

The conference will be at the Parkway Plaza Hotel and Convention Centre, 123 West "E" Street, Casper Wyoming 82602. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-270-7829. Special rates have again been negotiated and are available to MHA attendees. For those going on the Post conference tour and have cars, you can park them at the hotel while you are gone.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 25:	Pre-conference tour: Two tours:	One going West to Martin's Cove One going East to Ft. Laramie.
Thursday Eve:		Special conference program and opening reception
Friday, May 26:		Conference sessions. Awards Banquet
Saturday, May 27:		Conference sessions Presidential Banquet
Sunday, May 28:		Devotional at Martin's Cove
Sunday, May 28 to		Post Conference tour
Tuesday, May 30:		Post Conference tour Returning to Casper by 3:00 p.m.

Journal of Mormon History

Please note: In July, MHA members received a *Journal* in the mail. The third issue will be mailed in November. Accompanying the third issue will be a 30-year index of the *Journal*. Many thanks to Lavina Anderson and her capable staff for taking on this added responsibility. The *Journal* is now scheduled to be published three times a year.

2006 MEMBERSHIP

You should have received in the mail a notice to renew your MHA membership for the year 2006. You may either return by mail, the card with your check or credit card number, or go online to www.mhahome.org, which is the preferred way. We are requesting that you send in your membership as soon as possible. Please do not delay. Also, please consider a Sustaining, Patron, or Donor membership. These added funds are vital to make MHA happen in the lives of more people.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIRTLAND TO GET NEW VISITOR CENTER

The Restoration Trails Foundation, World Church officials and good friends of the Kirtland Temple rejoiced together on May 22, 2005, with the announcement that funding is assured for the new 13,000 square foot Visitor and Spiritual Formation Center in Kirtland, Ohio. The current visitor center has served well, but is woefully inadequate with the annual number of visitors swelling to over 40,000. Current plans are for site preparation to begin immediately, with a ground-breaking ceremony slated in early spring of 2006. Construction should take about a year.

TRAILS GUIDE HONORED

The Casper Journal's "A Guide to the Historic Trails of Central Wyoming," published in June, has been honored by the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA).

The Journal was awarded, in August, an OCTA Certificate of Appreciation for the publication. The guide is available online at www.casperjournal.com, and at the Casper Journal office, 210 S. Wolcott, Casper, WY 82601

CLAREMONT COLLEGE CONFERENCE OCTOBER 20-21, 2005

With a theme of **Joseph Smith, and the Prophetic Tradition, A Comparative Inquiry**, this fast approaching conference promises important and interesting papers by Richard L. Bushman, Robert Rees, Jan Shipps and others. For more information contact 909-607-9592, or religionculture@cgu.edu. For map and directions: <http://www.cgu.edu/pages/1030.asp>

UTAH STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2005 BEST ARTICLE AWARD

In the category of articles not published in the Utah Historical Quarterly, was presented to Mary Jane Woodger for "David O. McKay's Progressive Ideas and Practices, 1899-1922," *Journal of Mormon History* 30, no. 2 (Fall 2004): 208-48. This award is funded by the Salt Lake Firm of Suttter Axland.

To review other awards go to <http://history.utah.gov/>

ELEVENTH ANNUAL

LEONARD J. ARRINGTON MORMON HISTORY LECTURE

Sarah Gordon

Inlaws and Outlaws:

New Lessons from the Archives

Legal Issues of Polygamy in Territorial Utah

Thursday, October 20, 2005

7 p.m.

Logan LDS Tabernacle, Logan Utah

AML WRITERS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 19, 2005

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, SALT LAKE CITY

Registration, online or by mail, was open in September and more information is available at aml@aml-online.org.