

**MY PULSIPHER GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT  
GRANDFATHERS**

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**FIFTH GRADE BLOOMINGTON HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

John Pulsipher, my great, great, great grandfather was at Lexington and Concord when the first shot was fired on the Village Green. He signed-up to become a Minute Man the same day. He hurried home to Rockingham, Vermont to get his belongings and say good-bye to his parents. When he told his parents what he had done his father said, "Son, you are too young so I must join and go with you". The two went to Boston, Massachusetts and were assigned to Captain Mace's company. Their first battle was on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1775 at Bunker Hill. They stood side by side for more than three hours fighting the British. The Minute Men were almost surrounded at the top of Bunker Hill when The call came to retreat. They were leaving the top of the hill when John's father saw a wounded American soldier crawling away on his hands and knees. A British soldier ran him through with a bayonet, John was so enraged that he stopped retreating, took aim and shot the British soldier! This was an act of bravery because the British were all over the top of the hill. John's father died shortly after this battle and was buried in an army cemetery near Bunker Hill, Boston, Massachusetts. John was in many more battles before America won the Revolutionary War.

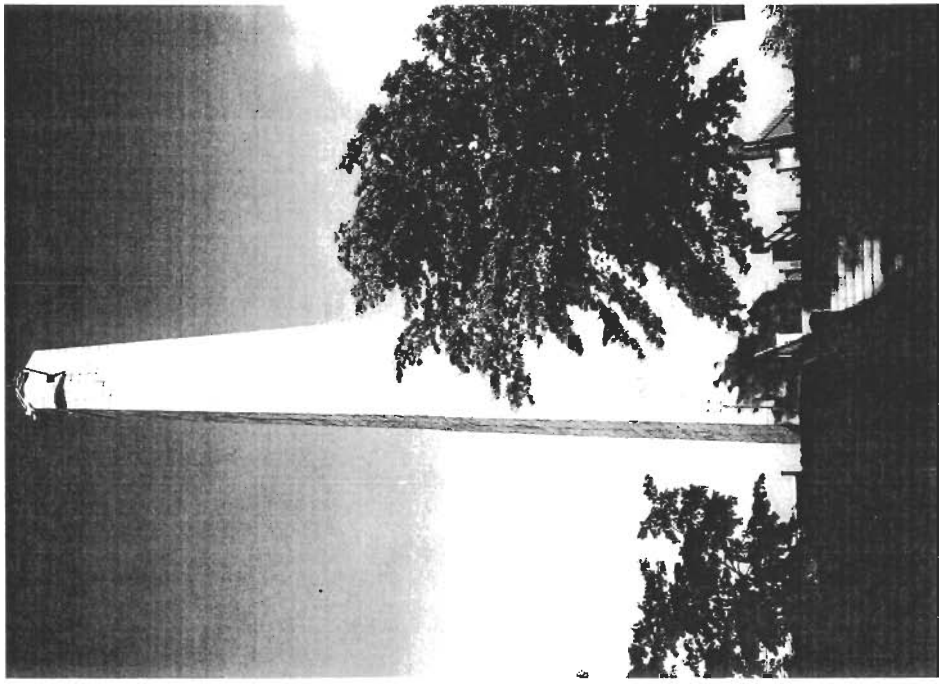
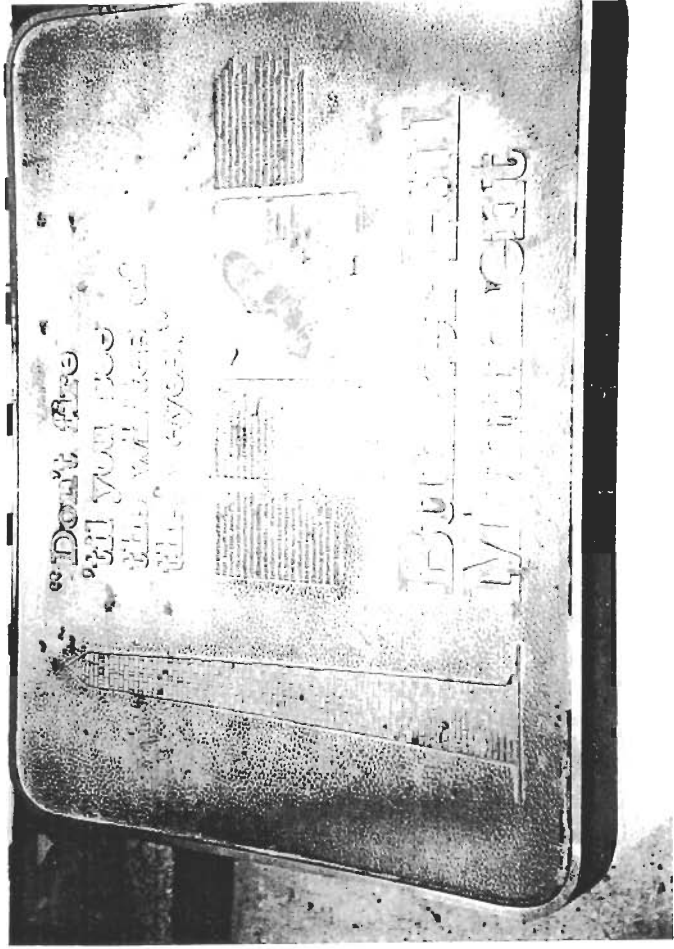
John returned to Vermont and took care of his mother and younger brothers and sisters. He donated the land and helped build the oldest church house in Vermont. It is still standing and is still used. He is buried in the cemetery next to the church.

Zerah was John's son. He became a minister and later took all of his members with him to Kirkland, Ohio, Missouri, and Nauvoo, Illinois. He worked on the temples and He served on the city council and his name is in many books including the Book of Mormon. He walked away from everything he owned in Nauvoo and lead a wagon train along the Mormon Trail to Utah and everyone in it arrived safely. He helped build the

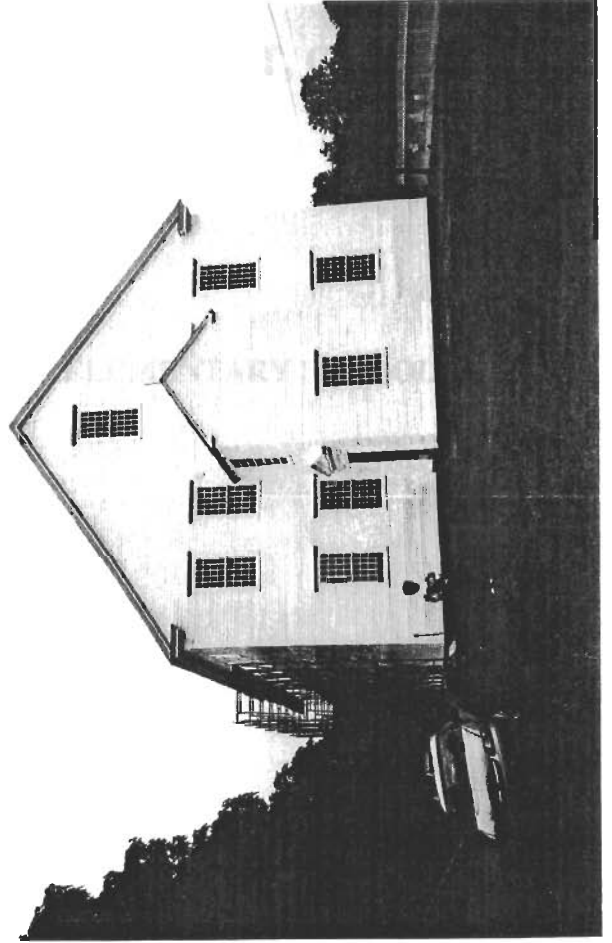
Salt Lake Temple and the Tabernacle. He and his families were asked to come to St. George, Utah and build a city here. He went to Hebron, Utah and was the leader there. He died and was buried in the Hebron Cemetery.

Will Pulsipher was Zerah's son. When he was eighteen years old, he went to live with his sister in South Jordan, Utah and take care of a farm while his sister's husband was away for three years. He took a load of wool into Salt Lake City and was at church when Brigham Young called for all able bodied men with a team and wagon to go to Martin's Cove and rescue the stranded Willie and Martin Handcart Companies. Will loaded his wagon with all the quilts and food he could get and left before sun-up the next morning. He returned with a full wagon of people. His bride-to-be died suddenly while he was gone on this rescue mission. He was sick with pneumonia when he got the hand-cart people to Salt Lake City and nearly died. He had lung problems the rest of his life and died of double pneumonia when he was only forty-two years old. He came to St. George with the first company of settlers and helped his father Zarah settle Hebron. Will Pulsipher was one of the first settlers in Enterprise. He served as a Law Man for many years and always answered calls to help sheriff Jeff Pearson in Pioche, Nevada and the different sheriffs in St. George, Utah. He helped capture cattle rustlers, escaped prisoners, and soon had a reputation that let people know the boarder between Nevada and Utah was not safe for lawbreakers.

I am proud of my Pulsipher Grandfathers. I hope to live so they will be proud of me.



Bunker Hill Monument



Rockingham Vermont