

Gordon L. Beckstrand
Sons of Utah Pioneers Biography

Schooling: BAC (SUU), USU BS Degree,
University of Wisconsin PhD

Family: Married Norma Spencer, three sons, 21
grandchildren, 13 Great grandchildren.

Employment: 1950 - 1965 USU Extension Service
as County Agent - 4-H Leadership - District
Extension Director for eleven Southern Utah
Counties.



1965 - 1973 - Michigan State University Professor/Director of State 4-H Youth Programs.

1973 - 1980 - Colorado State University Professor/Director of State 4-H Youth Programs.

1980 - 1987 - Washington DC - National 4-H Special Programs Leader.

1982 - 1987 - Somalia Africa - Director of US/USU National Agriculture Research Extension
Project.

1987 - 1990 - Cairo, Egypt - Director of US/New Mexico National Agriculture Research
Extension Project.

Life - Throughout our “Career”, with our three sons, we were privileged to be involved in the
lives of many people throughout the world, sharing leadership and musical talents. We offer
much gratitude for having these opportunities to “serve” in assisting both their temporal and
spiritual development for improved living, sometimes in very, very difficult environments;
showing by teaching and example the Great Plan for the future.

1991 to Present - Retirement in Silver Reef (Leeds, Utah). Served in Church and Community
Leadership, with Norma, three LDS Missions.

Assistant Directors of St. George Temple Visitor’s Center and Historic Sites

Directors of LDS Member Location; St. George Center for US and Canada.

Directors St. George Temple Baptistry.

Etc., etc., etc.

This has been a wonderful journey for the “Little farm by” from Meadow, Utah and graduate of
the great Millard High School, which is the Center of the earth.