



Who we are and what we do:

1. General Purpose: The Cotton Mission Chapter supports in general and specific ways the purpose of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers which is to "honor and preserve the principles for which the Pioneers stood. It honors early Pioneers and modern Pioneers, both young and old, for their faith in God, devotion to family, loyalty to church and country, hard work, service to others, courage in adversity, personal integrity and unyielding determination. Members do not have to be direct descendents of Utah pioneers.

2. Scholarships: The chapter provides annually one scholarship to each of the following high schools: Dixie High School, Enterprise High School, Mill Creek High School, Pine View High School, and Snow Canyon High School. Students selected for these scholarships have demonstrated principles denoted in item 1; have overcome serious obstacles, and have yet demonstrated outstanding achievement. The Chapter has also initiated an **Ancestor Essay Contest** for elementary school students in several elementary schools in St. George with the intent of future involvement of additional elementary schools as time and resources permit.

3. Dinner Meetings: The Chapter sponsors dinner meetings on the third Tuesday of the months of January, February, April, June, August, November, and December for business and social purposes. The Programs at these dinner meetings have been stimulating and informative.

4. Treks: The Chapter sponsors treks (very little walking) to selected Pioneer places of interest and of historical significance during the months of March, May, September and October, on a Saturday to be scheduled. National Convention in October.

5. Memorialize Names: Chapter members can memorialize pioneer (or other) ancestors by having their names placed on a large bronze plaque displayed at the National Office.

6. Life Histories: The SUP encourages members to write their own life histories and histories of their ancestors and submit to our central database.

7. Special Projects: Each year the Chapter undertakes special, worthwhile projects in support of the community. The following are a few examples:

A. St. George Memorial Plaza. The Chapter in cooperation with the City of St. George established this plaza on the southeast corner of Main Street and St. George Boulevard to honor nine historic buildings of significance and to pay tribute to the harnessing and development of water resources in the area. (1994).

B. Hebron Cemetery Enhancements. The Chapter in cooperation with descendants and others fenced the cemetery, established a historical monument, and placed new markers on graves where none existed. (1989-1997).

C. Hamblin Cemetery. The Chapter, together with descendants, contributed funds and worked to restore the Hamblin Pioneer Cemetery which included doing repair on the fence, as well as building a historical monument identifying individuals buried there in unmarked graves, and a brief history of Hamblin. (1999-2001)

D. Temple Quarry and Trail Enhancements. The Chapter cooperating with St. George City established a large plaque at the quarry site, dedicated the quarry site, helped improve the trail, and installed three benches along the route.

E. Assisted in Woodward School Preservation. We Participated in School District study of the future of the historic school, which resulted in the preservation of the building.

F. St. George Live Historic Tour Support. The Chapter provides some financial support and volunteers for this continuing community project, assisting visitors desiring to visit selected historic places in downtown.

G. Expanded Use of Pioneer Magazine. The Chapter provides placement of the Magazine in school libraries and provides private gift subscriptions.

H. Support of Dixie State College 4 Yr. Status. The Chapter supported this community-wide drive.

I. Chapter Web Site and Technical Documentation. The Chapter maintains a web site and is automating many of its record keeping systems. The website also includes information on historic sites including GPS locations.

J. We have been working on a project with St. George City to place an observation tower or mound in the soon to be developed **Confluence Park** (to be built where the Virgin and Santa Clara Rivers join). This central feature of the Park will denote significant historical events which occurred at or near this site.

Members also receive annual subscription to "Pioneer Magazine"

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