

Morgan, Utah
Nov. 11, 1941

To whom-so-ever of the dim and distant future may come in possession of these documents let it be known that:-

We, the people of Morgan County, Utah thru our board of commissioners with the untiring aid of the American Legion Auxiliary do erect and dedicate this memorial, of everlasting granite, to honor and perpetuate the memory of those who, from our county, were enlisted and served in the armed forces of these United States of America and fought for its principles of Freedom, Justice and Democracy in the Great World War, which culminated as all our country's wars have, in victory.

Today, November 11, 1941 on the 23rd anniversary of the end of this wars hostilities, as we solemnly and proudly honor all its veterans, especially those who left from our communities and whose names are cut in this monument, another war, cruel and savage beyond description is being waged across the seas, gravely threatening to destroy the same principles for which these men fought.

May God and justice destroy the forces and the barbarious leaders of those aggressor nations before they make it necessary for this nation of ours to again, by force of its arms, defend itself and the principles on which it was founded.

We as a people are deeply grateful for the service and sacrifices made, not only by the men who served in this war, but of all those who fought and for those who died to defend this great nation since the first clash of arms in the battles of Lexington and Concord. We honor and revere the memory of them all. So in the erection of an everlasting memorial those, who left this county in 1917-1919 to serve in the armed forces of these United States, most of whom are living today, let us also rededicate ourselves not to forget those who fought in all wars of this nation; to keep alive the flame of liberty and pass on to our posterity the stories of their brave and noble deeds, even beyond the time that this granite shall have crumbled to dust obliterating the names carved hereon.

May we never again be called upon to add more names hereon or to erect other similiar memorials because our country was again at war.

But rather, would we as a people whole heartedly join together to sponsor a shaft to commemorate the beginning of an era of eternal lasting peace without the horrors of war.

We are indebted to Mrs. William Chadwick for preparing the following brief history of how Morgan County was settled

Morgan County (Weber Valley)

The first white people to settle in Morgan County were Thomas J. Thurston and family, who settled at Milton, and Charles S. Peterson and Roswell Stevens and their families who settled at Peterson. This town was first called Weber City and was the first county seat. The name was later changed to Peterson in honor of Mr. Peterson.

These first settlers came in the spring of 1855. They engaged in agricultural pursuits. Practically all the team work was done by oxen.

Mt. Green and Enterprise about 1859 or 1860. These town are now joined with Peterson. Among the early settlers in the north end of the valley were: John Boyden, James Carrigan, John Croft, Benjamin Hibbard, Joshua Williams and James Bond in Peterson; Abiah Wadsworth, Ira N. Spaulding, also the Hammond, Bybee, McLean and Arave families, in Mt. Green and the Hales Brothers, Jesse C. Haven, Thomas Palmer, Isaac Bowman and John K. Hall in Enterprise. In Milton, besides Mr. Thurston, the following are among the first settlers: Mads Poulsen, B. Y. Bextrum, Ole Johnson, Joseph Mecham, Andrew Nielsen, N. C. Jensen, James Hansen, and E. P. Edholm.

Littleton was settled in 1859 and 1860. It was named in honor of Col. Jesse C. Little. From 1866 to 1868 it was the county seat of Morgan County. Some of the early settlers there were: John L. Richards, Jesse C. Little, Daniel Bertoch, Eli Whitear, George Criddle, John H. Giles, Willard G. Smith, George D. Grant, Joseph Spendlove and Robert Campbell.

Porterville received its name from the numerous family of Porters who settled there in 1861. They came from Centerville. Other families soon moved in--the Smiths, Broughs, Norwoods, Jones and Woods. So far as known Thomas Brough made the first brick in Weber Valley. About seven miles south of Porterville is the old Pioneer Trail. About 18 miles of the trail in East Canyon are in Morgan County. Here also is the Davis and Weber County reservoir and dam. The dam is 140 feet high and the storing capacity is 28000 acre feet of water.

In the fall of 1859 David Henderson and Jonathan Hemmingway located the town of Richville. Thomas Rich, John H. Rich, Gillispie Waldron and Solomon Cowley came in 1861. The town was named for Thomas Rich. The Dicksons and Seamons were also early settlers in Richville. The first grist mill in the county was built there by George W. Taggart and Morgan and Henry Hinman. The mill was completed in 1866 and proved a great blessing to the people and remained in operation until 1890.

Stoddard was named for Judson L. Stoddard, who moved there about 1860. Lot Smith of Echo Canyon war fame also had a home there. Other people who lived there were: Conard Smith, Phileman C. Merrill, the Manhards, Henry Rock, Miller Parrish, John Hess, Than Smith, Johnny Hyes, Nick Barkdahl, Dave Saunders and Jake Grover.

The first white man to settle in Round Valley was John Cameron. John Gibby, Henry Olpin, Edward Geary and Samuel Carter also settled there in the early 1860's.

Croydon. In the spring of 1862 George Knight, George Shill and James Walker visited this locality with a view to settling there. They returned to Salt Lake City but came back in July together with some others. Among the early settlers of Croydon were: Thomas Condie. W. H. Toone, Charles Bunting, Levi Savage, John London and Ephurim Swan. The little valley on Lost Creek is divided from the main valley of the Weber by a high mountain range. At the east end of the gorge is a remarkable rock formation called the Devil's Slide. Just beyond this formation is the town of Devil's Slide and the Union Portland Cement plant. The entire mountain range in which the factory is located is rich in material for cement making. The supply is practically inexhaustable. The capacity is 2400 barrels of cement a day.

Morgan County is in the heart of the Wasatch Range. The high mountains are covered with pines and quaking aspens. The Weber River flows down through the valley and empties into Great Salt Lake. Cottonwoods and mountain willows grown along its banks. Plenty of sunshine and pure fresh air are to be found here, and beautiful streams, fed by the winter snows and summer rains of higher altitudes, flow down the canyons. The climate is healthful and delightful. The mountains ward off the keen winter winds, while the rarity of the high atmosphere modifies the summer heat.

About twelve miles northeast of Devil's Slide is Chinatown, said to be a fascinating curiosity shop of mother nature, covering about 3/4 square mile. It is called a miniature Bryce with its many different shades of rock, intermingled with the green of the pine trees, and often decked with snow banks, even way into the summer.

Como Springs is another one of nature's beauty spots in Morgan County. The water has been analyzed and found to contain wonderful properties for curing skin diseases, as well as being valuable for bathing purposes. It is one of the finest and most healthful resorts in the west. One of the finest and most modern fox farms in the state is located within the grounds of this famous resort. Adjoining the resort is one of the finest ball parks and fair grounds to be found in the state.

The Union Pacific Railroad has 21.35 miles of double track line through the county, and also 13.86 miles of side track.

On the U.P. tracks in the heart of Morgan City, is a large egg grading plant built by the Utah Poultry Producers Association. During the past year 8530 cases of eggs were handled there at an average cost of \$7.81 per case.

Morgan City was first settled in 1860. It was incorporated in 1868 and became the county seat. The name of Morgan was given to the county and city in honor of Jedediah Morgan Grant, who helped the first settlers. The town lies on both sides of the Weber River. It is divided into two wards, called North and South Morgan.

Among the early settlers of North Morgan were the Heiners, Robisons, Parkers, Smiths and Williams.

In South Morgan the first people were the Frys, Bulls, Norwoods, Eddingtons, Hoggs, Darkes, Crouches, Hemmings, Turners, Welchs and others. The first mayor of Morgan City was William Eddington.

The agricultural and livestock summary of Morgan County as of 1941 was compiled and furnished by Mr. Clyde R. Richards, our courteous and helpful county agent.

3500 head cattle and calves which includes 1800 milk cows, 700 pigs. There are 40,000 sheep owned locally and 75,000 ranged from outside the county during the summer months. 45,000 chickens including all breeds and 12,000 turkeys.

Of the major crops there are 400 acres potatoes, 500 acres peas, 150 acres cabbage, 200 acres sugar beets, 1400 acres wheat, 1200 acres barley, 400 acres oats, 6000 acres hay, 15,000 acres pasture land. There is 401,317 total acres in Morgan County, 372,117 acres grazing land, 11,500 acres irrigated land and 3,400 acres dry farm.

Mrs. Anna Sommers the present county clerk graciously prepared the following report on vital statistics.

	Valuation
Valuation of city lots.....	\$ 36,143.00
Improvements on city lots.....	205,580.00
<u>Improved Farm Land</u>	
Dry 3,140 3/4 acres.....	47,082.00
Irrigated 9,023 1/2 acres.....	442,406.00
<u>Unimproved Farm Land</u>	
2,707 1/2 acres.....	13,946.00
<u>Grazing Land</u>	
316,275 3/4 acres.....	732,430.00
<u>All Other Real Estate (Including Equities in</u>	
State Lands 1,452 1/4 acres.....	22,573.00
Improvements on acreage.....	150,864.00
Range Horses or Mules 304.....	4,552.00
Horses & Mules Otherwise assessed 403.....	10,255.00
Range Cattle 2,077.....	27,769.00
Cattle Otherwise Assessed 968.....	27,946.00
Sheep 10,905.....	35,472.00
Foxes & Mink 656.....	4,960.00
Swine 400.....	1,344.00
Poultry.....	2,162.00
Merchandise Supplies and Trade Fixtures.....	55,850.00
Implements, Tool, Machinery.....	24,285.00
Motor Vehicles 654.....	107,795.00
Personal Property not Otherwise Enumerated.....	1,000.00
Automobile, Passenger & Freight Outside Morgan City.....	7,431.00
Automobile, Passenger & Freight Inside Morgan City.....	605.00
Car Companies Outside Morgan City.....	42,406.00
Car Companies Inside Morgan City.....	5,810.00
State Tax Commission Public Utilities & Mines Assessments	
Outside Morgan City.....	3,136,930.00
State Tax Commission Public Utilities Assessments Inside	
Morgan City...;	269,021.00
Union Pacific Railroad Company Outside Morgan City (Included	
in Public Utilities Assessments).....	1,907,684.00
Union Portland Cement Company (Included in Public Utilities)	422,554.00
Union Pacific Railroad Company Inside Morgan City (Included	
in Public Utilities Assessments).....	210,492.00
Population of Morgan County April 1940,	2,610
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<u>1941 Tax Levy</u>	
State & State School.....	6.70 mills
General Fund.....	2.50 "
County Roads.....	2.00 "
Poor & Indigent.....	0.60 "

Exhibits.....	0.20	Mills
Public Welfare.....	1.70	"
Fire Department.....	0.60	"
Agricultural Aid.....	0.30	"
Noxious Weeds.....	1.00	"
Memorials.....	0.10	"
Library.....	0.40	"
District Schools.....	12.05	"
Morgan City General Fund.....	5.00	"
Morgan City Streets & Sidewalks.....	1.00	"
Morgan City Parks & Cemeteries.....	2.00	"

Special State Levies

Predatory Animal Control.....	7.00	"
T. B. & Bang's Disease.....	4.50	"
Inspection.....	6.50	"

Elective Officers

James T. Palmer, Chairman of Board of County Commissioners
 Errol D. Eddington, 4-year county commissioner
 G. S. Heiner, 2-year county commissioner
 Mrs. Anna Sommers, Clerk, Recorder and Auditor
 Frank L. Whittier, Treasurer
 Thomas W. Fry, Sheriff
 Albert R. Turner, Assessor
 Horald G. Clark, Surveyor
 James G. Connell, Attorney

Appointive Officers

Dr. E. M. Abbott, Physician
 Earl S. Francis, Health Officer
 John Farr Larsen, Juvenile Officer
 Bernard Dahlquist, Deputy Sheriff
 Miss Vivian Johnson, Deputy Clerk and Recorder
 Clyde R. Richards, County Agricultural Extension Agent
 Miss Margaret Little, Clerk County Extension Office
 Alfred Turner, Custodian of Court House and Grounds.
 Mrs. Kate Littlefield, Register of Vital Statistics, Morgan Precinct.
 George Wright, Register of Vital Statistics, Devil's Slide.
 Hugo Bohman, Register of Vital Statistics, Peterson.
 Alvin W. Jensen, Register of Vital Statistics, Milton
 Leon Porter, Register of Vital Statistics, Porterville

Lewis V. Trueman and Lester A. Wade, Judges of the Second Judicial District Court.
 Richard R. Fry, Bailiff

Morgan City Officials

Mayor.....H. H. Crouch
 Recorder.....Louise Taggart
 Councilmen.....Grant Eddington
 T. R. Bates
 John L. Heiner
 Lawrence Bell
 Earl Butters
 Treasurer.....Kate Littlefield
 City Marshall.....Delbert Butters
 Night Marshall.....Charles Smith
 Health Officer.....Earl S. Francis

Cemetery Caretaker.....William Chadwick
Cemetery Sextons.....Joseph G. Littlefield
Horace Heiner
Fire Chief.....Joseph W. Williams
Supt. of Power Plant.....Reed Richards
Ass't. Supt. of Power Plant.....W. C. Dingman
City Physician.....Dr. E. M. Abbott

Mr. J. R. Tippetts, the Superintendent and Principal of the Morgan County High School furnished the following report on the schools.

List of Teachers Morgan School District 1941-42

High School

Fred Bohman	Morgan, Utah R.F.D.
Louis W. Christensen	Morgan, Utah
Peter Evans	Morgan, Utah
Verness Frazier	Morgan, Utah
Mable L. Follett	Morgan, Utah
Frank V. Jorgensen	Morgan, Utah
Walter C. Larsen	Morgan, Utah
Robert Miles	Morgan, Utah
J. Berlin Osborn	Morgan, Utah
Ruth Parrish	Morgan, Utah. R.F.D.
Ruth Pratt	Morgan, Utah
G. L. Terry	Morgan, Utah
Edwin Vest	Morgan, Utah
Robert Whittier	Morgan, Utah. R.F.D.
H. Pratt Wright	Morgan, Utah
J. R. Tippetts	Morgan, Utah (Supt. & Principal)

Elementary

Bessie Brough	Morgan, Utah. R.F.D.
Lucille Bagley	Morgan, Utah
Norma Criddle	Morgan, Utah, R.F.D.
Alice Casper	Morgan, Utah
Mildred Clark	Morgan, Utah
Louise Jorgensen	Morgan, Utah
Raymond Larson	Morgan, Utah
Gladys Parry	Morgan, Utah
Erma Rich	Morgan, Utah
Wayne Sorensen	Morgan, Utah
Connie Schiess	Morgan, Utah
Nelma Wilkinson	Morgan, Utah

Morgan Schools

Buildings-----value-----\$242,000.00
Enrollment--Grades 1941---360
Enrollment--High School 1941---350

Board of Education

John Wilkinson, President
W. V. Shaw
R. R. Dorland
Lee Peterson
O. R. Stuart
J. R. Tippetts, Superintendent
Ella Hemming, Clark

The task of securing the names to be placed on the monument and helping to plan its erection was ably done by Mrs. Verna Durrant as president of the American Legion Auxiliary in 1940.

The present officers of the American Legion are: Commander, Victor J. Nelson; 1st Vice Commander, Robert Ellis; 2nd Vice Commander, Parley Carter; Post Adjutant, Don C. Durrant; Sergeant at Arms, Von Rollins, Chaplain and Americanism Chairman, Leonard G. Fox.

The present officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion are: Mrs. Edith Peterson, President; Mrs. Lucy Ellis, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Belva Wright, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Goldie Waldron, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Jessie Creager, Chaplain; Mrs. Cleora Creager, Sergeant at arms; Mrs. Bessie Thurston, Historian.

Veterans of the World War of 1917-1919 now living in Morgan but enlisted elsewhere and whose names, therefore do not appear on the monument are: Robert Ellis, Leonard G. Fox, Victor Shaw, Walter Ulrich, Pratt Wright, Dr. Benjamin R. McKinnon, Lawrence Bell, William Branch.

As the original plans for the erection of this memorial called for only those who actually enlisted from Morgan County, we deeply regret that the above mentioned names, who are at present some of our leading citizens will not appear on this monument.

We, the Board of County Commissioners, representing the people of Morgan County extend our thanks and heartfelt appreciation to all individuals and organizations whose combined efforts have made the erection of this monument possible. Especially to the Morgan Post No. 67 of the American Legion and its Auxiliary. The primary objective of this organization is to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America; of service to the community, state and nation and to transmit to our posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

This everlasting and beautiful monument was made and set up by the honest, reliable, and home owned firm of John H. Bott & Sons Company. The workmanship is proof of their integrity. The stone came from Madera, California is sturdy and tough, and is truly symbolic of the sterling qualities and character of the men whose names it will bear until it shall have been worn away to dust by the elements of time and returned to mother nature from whence it came.

As duly requested, this document was written and prepared by Victor J. Nelson whose sincerest hope and aim was that the full honor and credit due is bestowed on the citizens of Morgan County who form a part of the great unit by which this nation was founded and is governed. May the heritage of these rights of equality and self government never be taken away from those to whom it rightfully belongs--the people.

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