

Creation of a new congregation.

Congregation transformed in some way.

[Words in brackets describe what congregation type I think different units would fit in.]

(Website) means that the information was copied from what we already have in the MormonPlaces database, so not from my own research.

1849

First settlers in Bountiful and Centerville

16 February: "In a meeting of the quorum of the Twelve the following **division of the valley into wards** was decided upon." In addition to "country wards" in Salt Lake Valley, "North of the city and east of the Jordan and the Lake, three wards: First, all north, so far as to include Sessions' settlement [Bountiful]; second, the country between Sessions' and the settlements on the Weber river [Farmington]; third, the Brown settlement [Ogden]."¹

March 25: In the Bishops' quorum meeting in Salt Lake, "James Brown was ordained bishop of **Weber River Ward**, and Joseph L. Robinson bishop of **North Cottonwood Ward**."²

8 April: Orvil S. Cox ordained bishop of **North Mill Creek Ward** (Bountiful).³

6 May: **North Cottonwood Ward [Farmington]** established, Bishop Joseph L. Robinson.⁴

Robinson later says he was called as "president and bishop" and described the ward boundaries at this time: "our ward was bounded at that time, North of cherrys settlement [Centerville] and South of Weber River, a very large ward but a few people."⁵ We would probably categorize all the original 4 "wards" as wards since they had bishops and met as separate congregations, though I'm not sure how fully they were organized beyond that point.

September: Anson Call: "I was appointed bishop of North Canyon Ward in September 1849"⁶

Anson Call: "Orvill Cox was made bishop of the settlers [Bountiful]...Soon after, he was called with Father Morley to go and settle what is now known as Sanpete. I was then appointed his successor" as bishop of Bountiful/North Canyon Ward⁷

¹ *History of Brigham Young/History of the Church*, Church History Library, CR 100 102 box 9 V.19 p.20. https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE232908

² *History of Brigham Young*, p.41

³ Minutes 1841 March-1951 January, *Presiding Bishopric bishop's quorum minutes, 1841-1851*, Church History Library CR 4 122 folder 1, p. 83, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=3664bcab-178a-4dd8-9409-912ee9135c13&crate=0&index=89>

⁴ *Joseph Lee Robinson Record Book*, Church History Library MS 4486 folder 1 p.1 <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/7ea72ad4-8adb-41eb-a6f1-ea735db917e0/0/1>

⁵ Autobiography and Journal, 1853-1883, *Joseph Lee Robinson papers*, Church History Library MS 7042, folder 1, p.71-72 <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/20a71b14-5ad4-4fb1-944a-21a05ad0b986/0/0>

⁶ Anson Call, Autobiography and Journal, 1856-1889, p.40, Church History Library MS 313, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f0e9905b-fe21-442d-a9ca-ad65d762095c/0/0>

⁷ Anson Call, affidavit, p.77, *Historian's Office history of persecutions, 1879-1880*, Church History Library CR 100 96 box 1 folder 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/bc142806-6aa8-4ea9-a0bb-c8381364c001/0/28>

1850

1 January: Log schoolhouse dedicated in Farmington.⁸ According to Bishop Robinson this was the first meetinghouse built in Davis County.⁹

Spring: John Perry PE of southern part of North Canyon Ward [Woods Cross/North Salt Lake] [EH] Perry was also a member of the Salt Lake High Council, which is very relevant

December: Anson Call leaves Bountiful to help settle Iron County^{10 11}

Kaysville had two log schoolhouses in the early 1850s.¹²

Sanford Porter is first presiding elder at the Cherry Creek Settlement [Centerville] [MH]

1851

January 20: Brigham Young visits Peregrine Sessions [**Bountiful**], “organized a branch of the church; John Stoker was ordained bishop.”¹³ *replacing Anson Call?*

January 21: at the **North Cottonwood** (Farmington) school house, appointed G. Brownell presiding elder of that branch.¹⁴

January 27: At a meeting in [**Kaysville**], “Wm Kay was appointed bishop of that ward.”¹⁵

February 8: Willard Richards and Heber C. Kimball ordain William Kay as a bishop.¹⁶

March 9: meeting of **North Cottonwood Ward** at their schoolhouse, Bishop Gideon Brownell¹⁷

April 22: PB Edward Hunter writes to outlying bishops, about “your ward or district”, including “Wm. Kay, Bro. Brownell, and John Stoker”¹⁸

Nov 30? Rebaptism record for “**Kay’s Ward**,” Bishop W. Kay¹⁹

⁸ Joseph Lee Robinson *Record Book*, p.8

⁹ Joseph Lee Robinson *Autobiography*, p.73

¹⁰ Anson Call, affidavit, p.78, *Historian’s Office history of persecutions, 1879-1880*, Church History Library CR 100 96 box 1 folder 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/bc142806-6aa8-4ea9-a0bb-c8381364c001/0/29>

¹¹ Anson Call, *Autobiography and Journal, 1856-1889*, p.40, Church History Library MS 313, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f0e9905b-fe21-442d-a9ca-ad65d762095c/0/0>

¹² Leonard, Glen M., *History of Davis County*, 1999, p.32

<http://digitallibrary.utah.gov/awweb/awarchive?type=file&item=34197>

¹³ Visit of the Presidency to Weber, *Deseret News* V.1 #26 (Feb 8 1851) p.205

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2569232>. Horace S. Eldredge Report, January 1851. *Deseret News editor’s files 1850-1854*, Church History Library MS 2054, box 1 folder 11 item 4 p.7.

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ffe363ae-01cc-4a51-8f72-f18718f9f288/0/0>

¹⁴ Visit of the Presidency; Eldredge Report p.8

¹⁵ Visit of the Presidency; Eldredge Report p.9

¹⁶ *Historian’s Office Journal*, V.14 (1850-1851) p.140, Church History Library CR 100 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/bc04fe2c-dc46-4e7d-8bfe-ab1120057348/0/80>

¹⁷ *North Cottonwood Ward Record Book A*, Church History Library LR 2816 7, p.36

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=022123ed-2edd-4853-8eee-cc228a6fd352&crate=0&index=41>

¹⁸ Edward Hunter, letter to bishops, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, Copybook 1844-1853*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/23928a06-210d-4ec0-96c2-909bcbcbdb6a3>

¹⁹ Kays Ward baptism report, 1851, *Historian’s Office rebaptism records, 1848-1876*, Church History Library CR 100 591, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b98e9cd6-6171-4966-bcca-9885a94e3329/0/3>

Dec 29: Bishops Court case over a land dispute, hints that jurisdiction is “the bishops of the wards, Bishops Brownell, Porter, and Stoker”²⁰
Bountiful builds an adobe schoolhouse.²¹

1852

By early 1852, Farmington is regularly called “Farmington,” even though the ward continues as “North Cottonwood”²²

7 January: Sanford Porter ordained bishop of **North Cottonwood** Ward [*supposed to be Centerville*] by Edward Hunter²³ Or bishop of “North Division of North Canyon Ward” [Centerville]²⁴

20 January: John Stoker ordained bishop over **North Canyon** Ward by Brigham Young²⁵

April: First comprehensive membership report of the Church, listing “wards” and “bishops,”²⁶ including “Davis Co.”

- North Canyon Ward [Bountiful], John Stoker, 284 members
- Kay’s Ward, William Kay, 145
- North Cottonwood [Farmington], Gideon Brownell, 318
- *Centerville not listed in the summary report, but it did submit a report:*²⁷ Centerville Ward, Sanford Porter Bishop, 101 members

21 December: “Bishop Stoker” [North Canyon] attended the Bishops meeting in Salt Lake City to report to the presiding bishop the state of his “ward”.²⁸ This was a general meeting, not the Salt Lake Stake. Bishops from Salt Lake, Davis, Utah, and Tooele Counties are mentioned.

28 December: List of members and wards in Utah includes North Canyon Ward, Kays Ward, North Cottonwood Ward, Centerville Ward.²⁹

²⁰ *North Cottonwood Ward Record Book A*, p.46,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/022123ed-2edd-4853-8eee-cc228a6fd352/0/51>

²¹ Leonard 1999, p.45

²² *North Cottonwood Ward Record Book A*, p.14,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/022123ed-2edd-4853-8eee-cc228a6fd352/0/19>

²³ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.24, Church History Library CR 4 2,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/39>

²⁴ Record of ordinations 1855, *Historical Record Book 1841-1874*, Item 2 p.152, Church History Library MS 3434, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/6e9e3e12-efbd-4781-a32b-dc88ce50d3ab/0/0>

²⁵ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.96, Church History Library CR 4 2,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/113>

²⁶ Bishops Reports, 1852 April, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f667e21d-c265-4247-af91-9d4fce693508/0/3>

²⁷ *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f8e49375-cc4e-4fab-9ec7-1e7dfe8112ee/0/7>

²⁸ JHC 21 Dec 1852, citing “original minutes on file”

²⁹ Registry of the names of persons residing in the various wards, December 28th 1852. *Brigham Young Office Files: President’s Office Files: Office Memorandum Books 1852-1871*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 79 folder 12.

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE4145451

December 31: Bishops' statistical report lists the following "wards" with "bishops" (possibly including branches as well): Kays Ward: W Kay, North Cottonwood: G Brownell, Centerville: S Porter, North Canyon: J Stoker.³⁰

South Bountiful P.E. John Perry called on a mission, Reuben Perkins presides

1853

April 9: General Bishops meeting includes Bishop Gideon Brownell of North Cottonwood Ward³¹

October 6: Report of General Conference includes the followings "wards" with "bishops" (this may be a generalization and could include some branches with presidents):³²_{mp:800205} North Canyon [Bountiful]: John Stoker, Centerville: Sandford Porter, North Cottonwood [Farmington]: Gideon Brownell, Kay's Ward: William Kay.

Oct 8: General bishops meeting includes Kay's Creek (Bishop Kay) and North Cottonwood (Bishop Brownell) Wards³³

October: Leadership directory lists North Canyon Ward, Bishop John Stoker; North Cottonwood Ward, Bishop Gideon Brownell; Kay's Ward, Bishop William Kay.³⁴ *This source is clearer than the other one that these are wards with bishops; however, Centerville Ward is not listed.*

11 November: **South Weber Ward established. (Website) [ward?]**

[Date]: Log schoolhouse built by the north end of the Kingston Fort in the South Weber Ward.³⁵

1854

April 8: At a general bishops meeting, attendance included:³⁶

- Bishop Stoker, North Canyon Ward
- Bishop Brownell, North Cottonwood Ward
- Kay's Ward

April 25: Heber C. Kimball, JM Grant, and GA Smith visit Stoker's Ward, and select a site for a city [Bountiful].³⁷

³⁰ JHC 31 December 1852 p.2 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE289298

³¹ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.60, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/75>

³² Report of General Conference, *Deseret News* V.3 #19 (October 15 1853) p.74-75 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2579576>

³³ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.70, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/87>

³⁴ Utah Territory Officers Oct 1853, *Winter Quarters Municipal High Council Records 1846-1848*. Church History Library LR 6359 21 box 1 folder 3 p.82

³⁵ Leonard, Glen, *History of Davis County*,

<http://digitallibrary.utah.gov/awweb/awarchive?type=file&item=34197>, 35

³⁶ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.88, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/105>

³⁷ *Historian's Office Journal, V.17 (April 1854-May 1855)*, p.13, Church History Library CR 100 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/7cb8bc39-94ab-4793-afcc-bde215b3dd57/0/20>

³⁸May 2: Brigham Young sends Bishop John Stoker a plat for a town to be laid out in “your ward” [Bountiful]³⁹

August 7: Brigham Young writes to “Bishop Brownell, North Cottonwood Ward” [Farmington]⁴⁰

1855

24 January: Gideon Brownell [Bishop] of Farmington describes attempts by “the people of this warde” to replace him. “H. Miller tryed to put me out of the bishops office..” “br M he commenced telling them that Brother Brigham had instructed him to come up here and tacke a vote of the warde and vote me out and vote in another bishop telling them that that the president said that thiss ward was the beste wardes in the vallys of the mountains and had the meanest Bishop in all probability”⁴¹ One of Brownell’s defenses is that “those that had made me a bishop [Brigham Young] that they had not yet unmade me.” The next letter, in March, is also a direct appeal from the bishopric to Brigham Young. This is an example of how the bishops in outlying counties tended to report directly to Brigham Young or other general authorities, and received their authority directly from him.

February 27: Sessions Settlement renamed **Bountiful**. [CC]

March 9: BY writes to James Leithead (Farmington) on behalf of Bishop Hess, corroborating the authority of the county court to adjust the boundary between **Centerville** and **North Cottonwood Ward**.⁴² *haven’t found the original letter from Leithead.*

March 12: Meeting about laying out lots in **Farmington**, Bishop Gideon Brownell⁴³

March 15? Sanford Porter writes to BY to resign as Bishop of **Centerville Ward** over boundary dispute with North Cottonwood Ward (although the dispute seems to be with the County court, not with each other).⁴⁴

March 14: BY writes to “the Brethren of **Centre Ward**.” “I have received the letter and resignation of Bishop Porter, which is accepted and with the Brethren to assemble and select the man they wish for a Bishop...I will suggest Brother Dalton or Brother Cherry, the bearers of

³⁸

³⁹ Brigham Young, letter to John Stoker 2 May 1854, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.1*, p.524, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=f7d18c09-51a0-42c6-8c73-10960c772d45>

⁴⁰ Brigham Young, letter to Gideon Brownell 7 August 1854, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.1*, p.616, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=f7d18c09-51a0-42c6-8c73-10960c772d45>

⁴¹ Letter from Gideon Brownell to Brigham Young Jan 24 1855, *Brigham Young Office Files, General Letters 1840-1877*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 23 folder 20, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ed548503-8af3-451b-8743-e8c0de74a0f6/0/0>

⁴² Brigham Young, letter to James Leithead 9 March 1855, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.2*, p.25, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=7a67fc61-ea19-4673-96d6-fd4d49d329ee>

⁴³ *North Cottonwood Ward Record Book A*, p.7, Church History Library LR 2816 7, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/022123ed-2edd-4853-8eee-cc228a6fd352/0/6>

⁴⁴ Sanford Porter, letter to Brigham Young March 15? 1855, *Brigham Young Office Files, Incoming Correspondence, General Letters, N-Ra 1855*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 24 folder 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=0e676022-7a97-408d-9e51-a3a1b42cf9a2>

this letter or Brother William Smith...After he is chosen he can come down here and be ordained.”⁴⁵

March 22: William Reed Smith “ordained to the bishoprick of **Centreville** Ward, Davis County,” by Brigham Young in his office, along with counselors “in consequence of Sanford Porter having resigned the bishoprick of Centreville Ward March 15th 1855”⁴⁶

March 31: BY writes the **North Cottonwood** Ward.⁴⁷ Bishop Brownell, being “advanced in years” and unable to keep up with the demands of a growing ward, has resigned. Young recommends John Hess as his replacement, but gives the choice to the local priesthood, and he will ordain who they select.

April 1: Special Conference at “Farmington North Cottonwood.”⁴⁸ Bishop Gideon Brownell resigns due to his age and health; John W. Hess sustained as the new Bishop. Brownell presents the letter from the First Presidency accepting his resignation and nomination of Hess.

April 3: John W. Hess ordained as Bishop of **North Cottonwood** Ward by Brigham Young in GSLC.⁴⁹

7 Apr: General bishops meeting includes Bishop Wm Kay [Kaysville].⁵⁰

Early in 1855 [date]: The state legislature moved the county border down, dividing the **South Weber** community in two. The part in Davis County continued as South Weber and was no longer considered part of the Weber Stake. The part north of the border was named Uintah and continued as part of the Weber Stake.⁵¹

May 24-27: David Pettigrew (pres. HP Quorum, Salt Lake Stake?) visits Bishop Kay [Kaysville], Bishop Hess in Farmington, Bishop Smith in Cherry’s Settlement [Centerville], Patriarch Isaac Morley in Sessions’ Settlement [Bountiful].⁵²

October 6: Statistical report lists “wards” with “bishops,” including North Canyon: J Stoker, Centerville: WR Smith, North Cottonwood: JW Hess, Kays Ward: W Kay⁵³

8 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representation from North Canyon, Centerville, and Kays Wards.⁵⁴

⁴⁵ Brigham Young, letter to Centre Ward 14 March 1855, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.2*, p.28, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=7a67fc61-ea19-4673-96d6-fd4d49d329ee>

⁴⁶ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.102, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/119>

⁴⁷ Brigham Young, letter to North Cottonwood Ward 31 March 1855, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, Miscellaneous Letterbook 1855-1877*, p.23, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 15, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/1732c22d-2937-4365-a1af-efc782ca1769/0/100>

⁴⁸ *Farmington Ward General Minutes*, V.12 p.1, Church History Library LR 2816 11

⁴⁹ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.107, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/124>

⁵⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.102, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/122>

⁵¹ Leonard, 30-31

⁵² Missionary Visit, *Deseret News*, V. 5 #33 (Oct 24 1855) p.261

⁵³ Bishops’ reports, 1855 October, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/4fafdf12-abf1-4bd3-8cbc-21f4dcf98f05/0/2>

⁵⁴ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.114, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/134>

October 20-21: "Quarterly Conference" held by apostles and home missionaries in Farmington.⁵⁵ All sermons, no local business

November 17: "Minutes of the Quarterly Conference held in the City Bountiful, **North Canyon Ward**"⁵⁶ Another home mission conference, not a regional organization.

[Date]: Centerville builds a schoolhouse on the north bank of Deuel Creek.⁵⁷

[Date]: Farmington begins holding meetings in the county courthouse.⁵⁸

1856

8 June: first minutes for "**North Cottonwood Ward**," (Farmington) Bishop Hess⁵⁹

September 23: "Minutes of a Conference held in Centerville Ward," at which Jedediah M. Grant preached the Reformation. Mentions Bishop Smith.⁶⁰

September 27-29: Special Conference held in the City Bountiful, for Reformation. Appears that Bishop Stoker is the sole ecclesiastical authority.⁶¹

7 Oct: General bishops meeting has representatives from wards including North Canyon, Centerville, North Cottonwood, Farmington.⁶² *But North Cottonwood=Farmington??*

Kays Ward bishop William Kay called to Carson Valley

1857

25 Jan: Allen Taylor "ordained a bishop for Kay's Settlement" by Edward Hunter⁶³

4 Mar: BY writes to "Bp. Allen Taylor, Kay's Ward"⁶⁴

April 8: General Bishops meeting includes representation from bishoprics in North Canyon, Farmington, Kaysville, Centerville, and South Weber⁶⁵ They are being treated as wards

13 Mar: HCK writes to "Bishops Stoker & Smith, Centerville &c"⁶⁶

⁵⁵ Home Missions, *Deseret News*, V.5 #42 (26 Dec 1855) p.336, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2571815>

⁵⁶ Davis County Conference Minutes, *Historians Office Local Unit Minutes*, Church History Library CR 100 589 box 1 folder 23, p.1 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE6519522

⁵⁷ Leonard, 47

⁵⁸ Leonard, 47

⁵⁹ *North Cottonwood Ward Minutes*, p.6, Church History Library LR 2816 21, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b2c090f4-234a-4890-a597-c1c37abbbf463/0/0>

⁶⁰ Davis County Conference Minutes, p.17

⁶¹ Davis County Conference Minutes, p.47

⁶² *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.163, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/183>

⁶³ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.187, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/208>

⁶⁴ Brigham Young, letter to Allen Taylor 4 March 1857, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.3*, p.448, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=99279f54-9c69-41a1-ac5d-e6069f9a2920>

⁶⁵ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.199, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/220>

⁶⁶ Brigham Young, letter to John Stoker and WR Smith 13 Mar 1857, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.3*, p.476, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=99279f54-9c69-41a1-ac5d-e6069f9a2920>

William Atkinson, a counselor in North Canyon Bishopric, called to preside over southern district of that ward [Woods Cross]

1858

7 Apr: For the Move South, (North Cottonwood) Ward instructed to move to SLC and “occupy the 19th Ward”⁶⁷ The town is called Farmington

May: Farmington saints move south; it sounds like some went to Clover Creek (herds?)⁶⁸

October 3: First mention of Sunday meetings resuming in Farmington⁶⁹

1859

Jan 30: Discussion of the ward’s purchase of North Cottonwood Canyon for timber; the bishop has been dealing directly with “the President” (prob. Young)⁷⁰

April 16: “President Young attended the [Salt Lake] High Council on a case appealed from referees between Bishop Smith & Sanford Porter [both of Centerville]. The High Council sustained the decision of the referees who sustained Bishop Smith.”⁷¹ *Not sure who the referees were, but this corroborates that the Davis County wards were at least somewhat under the jurisdiction of the Salt Lake Stake.*

Aug 14: Last meeting in North Cottonwood Ward minutes.⁷² *From 1856 to 1859, this record has no evidence of the authority of Salt Lake Stake or any other regional jurisdiction. There are occasional mentions of ad hoc interactions with general authorities.*

8 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representatives from “Stokers Ward”, Centerville, Farmington, and Kays Ward.⁷³

[Date]: About this year an adobe schoolhouse built in South Weber Ward.⁷⁴

⁶⁷ *North Cottonwood Ward Minutes*, p.66, Church History Library LR 2816 21, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b2c090f4-234a-4890-a597-c1c37abbf463/0/0>

⁶⁸ *North Cottonwood Ward Minutes*, p.68, Church History Library LR 2816 21, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b2c090f4-234a-4890-a597-c1c37abbf463/0/0>

⁶⁹ *North Cottonwood Ward Minutes*, p.70, Church History Library LR 2816 21, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b2c090f4-234a-4890-a597-c1c37abbf463/0/0>

⁷⁰ *North Cottonwood Ward Minutes*, p.80, Church History Library LR 2816 21, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b2c090f4-234a-4890-a597-c1c37abbf463/0/0>

⁷¹ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1854-1859*, p.400, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ed47e448-2936-4a1d-a4d8-4b5f96a8d1ac/0/402>

⁷² *North Cottonwood Ward Minutes*, p.97, Church History Library LR 2816 21, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b2c090f4-234a-4890-a597-c1c37abbf463/0/0>

⁷³ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.319, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/346>

⁷⁴ Leonard, 35

1860

6 April: General bishops meeting includes representatives from the North Canyon, Centerville, Farmington and Kays Wards.⁷⁵

14 June: BY and company hold meetings at “Freedom, better known as Kaysville.”⁷⁶

6 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representatives from “Country Wards,” including Kaysville and Farmington.⁷⁷

1861

6 Apr: Presiding Bishop’s meeting, a rare one with attendance from many “wards” statewide, including the bishops of North Canyon, Kays Ward, Centerville, and Farmington⁷⁸

Apr 26: BY writes to “Bishop Allen Taylor, Kays Ward”⁷⁹

7 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representatives from North Canyon, Centerville, Kays, and Farmington “Wards.”⁸⁰

1862

[Date]: Centerville builds a new adobe meetinghouse.⁸¹

April 7: General bishops meeting includes bishops of Sessions, Centerville, Farmington, and Kaysville Wards.⁸²

April 8: Christopher Layton called as bishop of Kays Ward at general conference⁸³ *Allen Taylor is leaving for Southern Utah. This lends credence to Davis being part of Salt Lake Stake, since general conference doubled as Salt Lake Stake conference, although other bishops were rarely called in conference. He is not ordained until 1864*

⁷⁵ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.305, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/330>

⁷⁶ Excursion through the Northern Counties, *Deseret News*, V.10 #16 (20 June 1860) p.124, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2584215>; Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1860-1865*, p.49, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/801702bf-e607-4f0d-82d0-e0f84b8c2406/0/54>

⁷⁷ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.319, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/346>

⁷⁸ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.335, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/361>

⁷⁹ Brigham Young, letter to Allen Taylor 26 Apr 1861, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.75, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a&crate=0&index=0>

⁸⁰ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.351, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/377>

⁸¹ Leonard, 47

⁸² *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.6, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

⁸³ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.50, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

October 6: General Bishops Meeting includes the bishops of Bountiful, Centerville, Farmington, and Kaysville Wards⁸⁴

1863

Early in the year [Date]: Farmington church meetings moved back to schoolhouse because courthouse didn't allow church meetings in it anymore.⁸⁵

March 14: Bountiful Meeting House (later called the Bountiful Tabernacle) dedicated by Heber C. Kimball.⁸⁶ *which still stands*

27 Sep: GA Smith dedicates the Kaysville meetinghouse.⁸⁷

Dec 9: Brigham Young asks Salt Lake Stake Pres. Daniel Spencer to convene the high council to try a case appealed from John W. Hess at **Farmington** Ward.⁸⁸ *So clearly at this moment, Davis County is under the jurisdiction of Salt Lake Stake.*

1864

9 Jan: Wilford Woodruff dedicates the Farmington meetinghouse at a two-days meeting attended by several general authorities.⁸⁹ *which still stands*

May 10: BY sends letters to "Bishop John Stoker, **Bountiful**; Bishop W.R. Smith, **Centerville**; Bishop J.W. Hess, **Farmington**; Bishop C. Layton, **Kaysville**"⁹⁰

August: Bountiful and Centerville have a combined high priests quorum.⁹¹ "President Rich"

Nov 12: Christopher Layton set apart as bishop of Kays Ward by Brigham Young (has been acting since 1862)^{92 93}

⁸⁴ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.16, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

⁸⁵ Leonard, 47

⁸⁶ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1860-1865*, p.255, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/801702bf-e607-4f0d-82d0-e0f84b8c2406/0/261>

⁸⁷ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1860-1865*, p.274, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/801702bf-e607-4f0d-82d0-e0f84b8c2406/0/280>

⁸⁸ Brigham Young, letter to Daniel Spencer, 11 Dec 1863, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.6, p.723, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=0c8e23c5-4d6a-446f-8d81-108a52bd39c4>

⁸⁹ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1860-1865*, p.289, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/801702bf-e607-4f0d-82d0-e0f84b8c2406/0/295>

⁹⁰ Brigham Young, letter to Alfred Cordon et al 10 May 1864, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.184, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a&crate=0&index=0>

⁹¹ Bountiful and Centerville High Priests Quorum minutes, *Davis County Melchizedek Priesthood minutes*, V.1 p.4, Church History Library LR 2160 13, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/53e50d8b-b868-4a5f-83e4-0c89dd50bda7/0/3>

⁹² Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.50, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

⁹³ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1860-1865*, p.327, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/801702bf-e607-4f0d-82d0-e0f84b8c2406/0/333>

1865

Feb 5: Elders Quorum organized in Kaysville.⁹⁴

Feb 12: Peregrine Sessions appointed as president of the Bountiful and Centerville high priests by general HP president John Young. He calls bishops Smith (Centerville) and Stoker (Bountiful) as his counselors, which is unique.⁹⁵

[Date]: **South Weber is now branch instead of ward. (Website) [branch?]** This settlement was originally considered part of the Weber stake despite being part of Davis County.⁹⁶

1866

April 5: General bishops meeting resumes after a few years hiatus.⁹⁷ Ward reps include bishops of Bountiful, Farmington, Kays Ward. *After this, they go back to general priesthood meetings.*

April 22: "Bishop Levitt" is a frequent speaker at Bountiful-Centerville high priests meetings.⁹⁸ *Bishop Smith of Centerville is not present during this time; is he gone and Levitt (his counselor) is acting bishop? Smith is back by 1868*

April 24-May 10: Reports to PB Edward Hunter from "Bishop C. Layton" of "Kaysville," Bishop John W. Hess of Farmington, "Acting Bishop George Leavitt" of Centerville, and John Stoker of Bountiful.⁹⁹

26 August: BY writes "Bishop C. Layton, **Kay's Ward**"¹⁰⁰

1868

Jan 28: BY writes "Bishop John Stoker, North Canyon Ward,"¹⁰¹ concerning a case in his ward that had been **appealed to the Salt Lake High Council**, then to him.

February: Kaysville incorporated by the Territorial legislature [EH] *It is probably about this time that Kay's Ward is renamed Kaysville Ward*

⁹⁴ Kaysville Elders Quorum minutes, *Davis County Melchizedek Priesthood minutes*, V.29 p.4, Church History Library LR 2160 13, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0eaec5d4-cf93-4870-ac04-2880fc91379c/0/3>

⁹⁵ Bountiful and Centerville High Priests Quorum minutes, V.1 p.7, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/53e50d8b-b868-4a5f-83e4-0c89dd50bda7/0/6>

⁹⁶ Leonard, 30

⁹⁷ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.94, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

⁹⁸ Bountiful and Centerville High Priests Quorum minutes, V.1 p.16, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/53e50d8b-b868-4a5f-83e4-0c89dd50bda7/0/15>

⁹⁹ *Perpetual Emigrating Fund Company outfitting reports, 1866*, Church History Library CR 376 13 box 1 folder 3, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/63fb1aba-6158-48cb-90f2-cc0db8d40338/0/9>

¹⁰⁰ Brigham Young, letter to Christopher Layton, 26 August 1866, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.9, p.143, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=954ebbd5-0620-40f5-86f3-97fa7dbab8f6>

¹⁰¹ Brigham Young, letter to John Stoker, Jan 28 1868, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.10, p.617, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 7, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=873e43de-f5b9-4a8a-bfaa-be07a5fdf18f>

April 25: In first of a series of published Church directories, the following are listed:¹⁰²

- Kaysville: Christopher Layton
- Farmington: John W Hess
- Centreville: William R Smith
- Bountiful: John Stoker

1869

October 7: In general conference, several bishops and many others are “called to go on short missions to the Eastern States” (probably to do business for the cooperative mercantile program), including Bishops John W Hess (Farmington) and John Stoker (Bountiful).¹⁰³

Counselors will likely be serving as “acting bishops” in their place.

When Hooper District is created in Weber Stake, it includes “South Hooper” (future West Point), but there does not seem to be separate meetings.[South Hooper MH]

1870

October 27: “North Canyon Ward” represented at presiding bishops meeting.¹⁰⁴ *So this name is still in common use alongside Bountiful. Possibly, this was the official name of the ward, while Bountiful was the name of the city.*

1872

25 August: Brigham Young decides a case in Farmington that has been appealed to the first presidency from the bishop’s decision.¹⁰⁵ *No high council?*

1873

March 19: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops lists, with no presiding bishop:¹⁰⁶

- **Kaysville**, Christopher Layton
- **Farmington**, John W. Hess
- **Centreville**, Wm. R. Smith
- **Bountiful**, John Stoker

¹⁰² Church Directory, *Salt Lake Daily Telegraph*, V.4 #253 (25 April 1868) p.4

¹⁰³ Thirty-Ninth Semi-Annual Conference, *Deseret News*, V.18 #36 (13 Oct 1869) p.426, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2604075>

¹⁰⁴ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.230, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

¹⁰⁵ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1865-1872*, p.337, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0c76d480-00aa-4210-9334-12a578908f1f/0/344>. The narrative is crossed out, not clear why.

¹⁰⁶ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.22 #7 (March 19 1873) p.103, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2622070>

May 14: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as March:¹⁰⁷

July 14: Weber Stake President (and apostle) Franklin D. Richards visits Kaysville to hear a disciplinary case with Bishop Layton.¹⁰⁸ *The phrasing sounds like Richards is helping Layton out of convenience, not any kind of stake authority.*

1874

May 27: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as May 1873:¹⁰⁹

August 1: John Stoker resigns as bishop of North Canyon Ward, owing to ill health.¹¹⁰

Aug 4: Anson Call was ordained bishop of **North Canyon** Ward by Brigham Young¹¹¹

Oct 21: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as May, except:¹¹²

- **Bountiful**, Anson Call

1875

Jan 6: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as October 1874.¹¹³

June 9: List of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as January.¹¹⁴

July 18-19: Two Days Meeting at Farmington, several county leaders rebaptized, including the four bishoprics.¹¹⁵ (they are doing that a lot this summer)

Dec 29: New list of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as June.¹¹⁶

1876

January 12: List of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as December 1875.¹¹⁷

¹⁰⁷ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.6 #147 (May 14 1873) p.4,

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23160976>

¹⁰⁸ Richards, *Journal*, V.21 p.257, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/4b03f955-4e47-4164-b2dc-135c751c0150/0/0>

¹⁰⁹ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #17 (May 27 1874) p.267,

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2635244>

¹¹⁰ John Stoker, letter to the First Presidency 4 August 1874, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.13, p.605, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559>

¹¹¹ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.331, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

¹¹² Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #38 (October 21 1874) p.603,

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2613752>

¹¹³ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #49 (January 6 1875) p.782,

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2614880>

¹¹⁴ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #19 (June 9 1875) p.295,

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2640773>

¹¹⁵ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1873-80*, p.121, Church History Library MS 1352,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/eb07ddd8-d258-43b3-82fd-1b0bc186b269/0/131>

¹¹⁶ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #48 (December 29 1875) p.755,

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2643418>

¹¹⁷ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #50 (January 12 1876) p.795,

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2643628>

December 22: Final published list of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as 1875.¹¹⁸

- **Kaysville**, Christopher Layton
- **Farmington**, John W. Hess
- **Centreville**, Wm. R. Smith
- **Bountiful**, Anson Call

1877

June 16: Meeting to organize the Davis Stake: President William R. Smith, counselors, high council. Meetings to be held in each ward to complete the organization.¹¹⁹

Anson Call (bishop of Bountiful) recalled in his journal: "When I returned I was appointed a Missionary and presided over the board of Missionaries in Davis Co. After this, was called to be the Bishop of Bountiful. After the Temple was finished in St. George, the whole country organized in two [into?] Stakes by Brigham Young. Then I was appointed one of the Counselors to Wm Smith, the president of the Stake of Davis Co."

June 17: BY's talk during the organization of the stake.¹²⁰

- "...to form the presidency of this Stake of Zion, which will comprise Davis County, and the name of which will probably be Farmington Stake of Zion."
- "I am told that there have only been three cases during the last twenty-three years, that have gone for trial before the [Salt Lake] High Council from Farmington." *So Davis was part of Salt Lake Stake, if only loosely.*
- In organizing priesthood quorums, "For what? Paul says, 'for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.' But whether this will be the result here I do not know. All I know is that it should be so, and if every one does his duty and lives his religion, it will be so."
- In advising the new bishops, "We expect to see a radical change, a reformation, in the midst of this people, so that, when the proper authorities shall call upon you to do thus and so, every one may be found willing and ready to respond, placing himself with all his commands, for the up-building of the kingdom of God." He suggests that this participation is part of the Law of Consecration.

June 18: Peter Barton ordained Bishop of Kays Ward by Franklin D. Richards.¹²¹

June 20: Two days meeting at Kaysville.¹²² FD Richards: "Time has come for a more substantial and mature organization." Peter Barton ordained bishop of Kaysville Ward. He is directed to choose counselors soon. **Which date?**

¹¹⁸ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 #27 (December 22, 1876) p.4, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23166497>

¹¹⁹ Conference at Farmington, *Deseret News* V.26 #20 (June 20 1877) p.816 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2627187>; *Davis Stake general minutes*, V.1 p.3, Church History Library LR 2160 11

¹²⁰ Discourse by Brigham Young, June 17, 1877, *Journal of Discourses*, V.19 pp.36-45, <https://archive.org/details/JoDV19/page/n43/mode/2up>

¹²¹ Franklin D. Richards, *Journal*, V.25 (1877) p.203, Church History Library MS 1215, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/7ff188c1-fd52-43ca-aac6-48bfc12ab138/0/202>

¹²² *Davis Stake general minutes*, V.1 p.8, Church History Library LR 2160 11

June 20: SP and apostles ES and FDR meet in **Centerville**, Nathan Cheney elected and ordained bishop. Then they meet in **Bountiful**, which is divided into 3 wards: East Bountiful, Chester Call; West Bountiful, Wm J. Muir Jr.; South Bountiful, William Brown.¹²³

June 20: Meeting for “completing the organization of this Davis County Stake of Zion and of electing a bishop to preside over the ward in place of Anson Call,” who had been appointed 2nd Counselor of the stake. “Now contemplated of dividing this North Canyon Ward into three wards.” “This county has been organized with Wm R. Smith as president and C. Layton and Anson Call as his counselors.” “All that part of the ward from the North boundary line, south to the mountains, lying east of the street running north and south between Daniel Wood’s corner and brother John Wood’s corner [500 West] will be known as East Bountiful Ward. All that part of North Canyon Ward lying west of said street, and north of the Street running east and west by brother Daniel Woods will be known as West Bountiful Ward. While all that part lying west of the aforesaid north and south street and south of the east and west street running by brother Daniel Woods will be known as South Bountiful Ward.”¹²⁴ Bishops are William Brown, South Bountiful, Wm S. Muir, West Bountiful, Chester Call, East Bountiful. *Daniel Wood’s “Big House” was at 560 W 500 S, so the boundaries were at 5th West and 5th South, which are still roughly the boundaries between the cities of Bountiful, West Bountiful, and Woods Cross today.*

June 22: meeting to organize Centerville, Nathan Cheney ordained bishop by Franklin D. Richards.[MH] **Date???**

June 26: meeting to organize South Hooper [West Point] Ward.¹²⁵ “Commencing at the SE corner of S 10 T4N R2W, thence north to the county line, thence west to the GSL, thence SE along the shore to the south line of S 7 same township, thence east to the place of beginning.” Henry B. Gwilliam sustained as bishop. *Perhaps he was not ordained until he chose counselors?*

June 29: meeting to organize South Weber.¹²⁶ David Simpson Cook sustained and set apart as bishop of South Weber Ward. Also Henry B. Gwilliam set apart as bishop of South Hooper [West Point] Ward.

July 22: Nathan Beebe Cheney ordained Bishop of Centerville Ward and counselors to East Bountiful Bishop Muir by Franklin D. Richards¹²⁷

July 24: Franklin Richards rebaptizes and ordains Henry Beynon Gwilliam as Bishop of South Hooper Ward [West Point], David Cook as Bishop of South Weber Ward (now part of Davis Stake)¹²⁸ ***These directly conflict with June 29! Was he redoing the ordinations as part of a rebaptism process?***

¹²³ Franklin D. Richards, *Journal*, V.25 (1877) p.205, Church History Library MS 1215, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/7ff188c1-fd52-43ca-aac6-48bfc12ab138/0/204>

¹²⁴ Davis Stake report, June 20 1877. *Historian’s Local Minutes and Records*, Church History Library CR 100 589 box 1 folder 40, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/95dd1849-8c05-45c5-a9c3-c98ae491e37c/0/0>

¹²⁵ *Davis Stake general minutes*, V.1 p.11, Church History Library LR 2160 11

¹²⁶ *Davis Stake general minutes*, V.1 p.14, Church History Library LR 2160 11

¹²⁷ Franklin D. Richards, *Journal*, V.25 (1877) p.237, Church History Library MS 1215, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/7ff188c1-fd52-43ca-aac6-48bfc12ab138/0/236>

¹²⁸ Franklin D. Richards, *Journal*, V.25 (1877) p.239, Church History Library MS 1215, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/7ff188c1-fd52-43ca-aac6-48bfc12ab138/0/238>

October 13: Stake Conference.¹²⁹ Bishops sustained:

- South Bountiful, William Brown
- West Bountiful, Wm. G. Muir, Jr.
- East Bountiful, Chester Call
- Centreville, Nathan Cheney
- Farmington, J.N. Hess
- Kaysville, Peter Barton
- South Hooper, H.B. Gwilliam
- South Weber, David S. Cook

1878

15 Jan: List of wards and bishops, including Davis Stake¹³⁰ mp:700350

- Wm Brown, South Bountiful
- Wm B. Muir, Jun, West Bountiful
- Chester Call, East Bountiful
- Nathan Cheney, Centreville
- John W. Hess, Farmington
- Peter Barton, Kaysville
- David B. Cook, South Weber
- H B Guillame, South Hooper
- Wm R. Smith, President of Stake

¹²⁹ Correspondence, *Deseret News*, V.26 #39 (October 31, 1877) p.691, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2628775>; *Davis Stake general minutes*, V.1 p.100, Church History Library LR 2160 11

¹³⁰ Names of Presidency and Bishops of the Organized Stakes of Zion, *Deseret Evening News*, V.11 #45 (15 Jan 1878) p.6, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23168119>

"A History of Davis County"

(<http://digitallibrary.utah.gov/awweb/awarchive?type=file&item=34197>):

Settlements of Davis County were mainly begun by Salt Lake residents bringing cattle to the area as early as 1848. (18)

"The Salt Lake high council, acting under its president, John Smith, authorized several of its own members to winter cattle on the grasslands between the hot springs and the Weber River... When Hector C. Haight left the Sessions camp [Bountiful], he moved north eight miles and set up camp near where North Cottonwood Creek emerges from Farmington Canyon [location of Farmington]." (17-18)

"The growth of Sessions's camp into the community that later became known as Bountiful began in the spring of 1848 when Sessions and John Perry gave up herding for farming... The settlement of Centerville began as an undifferentiated northern extension of Bountiful. Among the earliest to arrive were two members of the Salt Lake high council intent on herding cattle: Thomas Grover and Shadrach Roundy..." (19)

"North of Haight Creek, settlers began to establish homes in what would become Kaysville and Layton. New Englander Samuel O. Holmes set up a herd cabin in 1848... Other settlers did not arrive in the area until the spring of 1850..." (21)

"By the end of 1848, however, an irregular geographical settlement pattern was emerging, as three separate although as yet undefined communities--Sessions Settlement (later Bountiful), Cherry Creek Settlement (later Centerville), and North Cottonwood Settlement (later Farmington). It took a few more years before boundaries were in place recognizing these settlements. By the time Kays Ward (Kaysville) congealed as more than a scattering of settlers' homesteads, the four communities had acquired names that replaced the names attached to the streams as addresses.

Ecclesiastical jurisdictions first defined the clusterings of friends and relatives on Davis County's well-watered farms. The boundaries were externally imposed on the scattered farmers, but they were not without some logic. In February 1849 a committee headed by Presiding Bishop Newel K. Whitney organized Latter-day Saint settlers in the Salt Lake Valley into geographically defined districts known as tithing wards, each under the leadership of a bishop. The committee first created nineteen wards in Salt Lake City and suggested that each ward fence itself in to keep livestock out of gardens. Two days later, on 16 February, eight wards were created outside the city limits, including two units in what later became Davis County. The people of what were already being called the Sessions and Cherry Creek settlements were placed in the North Mill Creek Canyon Ward, soon shortened to North Canyon Ward. Settlers north of the Cherry Creek Settlement to the Weber River became members of the North Cottonwood Ward.(13)

...Nor did the initial ward boundaries endure for long. In January 1851 the two Davis County wards became four. A new Kays Ward included everyone north of Haight Creek, while a new

Centerville Ward served the Cherry Creek Settlement--people living along Deuel, Parrish, and Stoddard Creeks.(15)" (21-22)

"Some residents began using Stoker as a town name, while others used either the name Sessions or North Canyon. The bishop solved the problem by suggesting a Book of Mormon name, Bountiful. It was adopted in February 1855 as the city name. Eventually it was used to identify the ward, precinct, and post office.(16)" (23)

"Cherry Creek Settlement persisted as a name for the place to at least 1855 even though an LDS ward organized in the spring of 1852 took the name Centreville.(17) The townsite surveyed in 1853 also was named Centreville. It was a decade before the ward name prevailed (with a later modification in spelling) to identify both the congregation and the community.(18)" (24)

"But after the territorial legislature picked North Conttonwood as the county seat in 1852 and called it Farmington, that became the precinct name. After a few years, the settlement and ward names followed suit. In contrast, the residents of Kays Ward experienced only one change, a gradual secularizing of the name to Kaysville.(19)" (24)

Towns began to be replatted due to haphazard formation in order to be more like ideal set by SLC. Farmington did this first in 1853, and the others soon following. (25)

"At the county seat at Farmington, the new committee [to build a wall around the town] included Thomas S. Smith..., Bishop Gideon Brownell, and Thomas E. Ricks." (28)

"Bishop Stoker encouraged further consolidation by abandoning his own log home outside the wall and moving into town [Bountiful]." (29)

The Easton District and South Weber City, which were inside the boundaries of what is now Davis County, were considered part of the Weber County and Stake originally. (30)

"Early in 1855 the territorial legislature redefined the county line... The limits of the South Weber Ward were adjusted to extend over this same region. Thomas Kingston remained bishop in South Weber, which joined the other wards in Davis County in the Salt Lake Stake. The East Weber settlement on the north side of the river was given the name Uintah to define what was left of the original community. People living on the south side of the Weber River affiliated with the new precinct and ward in Davis County. The names East Weber and Easton fell out of use.(43)" (30-31)

"In a pattern reminiscent of New England towns, each of the county's five Mormon communities built a meetinghouse in a central location in the town--three of them on the various Main Streets. All of them were completed as soon as local resources permitted, in the early 1860s. They replaced earlier but temporary log or adobe cabins that typically doubled as both meetinghouse and school. Thus, within twenty years of the founding of the settlements, the simple adobe or stone religious structures became the most important buildings in town. With its imposing tower,

the Bountiful LDS Tabernacle dominated its urban landscape. Elsewhere in Davis County, simpler versions without steeples nevertheless reinforced the importance of religion in community life through their strategic locations and their uses.

Before an LDS ward could afford a full-fledged meetinghouse, members congregated in schools or large homes. The adobe school built in Bountiful in 1851--a building twenty by thirty feet--served its multiple purposes for thirty years. Neighborhood Sunday Schools continued to meet there even after the local congregation completed an impressive tabernacle on Main Street in 1863... Farmington's stone meetinghouse, completed in 1864, and a frame church built in 1868 at Pine Valley, Utah, rank just behind Bountiful's tabernacle in longevity of service.(45) Centerville's Latter-day Saints built a combined school and church meetinghouse on the north bank of Deuel Creek in 1855 and a new adobe meetinghouse in 1862 that later served as a school...

Farmington's residents met for two seasons in a small log school and then for a short time in an adobe structure. In 1855 church meetings were moved to the upper room of the county courthouse, built in part with church money. Construction of a rock meetinghouse, designed by local builder Reuben Broadbent, began in 1861. A scarcity of funds soon delayed the project... Then, early in 1863, county officials denied any further use of the courthouse for religious purposes, so the ward moved its meetings back to the schoolhouse. The eviction helped push the forty-by-sixty-foot meetinghouse to completion... The LDS church's First Presidency and eight apostles participated in dedicatory services on a wintry day in January 1864.(47)

A Deseret News report in 1862 reported from Kaysville that that town's meetinghouse foundation was bare--strong winds had toppled the unfinished adobe walls... Members had met previously in two log schoolhouses built in the early 1850s, and, when construction on the meetinghouse resumed in 1858, they congregated in private homes.

In April 1863 the 900-seat hall was dedicated for religious services and the basement was adapted for other uses. In two underground rooms the bishop kept his storehouse... The fourth room served as a hall for theatrical performances and socials...

At South Weber, the first Latter-day Saint meetings convened in the home of presiding elder Byrum Bybee. After the survey for the fort in 1853, residents built a cottonwood log building along the north line of Kingston Fort and used it for both a school and church. Six years later, a more commodious one-room adobe school and church was opened with a public dinner organized by the bishop...(49)" (32-35)

"North Canyon's Bishop John Stoker was called in 1850 and served Bountiful residents for twenty-three years, for example, and William R. Smith began a twenty-two-year calling in Centerville in 1855. That same year, John W. Hess became Farmington's bishop and began an assignment that lasted twenty-seven years. Kaysville's first two bishops served five- and six-year terms, but, beginning in 1862, Christopher Layton remained in office fifteen years. Until the creation of a Davis LDS Stake in 1877, these bishops served ostensibly under the Salt Lake Stake president and high council. But they actually received most of their direction from Brigham Young and his counselors in the First Presidency and from members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of the LDS church. These general authorities held three or four conferences in the county each year; made other informal visits to look after private, public, and church business; and corresponded with local leaders.(58)" (42)

[13: Journal History, 13, 14, 16, 22 February 1849.]
 [15: Deseret News, 8 February 1851.]
 [16: Foy, City Bountiful, 65; Journal History, 27 February 1855.]
 [17: Journal History, 14 May 1855.]
 [18: Andrew Jenson, "Centerville Ward" manuscript history; Smoot and Sheriff, The City In-Between, 7]
 [19: Leonard, "History of Farmington," 82-85; Carr, East of Antelope Island, 108-9]
 [43: Bell, South Weber, 49, 53-54]
 [45: Foy, City Bountiful, 80-81, 103-6]
 [47: Leonard, "A History of Farmington," 48-51; Margaret Steed Hess, My Farmington: A History of Farmington, Utah, 1847-1976, eds. Irene B. Olsen, et al, 257-59]
 [49: Lee D. Bell, South Weber: The Autobiography of One Utah Community, 438, 208-9, 444]
 [58: Foy, City Bountiful, 63, 307; Carr, East of Antelope Island, 66, 108-9; Leonard, "History of Farmington," 39-42]

The chapter had another section on schoolhouses, that could be potentially helpful and I didn't look at the rest of the book's chapters.

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Bishop of North Cottonwood Ward (Farmington) met with the Bishops' Quorum in Salt Lake City (see research notes).

Bountiful and Farmington Wards created in 1849 at the same time as the Salt Lake wards, as "country wards" as opposed to wards in the city, so at this point there wasn't seen to be an ecclesiastical separation from the Salt Lake Stake.

Anson Call bishop of Bountiful Ward, 1849-1851, and from 1874-1877. His journal isn't useful for this first period. Mentions he was appointed bishop of the ward in September 1849 and helped survey it (page 40), but that's it.

"When I returned I was appointed a Missionary and presided over the board of Missionaries in Davis Co. After this, was called to be the Bishop of Bountiful. After the Temple was finished in St. George, the whole country organized in two Stakes by Brigham Young. Then I was appointed one of the Councilors to Wm Smith, the president of the Stake of Davis Co." (95)

If I understand this correctly, Anson Call is saying that the country including Salt Lake and Davis Counties was divided into two stakes in 1877, implying that Davis County was part of the Salt Lake Stake before that point.

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Anson Call affidavit: "We arrived in the valley on the 20th day of September [1848] I staid where Salt Lake City now is one week and then moved to where I now reside [Bountiful]. Orvill Cox was made Bishop of the settlers, who numbered about twenty souls and constituted the first settlement in what is now known as Davis County. I was appointed his first counselor. Soon

after he was called with Father Morley to go and settle what is now known as Sanpete. I was then appointed his successor." (image 30)

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Report of establishing local leaders in Davis and Weber counties.

"Monday

January 20th 1851

Left G.S.L. City in company with Prest Brigham Young H C Kimball Amasa Lyman [crossed out: C. C. Rich] J. M. Grant & several others on a mission to Weber Co. Stopped the first night at P. G. Sessions & held a meeting at Brother Parks, preaching by Prest B. Young & H. C. Kimball & remarks by others a branch organised and John Stoker ordained Bishop and Maxes[?] Daily & P G Sessions counselors

Tuesday 21st proceeded on to North Cottonwood and Stopped at Br John Hess, held a meeting at the school house preaching by B Young & H. C. Kimball and remarks by others C. C. Rich joined us at this place to accompany us on our mission and Br. Bownell[?] ordained presiding Eld3er of the branch.

Wednesday 22nd

Called at Br Wm Kays... preaching in the evening at the school house by Prest B Young & remarks by Kimball Brother

[They continue on to Weber County.]"

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Joseph L Robinson record book

"Book of Joseph L. Robinson Bishop of North Cottonwood Ward.

Great Salt Lake Valley April 1849

'Proceedings, of Bishop Robinson

May 6[?]th meeting called met at the house of John Harris meeting opened by singing & prayer by J. L. Robinson, proseeded to organize apointed & ordained my Councillors was received with them by the unanimous voise of the people remarks by the Bishop & his councillors on the subject of our situation & duties &c concluded as soon as practible to build a scoolhouse for schools & meetings voted to hold meetings every sabbath

Joseph L. Robinson, Bishop

Daniel Miller

John Harris counsellors" (image 2)

"G.S.L.V. Dec. 8th 1849.

At the house of Johnathan Smiths a Schoolmeeting was held to reconsider the building of a schoolhouse, by apointment Daniel A Miller took the chair remarks & propositions by the brethren motioned and carried that we build a log house size 18 by twenty 4, immediately to be built by equally taxing the people...

At a meeting held at the house of John Harris in order [blank space] Brownell took the chair it was moved and seconded and carried that we have the schoolhouse finished by Newyears day and on that day we have a meeting in it and a supper in the afternoon and in the evening forth in the dance, and that we have a scool as soon as posible...

Janry 1st 1850

our scoolhouse finished met in it acording to apointment some remarks ^& prays^ by Bishop Robinson..." (image 8)

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Joseph L Robinson papers

Autobiography: "first of march went to Salt Lake and had a good chat with President Young, with other questions I askd him where I should farm or locate he told me that my name was down for a Bishop in this City but that they coul put another in my place and that I should go North that I could do as much good there as here and better for myself and that they wanted a Bishop there, and in this month there was an election held in the fort, and I was elected to the office of justice of the peace and at the same time apointed Bishop over and unto the North Cottonwood ward and Precinct and on the 24 March was ordained a Bishopop under the hands of C.C. Rich and E. Snow too of the Twelve, and set apart to preside over the North Cottonwood ward, so that I received too important offices at that time, I received it as a mishion, and went and soon entered my field of labor as a mishionary but felt my incompetency for such a task and felt my weakness very much, and did call upon the Lord to strengthen me, and give me wisdom and peace, according to my day we moved up to Cottonwood and commence to put in some crops..." (image 74)

"after we had fairly gotten up there, we calld a meeting of the people (for it was a nice inviting country and a good many had gatherd upon the lands) and talked to them some, enquiring if they were agreeable that I should be their president and bishop, and that I should select too of their number and set them apart as my councilors, and would uphold us by their prayers and faith, I wished them to make it manifest by a show of the right hand, there was a clear vote yes, then I proceded and celected Daniel A Miller and John Harris and set them apart as my councilors, and we proceded immediately to apoint our meetings and look after the Interests of our ward and People our ward was bounded at that time, North of cherrys settlement and South of Weber River, a very large ward but a few people sufice to say we met together often and preached and praid and sung songs and in some times spoke in tonugs..." (images 77-78)

"now we met through the sumer the best we could but in the fall we talked of building a scoolhouse that we might have a house to meet in and that we might get our children to school... [goes on to explain they met several times but couldn't agree on building the schoolhouse] Dec. 1849 the first scoolhouse in Davis Co. Deseret" (image 79)

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John W Hess autobiography

"In March, 1855, I was ordained a Bishop by President Brigham Young, and set apart to preside over the Farmington Ward, and presided over said ward twenty-seven successive years."
(image 11)

CR 1234 1/b0023/f0020, image 77:

"President Young

Sir I take this opportunity to communicate to you some few things as ^{^relative^} to my self and som others belonging to this warde praying to my father in heven that I may not write any thing but the plain and simple truth as respect to give an account to you and my father in heven brother Henry Miller moved in to this place two years ago... [describes some unpopular decision he made, it isn't written very well, so I'm not sure what he was talking about] but on further and more mature reflection I aknowledge that I done wronge and am sorry and aske your forgiveness since the time that H Miller tryed to put me out of the bishops office which stired up considerable of a mess after this brother Malid[?] my my self come together and head a talk in which I made a confession to him I laid a good many thinges to his charge that he had said about me to anger me but he denied prety much all so I maid the confession and he made non... [page 1]

brother Malud[?] commenced telling them that Brother Brigham had instructed him to come up here and tacke a vote of the warde and vote me out and vote in another bishop telling them that that the president said that thiss ward was the beste wardes in the vallys of the mountains and had the meanest Bishop in all probability... he would have acomplished his designs but as to his own strength and inflewance I knew he could not vote me out and vote another one in and when they found that I had a grate many more friends then they had they had thay then besaught me to resign and as I had began to get verry wery of them slange[?] I began to conclude that I would resign but some three or four days previous to the next Sunday when they expected that i would resign and I would then be out of thare way so that these few men a menority could rule the warde but I had a viseon or a dreem previous to the comming sonday and saw few men that sumer to be much disturbed... I put the vote saying brethren and sisters I want you to vote honestely the verry centiment of your harts and all of you that is satisfyed withe me as your [page 2] bishop and all that ar not to ^{^vote^} the conterary... there was a large majority that raised thare hands for me but not a disenting hand against me I then expected to go amediately out of office and did not attend verry strictly to the warde buisns also as I was trying to builde me a house and some of them be given to remarke thay had no bishop and I began to reflect that those that had made me a bishop that the had not yet unmade me...

Gideon Brownell

Farmington Jan 24th 1845 [1855]"

CR 1234 1/b0024/f0009m, image 57:

"To President Brigham Young

Dear Sir I take my pen in hand to in form you of the situation in part of things in this ward...
[describes dispute over building a fort] they could not get along with the business pertaining to
their office and duty without trampling on my rights respecting the office I hold. I therefore
(wishing for the welfare of all the honest in heart in this kingdom) think it best for to resign my
office; and wish you to confer the office on whom you think best; but at the same time would
inform you that Brother A. B. Cherry stans as my first councillor by ^my^ choice and the
sanction of the people all tho he has not ben ordained to the office I think him to be an upright
man and of a sound mind... but you will do as you think best
Yours with the gratest respect and humble reverence--
Sanford Porter
March 15th Centerville Ward Davis Co"

CR 1234 1/b0024/f0001, image 8:

"Centerville Ward March 18th 1855
A Meeting was held at the School House Centerville Ward on Sunday March 18th 1855 to
appoint a Bishop for said ward a vacance having occured by the Resignation of Bishop Sanford
Porter. When it was Proposed Seconded and Carried Unanimously that Brother William Smith
take the office of Bishop of the aforesaid Ward
Signed in behalf of the Ward
Simon C Dolten Council"

<https://familysearch.org/tree/person/KWN2-N6T/memories>

Parts of John Stoker's (bishop of Bountiful) are here and transcribed, though the entire journal is
apparently in the CHL. I will go through this later.

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Bountiful Ward relief society records.

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Bountiful Ward conference minutes.

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Bountiful Ward conference minutes.

<https://eadview.lds.org/findingaid/CR%20100%20317/?componentid=440971>

Bountiful Ward meeting.

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George A. Smith letters about dedication of Bountiful meetinghouse.

<https://eadview.lds.org/findingaid/CR%20100%2038/?componentid=587070>

Bountiful Ward meeting.

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Dedication of Farmington meetinghouse

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Farmington Ward conference

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Farmington Ward conference

<https://eadview.lds.org/findingaid/CR%20100%20317/?componentid=440773>

Farmington Ward meeting

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Dedication of Farmington meetinghouse

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George A Smith's visit to Farmington, Kaysville, and South Weber

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Sanford Porter autobiography

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Centerville Ward conference

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Centerville Ward meeting

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Centerville Ward meeting