

1851

April Conference: Edward Hunter is appointed Presiding Bishop of the Church (but not yet ordained)¹

September 8: In general conference, Brigham Young calls “**traveling bishops**” as liaisons between local bishops and PB Edward Hunter (primarily for the transfer of tithing), including Nathaniel H. Felt, John Banks, and Alfred Cordon.²

1852

Feb 25: Bishop Hunter instructs bishops to keep record books and hold meetings for blessing children.³

April 11: Edward Hunter is ordained as Presiding Bishop of the Church [has been acting for some time] by Heber C. Kimball.⁴ Initially, he chooses Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball as his counselors.

December 12: Bishop Hunter issues a printed form letter or circular to all bishops (but personally addressed to each): “requesting you to procure the names of all the brethren residing in your Ward, or within your jurisdiction.”⁵ The purpose is to be able to identify anyone owing money to the Church, and send invoices “to the Bishop in whose Ward they reside.” *This hints that Bishop’s wards were considered the default standard by this point.*

In Hunter’s monthly bishops meetings, generally only the numbered GSLC wards are present and they are essentially conducting stake business, with an occasional visiting bishop from elsewhere. General bishops meetings are often held in April and October during conference that attempt to gather all of the bishops from across the territory.

It is apparent from the exhortations in these meetings, at least through the 1850s, that the primary jobs of the bishop are to collect and manage tithing, and to visit and care for the spiritual

¹ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.1, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/14>

² Edward Hunter, *Bishop’s Record*, Church History Library MS 13345 p.172, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=b8a29293-b2fc-436c-ab73-71b1204c9969&crate=0&index=45>; *Historian’s Office History of the Church (draft), 1845-1867*; History of Brigham Young; History of Brigham Young, 1851 January-December; Church History Library CR 100 92 box 3 folder 15, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=fe3c2918-28d8-430b-9c35-0e67ba8c0b27&crate=0&index=41>; *Historian’s Office General Church Minutes, 1851-1855*, Church History Library CR 100 318 box 2 folder 32, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=2f66415f-2260-45bd-8106-80c47d6d000e&crate=0&index=7>

³ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.35, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/50>

⁴ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.36, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/51>

⁵ Circular, *Erastus Bingham Papers*, page 164, Church History Library MS 8122, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/1579add-34ab-46b0-a6a6-4a9be93ef5fe/0/163>

and temporal welfare of each individual ward member (esp. Through his teachers quorum). Their role as judge is occasionally mentioned. Holding worship meetings is very rarely mentioned.

1854

31 Jan: "We are now beginning to ordain our young sons to the lesser priesthood here in Zion."⁶ Wilford Woodruff's 13-year-old son Wilford is ordained a priest that week.

October 6: Brigham Young in general conference (talking about marriage):⁷ "Before you ordain a person to be a Bishop, to take the charge of a **branch** in any one district or place...When you have got your Bishop, he needs assistants, and he ordains counsellors, priests, teachers, and deacons, and calls them to help him..." *Bishops of branches? Aaronic priesthood as the officers of the ward.*

1855

8 October: P.P. Pratt, O. Pratt, W. Woodruff, and Erastus Snow, and several others are appointed on a "mission to the Saints in Utah Territory."⁸

15 October: P.P. Pratt, W. Woodruff, G.A. Smith, and Erastus Snow meet to organize the home mission.⁹ Assign missionaries to six districts: 1) Utah County; 2) Juab, Sanpete, Millard; 3) Iron, Washington; 4) Davis; 5) Weber; 6) Salt Lake, Tooele. It appears that their plan is to hold "quarterly conferences" around the territory, apparently centered on individual wards rather than regional (thus foreshadowing ward conferences); several of these are held, starting with Farmington 20-21 Oct, Provo 23 Oct, Ogden 2 November, Tooele 10 Nov, Bountiful 17 Nov,... . These consist of sermons, not local business, and local leaders rarely speak. Almost always, the visiting missionaries are presiding, not the local authorities.

1856

March 16: Brigham Young at Sunday meeting in GSLC:¹⁰ "...I say to the Bishops, that it would be highly gratifying to me, and to all of us, if you would prove yourselves wise stewards...appoint good, wise, judicious men to go through your Ward, to find out what is in that Ward, and the situation of every family." *So he is equating bishop and ward.*

⁶ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1854-1859*, p.8, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ed47e448-2936-4a1d-a4d8-4b5f96a8d1ac/0/9>

⁷ Brigham Young, Marriage Relations of Bishops and Deacons, *Journal of Discourses*, V.2 p.89, <https://archive.org/details/JoDV02/page/n96>

⁸ Minutes of the General Conference, *Deseret News*, V.5 #31 (Oct 10 1855) p.244, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2571290>

⁹ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1854-1859*, p.75, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ed47e448-2936-4a1d-a4d8-4b5f96a8d1ac/0/76>

¹⁰ A Discourse by President Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, V.3 p.244, <https://archive.org/details/JoDV03/page/n251>

April 22: At a bishops meeting, Edward Hunter: "There are several wards without bishops, and he did not know when they would have one; some were not worthy of them, but the counselors must act as bishop until they are appointed."¹¹

Sep 23: At a bishops meeting, Edward Hunter: "the Lesser priesthood should be properly organized, ... the settlement of all disputes should be attended to by the, and by no means have such things brought before the high council. Don't have any idle elders or seventies in your wards, but set all to work."¹² *This suggests a wide (modern) jurisdiction for bishops, including Melchizedek Priesthood holders*

October 2: The Reformation gets its start with the dedication of the annex to the Endowment House housing the baptismal font, when many of the general authorities are rebaptized. It continues in October Conference, overshadowing the call to rescue the handcart pioneers, which gets all the press now. Notably, Jedediah M. Grant declaring that the presidency of the Seventy ought to all be excommunicated.

12 Oct: Leonard W. Hardy and Jesse C. Little are ordained high priests, bishops and counselors to PB Edward Hunter by Brigham Young.¹³ *But BY ordained Hardy the bishop of the 12th Ward in April*

October 21: At bishops meeting, Pres. Jedediah M. Grant: "Do you bishops ever reflect how many courts have authority to cut off persons from the Church? The High Priests, Seventies, or Elders cannot cut any off, but only suspend a member, but the first presidency, high council, and bishops only have power to cut off from the Church."¹⁴

October 26: Pres. Jedediah M. Grant, in a Sunday meeting in GSLC:¹⁵ "...they can offend their Bishops, or the Bishop's Counsellors, and the teachers, and they can offend the President of a Branch of the Church, the President over the High Priests' Quorum, and the President over the High Council, ... We exist here in an organized Branch of the Church, we have several councils, quorums, and organizations. We were called upon during the last Conference, to elect a President of this Stake of Zion: Daniel Spencer and his two Counsellors, Elders Fullmer and Rhodes, preside over this Stake. Now suppose they know that the Bishop of some ward, or one of his Counsellors, is teaching an erroneous doctrine, it is the duty of Daniel Spencer to send for that Bishop or that Counsellor, or instruct some one in that ward to rectify that people. The Presidency of this Branch of the Church should go to work and learn whether every quorum in this Branch is doing its duty. The First Presidency, by their sanction, have ceded **the local Branch of this Church in Great Salt Lake City**, to Daniel Spencer and his Council, and he should understand whether the first, second, ... wards are in order; and **if his jurisdiction extends beyond the city**, he should ascertain whether every man is doing right within the bounds of that jurisdiction." *So he is clearly equating branch and stake*

¹¹ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.142, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/162>

¹² *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.158, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/178>

¹³ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1854-1859*, p.157, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ed47e448-2936-4a1d-a4d8-4b5f96a8d1ac/0/158>

¹⁴ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.168, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/189>

¹⁵ Jedediah M. Grant, A Discourse, *Journal of Discourses*, V.4 p.124, <https://archive.org/details/JoDV04/page/n131>

Nov 25: At bishops meeting, Salt Lake Stake President David Fulmer says, “there are too many high priests in the wards, who like the car of ‘Juggernaut,’ neither move himself, nor lets others move that would, but stand right in the way, such men we want to see the bishops roll out of the way, it is time this should be attended to, and **the bishops preside over everything in his ward.**”¹⁶

1857

December 6: Wilford Woodruff in a GSLC Sunday meeting:¹⁷ “...whether it be in a Bishop over his ward, in the Twelve Apostles, in a President over a Branch of the Church,...” *Several talks in this year equate bishop and ward*

1858

2 November: report of a recent trip to Willard: “The Brethren [at least Brigham Young, John Taylor, and Orson Hyde] then went to Willow Creek to settle a difficulty with Elder A. Cordon the President and Bishop Dives.”¹⁸ Charges against Cordon are brought and dismissed, the people sustain Cordon, but not Dives until he agrees with the decision. They are suspicious that Dives is embezzling tithing goods. “Lorenzo Snow presides over this region” but appears to have been letting things slide.

“John Taylor asked who is the greatest the President or the Bishop? President Young said the Bishop should attend to his own business and let the presidents alone, and the president should attend to his business and let the bishops alone. But the President should say to the bishop can I do anything for you and the bishop should say to the president can I do anything for you and they should mutually help each other.”

“President Young asked can a bishop try a president? Answered yes. Can a president try a bishop? John Taylor thought there might be cases where a president might try a bishop. President Young said a bishop might try an apostle & cut him off where he committed an outrageous act in is ward...but any one of the Twelve while officiating in is office in any part of the world are the presidency of the Church the same as we are at home.”

1860

April 10: As Ezra T. Benson is preparing to live and preside in Cache Valley, he meets with Brigham Young,¹⁹ who says “you and Br. Snow are near each other now, and I want the twelve to meet together in the City about once in two or three months, not longer than three months. I want them to preach in the Territory, and ask other elders to preach abroad. The 12 are getting

¹⁶ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.178, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/199>

¹⁷ Remarks by Elder Wilford Woodruff, *Journal of Discourses*, V.6 p.119, <https://archive.org/details/JoDV06/page/n126>

¹⁸ *Wilford Woodruff Journal*, 1854 Jan-1859 Dec, p.335, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ed47e448-2936-4a1d-a4d8-4b5f96a8d1ac/0/336>

¹⁹ *Journal 1858-1863, Brigham Young Office Files*, p.75, Church History Library CR 1234 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/59c492be-a813-4f8b-bc88-7cd952c95cdf/0/0>

old now, and let others do the preaching abroad.” *A window into his thinking about establishing more apostolates, but not quite an official policy.*

October 6: At a general bishops meeting, Brigham Young says “that Bishop Hunter & Council stood at the head of the Aaronic Priesthood, and had charge of the temporal things of the Kingdom of God, and were under the immediate dictation of the 1st Presidency of the Church, and they had a right to demand of you food, clothing, and houses.”²⁰

1861

March 10: George A. Smith at the SL Tabernacle.²¹ Reminisces about organizing a “branch of the Church” in several settlements over the past few years. This phrasing seems to be universal.

1862

6 April: at a general priesthood meeting,²² “a difficulty between John Barry [Ward/Branch president] and Zebedee Coltrin of Spanish Fork was investigated. President Young spoke most of the Evening and gave instruction upon the different offices of the Priesthood. **He told the different duties of the President of the Branch, the Bishop, and the different quorums.**”

7 April: General Conference, the issue of dual ward leadership was a major issue. Orson Hyde, presiding in Sanpete Valley, had proposed that the separate roles of Ward President and Bishop be officially clarified to the saints, and if that could be not be done, that they be combined into the office of Bishop.²³ This seems anachronistic, given that the practice had been virtually extinct for the past several years; perhaps the discussion was a kind of post-mortem. However, the matter was clearly not moot in the minds of church leaders; there were at least five sermons on the topic. Brigham Young, George A. Smith, and Daniel H. Wells all lamented that this had become an issue. In the words of Wells, “Is it impossible to have a President and a Bishop in the same Branch without there being strife and contention among the people?”²⁴ They all felt that more Christlike presidents and bishops should have been able to work together. Brigham Young made the case that the day-to-day responsibilities of the Melchizedek and Aaronic Priesthood were clearly laid out in scripture, so the roles of their respective local

²⁰ *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>

²¹ Discourse delivered by Elder George A. Smith, *Journal of Discourses*, V.9 p.66, <https://archive.org/details/JoDV09/page/n73>

²² Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1860-1865*, p.200, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/801702bf-e607-4f0d-82d0-e0f84b8c2406/0/207>

²³ Orson Hyde, Bishops and Presidents, April 7, 1862. *Journal of Discourses*, V.10 p.31. <http://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/cdm/ref/collection/JournalOfDiscourses3/id/4346>

²⁴ Daniel H. Wells, Instructions on Priesthood--Necessity for Dilligence among the Saints, April 7, 1862. *Journal of Discourses*, V.9 p.299. <http://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/cdm/ref/collection/JournalOfDiscourses3/id/3613>

presidents should be equally clear.²⁵ Young: “it appears that the President and the Bishop of a Branch infringe upon the rights of each other.”

Smith pointed out in most of the units in which the two offices had been combined “and almost everything is made to devolve upon the head of the Bishop” (these were the days before auxiliary organizations and numerous members serving in callings), they were often overextended and overworked.²⁶ Also, Smith mentions that SLC ward bishops had gone out to the “country bishops,” and explained their duties, but when there was a president and bishop they caused a lot of confusion.

Orson Hyde responded that in principle, the system was inspired and should be able to work. However, the trend was irreversible. The only one I have found so far is Spanish Fork, which Hyde mentions as successful.

Brigham Young: “As soon as Elders have wisdom sufficient to magnify their calling and Priesthood, we will give to every Branch, no matter how small the Ward, both a Bishop and a President.”²⁷

Also, “We have scores of branches of this Church in different parts of this country, and had we better now place officers, helps and governments in these branches, or wait till the people come to understanding, and learn to appreciate and honor such appointments? It is chiefly because of the ignorance of the people that we often concentrate in one man these different offices and callings, but when the people are sufficiently informed and have advanced further in the knowledge of the truth, it will not be so, but every branch will have its full quota of officers—a Patriarch, President, Bishop, High Council, and all officers that are necessary for the work of the ministry, and the edifying of the body of Christ.”²⁸

October 6, General Conference. Brigham Young: “I sometimes think that I would be willing to give anything, to do almost anything in reason, to see one fully organized Branch of this kingdom—one fully organized ward...It may be asked, ‘Why do you not fully organize the Church?’ Because the people are incapable of being organized. I could organize a large Ward who would be subject to a full organization, by selecting families from the different Wards, but at present such a Branch of the Church is not in existence.”²⁹

²⁵ Brigham Young, Duties Connected with the Aaronic and Melchisedek Priesthood, April 7, 1862. *Journal of Discourses*, V.9 p.279. <http://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/cdm/ref/collection/JournalOfDiscourses3/id/3632>; Authority of Bishops--Branch Organizations--Assisting the Mail and Telegraph Companies, April 7, 1862. *Journal of Discourses*, V.10 p.96.

<http://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/cdm/ref/collection/JournalOfDiscourses3/id/4280>

²⁶ George A. Smith, Necessity of Understanding the First Principles of the Gospel--of Union Among the Priesthood, and Attention to Temporal Duties, April 7, 1862. *Journal of Discourses*, V.10 p.59.

<http://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/cdm/ref/collection/JournalOfDiscourses3/id/4317>

²⁷ Remarks by Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, V.10 p.33,

<https://archive.org/details/JoDV10/page/n40>

²⁸ Remarks by Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, V.10 p.97,

<https://archive.org/details/JoDV10/page/n103>

²⁹ Discourse by Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, V.10 p.20,

<https://archive.org/details/JoDV10/page/n27>

1863

April 8: Starting at this conference, general bishops meetings are replaced by a general priesthood meeting, and represented wards are not listed

August 23: Council meeting at Ezra T. Benson's house in Logan, where they decide to settle Bear Lake Valley under Charles C. Rich. "Present were Presidents Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Daniel H. Wells, of the Twelve Apostles, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich and Franklin D. Richards. President Joseph Young and Elders Peter Maughan, Amos M. Musser, Orson Arnold, John Y Long. Bishop John Rowberry [Tooee] was also present....President Young then spoke as follows: The Twelve have been used up, they are tried out with hard labor, and now the time has come that they can do more good at home then they can by going abroad to preach the gospel. The again, the Twelve should sustain themselves as far as possible, or with as little help as they can get along with. I am pretty well satisfied that I put more to the big pile than I have taken away, but this is for example. It is our privilege to live and be sustained by the tithing, for the tithing is to sustain the priesthood, to build Temples and feed the poor, this is not a good policy so far as we are concerned; I think it is much better for us to sustain ourselves...." ³⁰

1864

June 19: At a conference in Grantsville, A. Milton Musser (traveling bishop) says that President Young is lessening the number of bishops where he can find good presiding bishops, like Rowberry. Thomas H. Clark is appointed to preside at Grantsville, which is essentially demoted to a dependent branch.[MH] **FIND BETTER SOURCE—THIS IS IMPORTANT!** This seems to be the beginning of Musser's mission in this regard; he does Beaver in November, and a bunch more in 1865.

1865

January: A. Milton Musser is directed by Brigham Young to "blend" several wards, likely where there are bishops who are not doing their duty? 8: Santaquin>Payson, 25: Union>South Cottonwood, 26: Cedar Fort/Fairfield>Lehi, Alpine>American Fork (see stake timelines for sources). In February he continues, installing W.W. Cluff over Summit, Wasatch, and Morgan Counties, and blending Herriman>West Jordan. Musser says "the accumulating business of the G[eneral] T[ithing] Off[ice] has partly suggested the propriety of these changes," suggesting that the rationale was having fewer, more reliable, bishops for the central tithing office to work with. August: Brigham Young claims that separate president/bishop leadership is still occurring in a few wards.³¹

³⁰ Logan, Ezra T. Benson house, 1863 August 23, *General Church Minutes*, 1863 April-November, Church History Library CR 100 318. <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e23d3410-b968-4be4-a33c-ae6ff5b9a1b3/0/15>

³¹ Brigham Young, Summary of Instructions, Logan Utah, August 1, 1865. *Journal of Discourses*, V.11 p.135.

2 Oct: A. Milton Musser (Traveling Bishop), who was apparently sent out among the wards to assess their operation, writes BY “submitting a few names to fill places of trust as bishops over wards and districts either poorly bishoped or not bishoped at all.”³² He suggests “making the following blendings and appointing presiding bishops over them. It would certainly lessen the labor of the general tithing office...” (managing this is part of Musser’s job). His suggestions:

- Washington & Kane Cos with a presiding bishop
- Sevier & Piute Cos “ “ (“... & that part of Iron Co. lying on the Sevier immediately south of Piute Co. [Panguitch])
- Sanpete Co. “ “
- Goshen attached to the Payson Ward with an energetic bishop to preside
- Suggested names for bishops:
 - Daniel D. McArthur [St. George 3rd Ward Bishop] *or give Erastus Snow responsibility over tithing in Washington and Kane Cos as he has Charles C. Rich in the north. McArthur became PB of SG in November 1869.*
 - Jesse N. Smith [Parowan Stake Counselor; *it may be that he has less stain of Mountain Meadows than W.H. Dame and others; Smith acted as stake president when Dame left in 1874-1875*]
 - Thomas Taylor [became bishop of Salt Lake 14th Ward in 1871 or 1872]
 - Jacob G. Bigler [Nephi] *he suggests possibly calling him to somewhere else given the history of dispute there*
 - Lot Smith [military leader, don’t think he ever became a bishop]
 - George Peacock [Sanpete PB Counselor 1855?-1861]
 - Warren S. Snow [Sanpete PB 1855-1861]; Musser suggests that he has learned his lesson from his “past blunders”
- Suggests replacing Bishop Brown in SL 4th Ward

Musser seems ready to forgive some of these brethren who had been caught up in scandal in years previous, recognizing some innate leadership talent. *This is not a new process; regional presiding bishops are already in place in at least Millard (1861), Weber (1863), Beaver (1864), Tooele (1864), Summit/Morgan/Wasatch (1865).*

1868

Dec 17: A. Milton Musser, who apparently has been accused of something (likely embezzlement) and released as “traveling agent” or bishop, writes to BY to defend himself. Among his accomplishments is “I have suggested to you new local appointments & the uniting of smaller settlements with larger ones.”³³

³² A. Milton Musser, letter to Brigham Young October 2, 1865, *Brigham Young office files, General incoming correspondence*, General letters, M 1865, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 30 folder 14, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b6cd9a56-3c13-47c8-a2e3-77e40151f07a/0/0>

³³ A. Milton Musser, letter to Brigham Young 17 December 1868, *Brigham Young office files, General correspondence, incoming, General letters 1868*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 32 folder 18, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/6719ae74-2ab2-461a-b3c0-7014457e0984/0/4>

1870

May: Elijah Sheets called as a traveling bishop³⁴

1871

April 28: Elijah Sheets called as a traveling bishop [LDSBE 1:615]

1876

19 Oct: At the presiding bishop's meeting, Brigham Young mentions some confusion about the jurisdiction of Salt Lake Stake authorities, and clarifies the distinction between general and local authorities.³⁵ Even though Salt Lake Stake authorities are sustained in general conference, they are definitely local authorities, including the presidency, high council, and priesthood quorums. He mentions the general presiding bishop, but not stake presiding bishops. "Some have entertained the idea that the High Council in this [Salt Lake] Stake of Zion had jurisdiction over all other stakes. This is not so. The High Council of Weber Co., or any other stake would have just as much right to call in question the decisions of the High Council of this Stake of Zion, as this High Council theirs, both are equal in authority. This is the organization of the Church, and should I be asked where I obtained my knowledge, I got it from the revelations that God has given in these latter days, which are very plain on the subject. All these quorums and authorities are under the direction of the First Presidency." *Is this just a clarification of how things have always been, or has there been some variation in this pattern up until now? This seems to be a precursor of the priesthood reorganization.*

October 19: Another report of this meeting.³⁶ Brigham Young is here "for the purpose of correcting some ideas concerning the organization of the priesthood...which he understood were advanced at the priesthood meeting at the close of the late Conference." General conference is also the conference "in this Stake of Zion," but there is a clear distinction: "General authorities of the Church" are the First Presidency, Twelve Apostles, Seventies, "the patriarch for the whole Church" (as opposed to stake patriarchs), and the presiding bishop. Local include the presidency of the stake, the high council, and the High Priests, Elders, Priests, Teachers, and Deacons priesthood quorum presidencies, which are all at the stake level, even if there are more than one. But he also says the Aaronic Priesthood is under the presidency of the Presiding Bishop. "Some have entertained the idea that the high council in this stake of Zion had jurisdiction over all the stakes. This is not so..." *same as above.*

October 29: Brigham Young further clarifies the distinction between general and local authorities: General are First Presidency, Twelve Apostles, Seventies[?], A patriarch, Presiding Bishop; all else is at the stake or local level, including High Priests president and other

³⁴ Elijah Sheets, *Journal 1845-1904*, Church History Library MS 1314, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/743ad9fb-ff2e-4c69-a3b8-63b4a79d3ef0/0/91>

³⁵ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.396;

³⁶ *Letterbook*, V.14 p.612, Brigham Young Office Files, Church History Library CR 1234 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/8ee2bf6f-8a90-4bd6-943d-532c27f3aae2/0/1344>

priesthood quorums.³⁷ *Probably not an official change of policy, but at one time at least the high priests quorum was general.*

1877

March 30: Brigham Young, two of his counselors, and 9 of the Twelve meet in Brigham Young's office in St. George.³⁸ "Father [BY] proposed the Twelve spending their time this season perfecting the organization of the church in the various stakes of Zion."³⁹

No mention of reorganization planning in several public meetings reported in the Annals of the Southern Mission or Wilford Woodruff's Journal between January and April 16 when Brigham Young leaves St. George.

April 4-7: At St. George, the stake is organized but there is no mention in the conference talks of a general reorganization.⁴⁰ In fact, Brigham Young's talks are almost exclusively about the United Order.

April 18: At Parowan,⁴¹ "Brigham Young said there was no such thing as a presiding Bishop in the Church. They would organize the people aright; we have begun at St. George to reorganize the people." *One of the first public mentions of the reorganization as a general initiative.*

May 13: At Salt Lake Stake reorganization, George Q. Cannon:⁴² "He was very thankful that the time had come for a more thorough organization of the Church, which was about to be effected by the Apostles through the various stakes of Zion."

May 20: At Cache Stake reorganization in Logan, Orson Pratt:⁴³ "In the midst of all this continuous organization that has been going on, ever since the rise of the Church, it is not to be wondered at, that many things have been left apparently at loose ends, for the time being, in order that the people might prove themselves. Men have been sent, year after year, to form new settlements, and to do this kind of work, and that kind, without being specially ordained to accomplish those particular duties. What for? To see whether they would manifest that the Spirit of the living God was with them, and that they were worthy of ordination; and if so, then afterwards they should be ordained and set apart, as Bishops, as presidents of stakes, etc. But one may inquire, "Why not perfect these organizations at once?" Because there is a day of calling, which is distinct from a day of choosing...In means, at this present stage of the work, having toiled now about thirty years in these mountains, that the Lord is about to "right up" the people; and he has inspired him who presides over us, to organize us more fully." "When we

³⁷ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1873 Jan - 1880 Feb*, p.178, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/eb07ddd8-d258-43b3-82fd-1b0bc186b269/0/188>

³⁸ James G. Bleak, *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, 1877 p.58, Church History Library MS 318, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/85a81abd-04ff-4221-91ad-0ef6587855ff/0/57>

³⁹ Brigham Young, Jr., *Journals*, V.17 (1875-1877) p.212, Church History Library MS 1236, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/8c2738f6-be3b-4c2d-95bd-10250dfd657d/0/0>

⁴⁰ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, 1877 p.75; General Conference in St. George, *Deseret News* V.26 #10 (April 11 1877) p.156 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2626313>

⁴¹ *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.127, Church History Library LR 6775 11, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba/0/127>

⁴² Special Conference, *Deseret News*, V.26 #15 (May 16, 1877) p.286, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2626737>

⁴³ Discourse delivered by Elder Orson Pratt, *Journal of Discourses*, V.19 p.11-12, <https://archive.org/details/JoDV19/page/n17>

have done all we can do, towards organizing as far as possible, according to the written law of God, as given to us, in our weakness, have we completed the organization? By no means. The organization is only perfect as far as the people are prepared to receive it, and no further. To say that there will be a stated time, in the history of this Church, during its imperfections and weakness, when the organization will be perfect, and that there will be no further extension of addition to the organization, would be a mistake. **Organization is to go on, step after step, from one degree to another, just as the people increase and grow in the knowledge of the principles and laws of the kingdom of God, and as their borders shall extend.**"

May 20: BY's discourse at Cache Stake Conference:⁴⁴ He recounts many of the policies about to be released in the circular, including the ideal stake presidency and stake priesthood quorums, as if they are already standard practice. "The presidency of the stake can complete this organization..., and then it is done. I have been showing you how to organize a Stake of Zion. There is no need of delay or adjourning over from one meeting till another." "I will say to these three brethren, selected for the presidency of this Stake of Zion, that it will be their duty, just as quick as they can attend to it, to go to every ward and see that it is regularly organized; and ordain those who are to be bishops to the high priesthood and then set them apart to the bishopric, each bishop with two counselors." "and also to see that every person is brought within the jurisdiction of a ward; not a family or an individual to be left out; no matter if they live ten miles off, they must be enrolled in the ward, and the proper persons must know what they are doing."

May 23: BY writes his son Willard in New York:⁴⁵ "In our visits to the different parts of these valleys we shall more fully organize the priesthood and organize stakes of Zion with a President, High Council, &c &c wherever desirable. This will be the work of the First Presidency and Twelve during the present summer, and by the time every portion of this mountain region, in which the Saints dwell is organized, we shall probably find that we have about twenty-one stakes of Zion. To visit these stakes hold local conferences once in about every three months, to strengthen, direct, and lead the Saints in the paths of holiness will be the work of the Twelve Apostles with the assistance of the First Presidency as far as they can. You may enquire, why organize so many Stake of Zion? We will answer, to more completely carry out the purposes of Jehovah, to give greater compactness to the labors of the priesthood, to unite the Saints, to care for the scattering sheep of Israel in these mountains who acknowledge no particular fold, to be in a position to understand the standing of every one calling himself a Latter-day Saint, and to consolidate the interests, feelings, and lives of the members of the Church. These are some of the reasons why we now more fully than heretofore, organize the Holy Priesthood after the pattern given us of our Father in Heaven

June 17: BY's talk during the organization of the Davis stake.⁴⁶

- 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

⁴⁴ Discourse by Prest. Brigham Young, *Deseret News*, V.26 #18 (June 6, 1877) p.274, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2626931>

⁴⁵ Brigham Young to Willard Young, May 23, 1877, *Letterbook V.14*, p. 840, Brigham Young Office Files, Church History Library CR 1234 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/8ee2bf6f-8a90-4bd6-943d-532c27f3aae2/0/1799>

⁴⁶ Discourse by Brigham Young, June 17, 1877, *Journal of Discourses*, V.19 pp.36-45, <https://archive.org/details/JoDV19/page/n43/mode/2up>

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 he commands, for the up-building of the kingdom of God.” He suggests that this participation is part of the Law of Consecration.

June 17: At Davis Stake organization conference in Farmington, John Taylor:⁴⁷ “Our President has been moved upon to call upon the Twelve to go through the Territory and attend to these matters, **in accordance with a revelation** that makes it the duty of the Twelve “to ordain and set in order all the officers of the Church;” to see that the Church is “righted up” in all its various departments, and in the organization of its various quorums...We have found more or less confusion among the churches wherever we have gone; and hence the wisdom manifested by the President in requesting a more perfect organization seems the more to be appreciated, because of the necessity that exists for improvement...In some instances we have found that a Bishop has no Counselors, in others he has one Counselor perhaps, and sometimes we have found the Bishop with two counselors, but he himself not ordained to the office, but had only been appointed, and in some instances we have found that the Counselors have not been properly authorized and qualified to act in their calling.”

July 3: *Deseret Evening News* reprints its bishop/presiding bishop directory, same as in 1876, which is out of date given that most of the stakes have been reorganized into a different structure.⁴⁸

August 22: At the Bear Lake Stake organization conference,⁴⁹ F.D. Richards gives a detailed discussion of the Reorganization, placing it in the context of the history of organizational changes necessitated by Church growth. “We will see that there have been many changes in the Church all of which were necessary to bring us to our present stage of advancement.” “We have had high councils composed of Seventies; men taking positions of bishops who had never been ordained; some as presiding bishop when there was but one presiding bishop.” Mentions that general priesthood quorum presidencies were gone and since the St. George conference, they are only at stake level. Then John Taylor goes over the details laid out in the Circular, and says that the expectations of the saints and the leaders will be higher with the better organization.

“DIOCESE” = Regional Bishopric: (see stake timelines)

Kanab: 31 May 1871

Millard: 7 Mar 1867

⁴⁷ Discourse by Elder John Taylor, *Journal of Discourses*, V.19 p.51, <https://archive.org/details/JoDV19/page/n57>

⁴⁸ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 #189 (July 3, 1877) p.4, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23167307>

⁴⁹ *Bear Lake Stake General Minutes*, V.3 p.1, Church History Library LR 583 11, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/73e1c726-1f55-4df2-8d00-939ddb46fac8/0/4>

Sevier: 11 Oct 1871 (might just be Richfield Ward)
Tooele: 28 Dec 1869, 16 Sep 1873, 27 June 1874
Wasatch: 26 Jan 1870, 31 July 1872, 28 Aug 1874

For regular wards:

Mill Creek Ward: Nov 25 1872 [DEN]
American Fork Ward: November 10 1869 [DEN]
Spanish Fork Ward: 13 Oct 1869 [DN]
Brigham City: 14 Aug 1872 [DN]
Cedar: 12 May 1869 [DN]

For stakes:

Millard: 22 Mar 1871 DN

EXTENDED JURISDICTION OF SALT LAKE STAKE?

Yes:

Weber, Davis—16 Feb 1849
Provo—4 Feb 1852 (maybe)
Davis—16 Apr 1860, 9 Dec 1863, 28 Jan 1868
Weber—26 Feb 1866 (unclear), 1871
Tooele—14 Jan 1858

No:

Provo—26 Jan 1852 (maybe), 24 Oct 1870, 12 Jun 1872
Davis—24 Jan 1855, 25 Aug 1872
Weber—20 Aug 1859, 6 Aug 1860, 1 Sep 1860
Millard—21 Sep 1873
General—19 Oct 1876

Wasatch to Provo July 26 1872

Amos Milton Musser

<https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/380/mode/2up>
<https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=5557&context=etd>

Fall 1851: takes a job as clerk of the general tithing office

1852-1857 Mission to India and England

1857: back in general tithing office

1858 (7/1/1858-1/1859): Appointed as "Traveling Bishop of the Church:" "His duty was to visit the various stakes and wards, with instructions to attend to all matters pertaining to the

collecting, forwarding, and reporting of the tithes and offerings of the Saints; to collect moneys due the Church and the Perpetual Emigrating Fund, and attend to other Church business under the general direction of the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric." Released in 1876.

Apparently, he is actually a seventy this whole time

Jan 28 1867: one of the founders of the Deseret Telegraph Company, became general superintendent, which occupies most of his time until 1876.

1873: appointed an assistant trustee-in-trust for the Church

1876: mission to Eastern States

1877: employed in President's Office

Presiding Bishoprics

1852 December:⁵⁰ West Jordan (North Jordan, Mill, Herriman). *Not a PB per se, just a ward with branches. Herriman until 1858?, rest until 1877.*

1852: Reuben Miller, Mill Creek (East, West, Canyon Creek, Upper). *Not a PB per se, just a ward with branches. East/West through October 1853,⁵¹ Canyon Creek became Sugar House Ward April 23 1854,⁵² Upper/East Mill Creek to Big Cottonwood Ward 1863*

1853 January: John Rowberry, Tooele (E.T. City)⁵³ *until 1877*

1860 July 9: William Hickenlooper, 6th Ward (5th)⁵⁴ *until 1877*

1860 October 17: Thomas Thurston, Morgan County⁵⁵ *replaced 1865, until 1877*

1860 November 15: Joseph S. Murdock, Wasatch County⁵⁶ *until 1877*

1861 April: Thomas Callister, Fillmore⁵⁷ *until 1869*

1861 December 8: Charles S. Peterson, Lower Weber Valley. *Until 1877*

1862: Abraham Marchant, Peoa. *Until 1865?*

⁵⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.45, Church History Library CR 4 2,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/60>

⁵¹ 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

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE573267 It is not clear why this leadership list is appended to this record book; possibly the same clerk?

⁵² *Historian's Office history of the Church, 1854*, p.34, Church History Library CR 100 102,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/6a47361b-74c0-4ac0-9240-e932db904ded/0/44>; this is a note added later, source and date unknown.

⁵³ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.50, Church History Library CR 4 2,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/65>

⁵⁴ Brigham Young, letter to William Hickenlooper 9 July 1860, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.564, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

⁵⁵ Brigham Young, letter to Thomas J. Thurston 17 Oct 1860, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.623, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

⁵⁶ Brigham Young, letter to the Brethren in Provo Valley 15 Nov 1860, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.631, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

⁵⁷ Brigham Young, letter to Thomas Callister, April 10, 1861, Church History Library MS 5112, folder 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/115d2a7b-0f16-4b63-a3d8-fa1036f485e8/0/0>

1862 March 22: Robert Gardner, St. George *until 1877*; Joshua T. Willis, Toquerville (Virgin area) *until May 1868*.⁵⁸ *Not a PB per se, just a ward with branches. Implemented by ES.*

1862 November 15: Franklin W. Young, Grafton (upper Virgin River).⁵⁹ *Implemented by ES, until 1871.*

1863 August 25-October: Chauncey W. West, Weber County⁶⁰ *Implemented locally; until 1877*

1864 June 19: Grantsville and rest of county under John Rowberry, Tooele. *Implemented by AMM. Until 1877.*

1864 August 2: Nelson Higgins, Richfield⁶¹ *Implemented by Orson Hyde. Until 1872*

1864 October 25: John Murdock, Beaver.⁶² *Implemented November 6 by AMM. Until 1869*

1865 January 3:⁶³ John B. Franklin, Payson (Santaquin, Spring Lake, Salem). *Implemented Jan 8 by AMM.*⁶⁴ *Until 1874-1877, although Santaquin may have had its own bishop (under Payson) by 1867.*

1865 January 24:⁶⁵ L.E. Harrington, American Fork (Alpine); David Evans, Lehi (Cedar Valley, Fairfield); Archibald Gardner, West Jordan (Herrman reattached); Andrew Cahoon, South Cottonwood (Little Cottonwood, Sandy). *AF, Lehi, Cottonwood implemented by AMM January 25-26.*⁶⁶ *West Jordan implemented by AMM February 12.*⁶⁷ *Alpine remained a ward with its own bishop under Harrington through 1873-1877; Cedar Valley may have had a dependent bishop by 1867 through 1873-1877; Little Cottonwood may have had a dependent bishop by 1866 until 1877; Herriman remained a dependent branch until 1877.*

⁵⁸ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, V.1 p.137, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=3faee6c9-545e-42fd-9c67-41745a5e3622&crate=0&index=143>

⁵⁹ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, V.2 p.158

⁶⁰ Brigham Young, letter to Chauncey W. West and Bishops and Brethren in Weber County, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.6, p.668, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0c8e23c5-4d6a-446f-8d81-108a52bd39c4/0/1378>

⁶¹ First Presidency, letter to the inhabitants of Richfield, 2 August 1864, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.260, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a&crate=0&index=546>

⁶² Brigham Young, open letter 25 Oct 1864, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.316, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a/0/0>

⁶³ Brigham Young, letter to A. Milton Musser 3 Jan 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.416, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a&crate=0&index=858>

⁶⁴ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1864-1865*, p.28, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/bccc084b-d63a-4db5-b98e-d344b05c4e6b/0/30>

⁶⁵ Brigham Young, letter to A. Milton Musser January 24 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.762, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a/0/1556>

⁶⁶ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Jan-Jun*, p.1, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b1eb0af6-2c7f-4a7a-ab5a-83e99437ffee/0/3>

⁶⁷ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Jan-Jun*, p.10, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b1eb0af6-2c7f-4a7a-ab5a-83e99437ffee/0/13>

1865 January 26: William W. Cluff, Summit-Morgan-Wasatch. *Implemented in Heber February 2 by AMM*,⁶⁸ *in Summit February 4-6 by AMM*,⁶⁹ *in Morgan by August*⁷⁰ Cluff presided over Wasatch until 1867, over southern Summit until 1870, over northern Summit and Morgan until 1877

1865 August 12:⁷¹ John Nebeker, Panaca (Clover, Eagle Valley) *until July 1867*; Thomas S. Smith, St. Thomas (St. Joseph, Callville) *until 1870. Implemented by ES May 4, 1866.*

1865 October 2:⁷² **AMM** suggests calling presiding bishops over Washington/Kane Co., Sevier/Piute Co., and Sanpete Co. *None of these were implemented?*

1866 May 4: Pine Valley (Pinto, Hebron, Mountain Meadows).⁷³ *Never implemented as such?*

1867 December 2: Abraham Hatch, Wasatch (separated from Cluff)⁷⁴ *Implemented by WWC December 29*⁷⁵ *until 1877*

1869 Nov 5:⁷⁶ George Crosby, Hebron (Clover Valley); R.S. Robinson, Pinto (Hamblin, Little Pinto/Iron City). *Probably through 1877.*

1870 October 29: Samuel F. Atwood, Kamas⁷⁷ *until 1877*

1871 May 5:⁷⁸ James Leithead, Long Valley (Glendale, Mt. Carmel). *Replaced 1874, until 1877*

1875 August 30:⁷⁹ John Nuttall, Kanab (Johnson, Pariah?) *Until 1877*

For 1863 Ogden Consolidation: John V. Long Journal (Shorthand) MS 28233 image 85/92

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d30731b3-db23-49f6-8e9d-8665146c3afd/0/84?lang=eng>

In August 25th session at Ogden, Only includes talks by Daniel H. Wells, Hiram B. Clawson, and John T. Caine, then cut off

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f9eb2803-f9c3-48e3-943c-bb69bebe6194/0/0>

⁶⁸ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Jan-Jun*, p.5, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b1eb0af6-2c7f-4a7a-ab5a-83e99437fee/0/8>

⁶⁹ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Jan-Jun*, p.7, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b1eb0af6-2c7f-4a7a-ab5a-83e99437fee/0/10>

⁷⁰ Correspondence, *Deseret News*, V.14 #44 (August 2, 1865) p.349, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2598305>

⁷¹ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, V.2 p.278

⁷² A. Milton Musser, letter to Brigham Young October 2, 1865, *Brigham Young office files, General incoming correspondence*, General letters, M 1865, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 30 folder 14, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b6cd9a56-3c13-47c8-a2e3-77e40151f07a/0/0>

⁷³ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, V.2 p.316; Minutes, *Deseret News*, V.15 (May 24 1866) p.197, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2730196>

⁷⁴ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.142, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

⁷⁵ *Midway Ward High Priests Record*, p.2

⁷⁶ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, p.500; Minutes of Conference, *Deseret News*, V.18 #45 (Dec 15 1869) p.585, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2604612>

⁷⁷ Brigham Young, letter to Samuel F. Atwood, 29 Oct 1870, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.12, p.405-406, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 8, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/c91a2db1-a2f0-470d-ac3a-324c44e06cd1>

⁷⁸ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, 1871 p.19; Conference at St. George, *Deseret News* V.20 #16 (May 24 1871) p.185, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2608537>

⁷⁹ Brigham Young, letters to Levi Stewart, John R. Young, and L. John Nuttall 30 August 1875, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.13, p.812-818, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559>