

- 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.

TIMELINE

1851

May: Brigham Young calls Anson Call (in Parowan) to explore and settle Pahvant Valley.

Sept 22: "We decided on locating for settlements on Salt Creek [Nephi] and Corn Creek [Fillmore] between this and Iron County, and companies will leave immediately after conference, to form those settlements."¹ *The context of this sentence suggests that the decision was made at the Manti conference on April 30.*

October 6: General Conference, Anson Call called to take charge of "the settlements in Pauvan Valley."² *He would spend the next 3 years mostly in Fillmore, although his primary residence was in Bountiful, which he frequently visited.*

October 28: Company led by Anson Call arrives at the site. Brigham Young and party is also there to lay out the capital city, which he calls Fillmore.³

October 29: Fillmore branch established. PE Anson Call with counselors. Bishop Noah W. Bartholemew with counselors.⁴

November: Anson Call recalled that a schoolhouse was built within 15 days after settlers arrived in Fillmore in 1851.⁵

1852

October: baptism report for "Fillmore City Branch of the Church," "N.W. Bartholemew, Bishop"⁶

¹ Sixth General Epistle, *Deseret News*, Nov 15 1851, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2578154>

² General Conference Minutes, *Historian's Office History of the Church*, Church History Library CR 100 102, 1851 p.111, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=acf4f2b8-6e64-4014-8411-c0b072596b99&crate=0&index=122>

³ *Journal History of the Church*, 28 October 1851, Church History Library CR 100 137 V.29, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=2496a4dc-5b64-40a7-96a7-c438e5c72451&crate=0&index=553>. Cites a letter from Brigham Young

⁴ Day, Stella H. and Sebrina C. Ekins, *100 Years of History of Millard County*, p.3. Secondary histories agree on this organization event, but no primary source has been found, even in daily journals of people who were present.

⁵ Anson Call, Autobiography and Journal, 1856-1889, p.41, Church History Library MS 313, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f0e9905b-fe21-442d-a9ca-ad65d762095c/0/0>

⁶ Fillmore Branch report, 1852 October, *Historian's Office rebaptism records, 1848-1876*, Church History Library CR 100 591, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b7369095-68d0-4618-b0cc-652772d66558/0/1>

December 31: Bishops' statistical report, listing "wards" with "bishops" (possibly including branches as well) includes Fillmore with NW Bartholemew ⁷

1853

January 18: At general bishop's meeting, "Bishop Anson Call ... reported in behalf of Bishop Bartholomew of Fillmore."⁸

October 6: Report of General Conference includes a list of "wards" with "bishops" (this may be a generalization and could include some branches with presidents), including Fillmore with N.W. Bartholomew⁹ MP:800205

October: list of local leaders includes the following for Millard County. Fillmore City: Mayor and "President of the Stake" Anson Call, Bishop N.W. Bartholemew.¹⁰ *This is the only early mention of a stake, probably a mistake or Call being presumptuous.*

October 26: Explorer John W. Gunnison and party massacred by Pah Vant Utes near modern Delta.

1854

13 February: A Fillmore member sends a letter to BY about efforts by some local members to replace the president of the congregation, Anson Call, for him being frequently absent and (from their point of view) putting himself under the orders of the military. The letter explains that the bishop is going to investigate the charges, showing that there was both a president and a bishop at this time.¹¹ Family records of Noah W. Bartholomew indicate that he was the first bishop of Fillmore, and he was released in 1855, so it was fairly certain it was him. [citations]

16 Feb: Anson Call sends a letter of defense to Brigham Young.¹²

2 March: BY writes the Fillmore saints: "I have examined the matter and recommend, and appoint [John A.] Ray to be the President of that branch of the church located in Millard County."¹³

⁷ JHC 31 December 1852 p.2 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE289298

⁸ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.48, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/63>

⁹ Report of General Conference, *Deseret News* V.3 #19 (October 15 1853) p.74-75 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2579576>

¹⁰ 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://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=0ddc178b-8238-4ee7-aca4-b0dce74a6659&crate=0&index=99>

¹¹ CHL CR 1234 1, box 23, folder 14, image 36

¹² Anson Call, Letter to Brigham Young 16 Feb 1854, *Brigham Young Office Files, General Correspondence, Incoming, General Letters, Cro-C, 1854*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 23 folder 11 <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8bc4d472-f426-4cbb-b029-188d14615a6b>

¹³ Brigham Young, letter to Samuel P. Hoyt et al 2 March 1854, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.1*, p.452, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=f7d18c09-51a0-42c6-8c73-10960c772d45>

5 March: Anson Call recalls, "Finished my mission to Fillmore...Returned home to my family in Davis County"¹⁴

20 March: Anson Call released, John A. Ray called as "president of the branch of the Church in this place" by ET Benson and Erastus Snow.¹⁵ ^{mp:700392} Call agrees to step down in the name of peace. *Call then returned to his primary home in Bountiful.*¹⁶

April 1: Statistical report.¹⁷ "Fillmore City, N.W. Bartholemew, Bishop; John A. Ray, President"

April 8: At a general bishops meeting, attendance included bishop of Fillmore¹⁸

May 31: List of wards south of GSL City, with bishops, counselors, and clerk (and several measures of development, like the size of the fort, schools, and whether shade trees have been planted). It is clear that by this time, this is the expected leadership structure. Includes Fillmore, Bishop Noah W. Bartholemew¹⁹

1855

April 6: At general conference, "voted that Noah W. Bartholemew be dropped from the bishop of Fillmore, in Millard County."²⁰

April 9: "Lewis Brunson... was ordained a High Priest and Bishop and set apart to act as bishop of the city of **Fillmore**, by Pres. Brigham Young."²¹

April 9: Brigham Young announces "Bro. Lewis Brunson has been appointed by the voice of the last General Conference to be Bishop of the **Stake of the Church at Fillmore City**, Millard County, and ...ordained to the office of a Bishop..."²²

June 2: Brigham Young announces "John Alexander Ray, on the 24th day of May 1855 was ... set apart and appointed President of the **Stake of the Church ... at Fillmore**"²³

¹⁴ Anson Call, Autobiography and Journal, 1856-1889, p.52, Church History Library MS 313, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f0e9905b-fe21-442d-a9ca-ad65d762095c/0/0>

¹⁵ Report, 1854 March 29, *Historian's Office collected historical documents*, CR 100 397, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=4a3bb8f3-1b59-4deb-84e6-16700f8655d8&crate=0&index=0>

¹⁶ Anson Call, affidavit, p.79, *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-c8381364c001/0/30>

¹⁷ Bishops Reports, 1854 April, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0bcb9b1d-852e-4296-aaa5-4ac8d5756941/0/22>

¹⁸ *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>

¹⁹ Representation of Settlements South, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/46b12e45-ce40-4489-9716-23c94afa7b1b/0/0>

²⁰ Minutes of the General Conference, *Deseret News*, V.5 #5 (April 11 1855) p.36 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2572399>

²¹ 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>

²² Brigham Young, open letter April 9 1855, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.2, p.90, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=7a67fc61-ea19-4673-96d6-fd4d49d329ee/0/232>

²³ Brigham Young, open letter June 2 1855, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.2, p.187, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=7a67fc61-ea19-4673-96d6-fd4d49d329ee/0/422>

15 June: First settlers on Pioneer Creek at Cedar Springs (Holden)²⁴ They were called there by Fillmore Pres. Ray.[MH] The branch elected Richard Johnson to preside (until 1862)
6 October: Statistical report from General Conference lists Fillmore as a “ward” with Lewis Brunson as “bishop.”²⁵
8 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representation from Fillmore Ward.²⁶
December 7: “Elder Richard Johnson of Fillmore is building a fort at the Cedar Springs” [Holden]²⁷

1856

22 April: Fillmore Pres. John A. Ray leaves on a mission in Britain. *Is he replaced as president or does this become a normal ward?*
7 Oct: General bishops meeting has a representative from Fillmore Ward.²⁸
8 October: Edward Hunter and counselors rebaptize and reconfirm several bishops,²⁹ including “Lewis Brunson, bishop of Fillmore”

1857

April 7: General bishops meeting, bishops representing wards including Fillmore³⁰
Spring: First settlers at Meadow Creek, James Duncan appointed by Fillmore Bishop Brunson to preside (but not a branch—no meetings held)
August 2: BY writes Lewis Brunson: “I wish you to notify all Presiding Elders within Millard County to have the Brethren in their districts...”³¹ *So the Fillmore bishop has regional authority, although there aren’t really any outlying branches yet.*

²⁴ *Holden Ward General Minutes*, v.11 p.1, Church History Library LR 3838 11. This portion of the record is a retrospective history written about 1892

²⁵ Journal History, 6 October 1855, 7, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ba458d58-0eca-4a84-8b03-d4e203eaa1f4/0/34>

²⁶ *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>

²⁷ *Historian’s Office Journal*, Church History Library CR 100 1 box 2 v.18 p.223, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8b3b9f4f-d1fb-437c-a658-966e9a028e87&crate=0&index=231>

²⁸ *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>

²⁹ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.165-166, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/186>

³⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.199, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/225>

³¹ Brigham Young, letter to Lewis Brunson 2 August 1857, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.3*, p.732, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=99279f54-9c69-41a1-ac5d-e6069f9a2920>

1858

Spring: Pleasant Grove Ward sends some tithing to "Fillmore Ward."³²

April 7: At general conference, Orson Pratt called to settle in Fillmore, presumably to lead there.³³ *no evidence he actually went; maybe this was just a temporary thing as part of the Move South?*

21 June: John A. Ray returns from British Mission and resumes his presidency until 1861 or 1862 [Fillmore MH]

Cedar Springs Ward renamed Holden Ward³⁴

1859

March 20: Noah Bartholemew and others write Brigham Young about possibly settling on the Sevier [Delta area?].³⁵

28 March: BY responds to Bartholemew, advising him to wait until they have a strong enough company and plan to make it successful.³⁶

April 4: BY responds to "Elder John A. Ray" about a personal matter, giving no hint as to whether he is still president there.³⁷

July 17: George A. Smith visits "a new settlement on Corn Creek" (Kanosh)³⁸

First settlement on Corn Creek, in the later location of Petersburg, not Kanosh [MH]

1861

30 Jan: George A. Smith organizes **Corn Creek branch**, president Peter Robison.³⁹ This settlement would also be known as Petersburg, and when it was moved to a different location, as Kanosh. [dependent branch]

³² *Pleasant Grove Ward Tithing Records*, Church History Library LR 7005 23 box 1 folder 24

³³ Historian's Office, *History of the Church*, Church History Library CR 100 102, 1858 p.335, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/1dae1892-af40-4477-b3d3-f0276e6ea4cf/0/353>

³⁴ *Holden Ward General Minutes*, V.11 p.2. Not primary source

³⁵ Noah Bartholemew, letter to Brigham Young 20 March 1859, *Brigham Young office files, Incoming Correspondence, General Letters, B 1859*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 26 folder 17, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=05e2b904-24d1-46f1-ad96-30fd05ad3659>

³⁶ Brigham Young, letter to Noah Bartholemew 28 March 1859, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.96, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

³⁷ Brigham Young, letter to John A. Ray 4 April 1859, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.98, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

³⁸ George A. Smith Letters, 1859 July 8-30, *Historian's Office Collected historical documents, 1851-1869*, Church History Library CR 100 397, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=b1793977-aae6-4e67-8daf-629ef9ce05f1&crate=0&index=10>

³⁹ George A. Smith, letter to Bathsheba W. Smith, 1 February 1861, Church History Library MS 15028; *Historian's Office Journal*, Church History Library CR 100 1 V.25 p.73, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=f700a1d2-a506-4a0b-9ad4-3f9ec8654671&crate=0&index=76>

15 Feb: In a letter to "Bishop L. Brunson," Brigham Young explains some tithing recording policy, speaking generally of wards and their bishops as though they are the standard, including "your ward"⁴⁰

March 1: George A. Smith organizes a branch at Deseret City, 111 members, Pres. Jacob Croft.⁴¹

4 March: Branch organized in Round Valley (Scipio), Pres. B.H. Johnson [CC] *HOJ* (<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f700a1d2-a506-4a0b-9ad4-3f9ec8654671/0/110>) says that G.A. Smith was in Round Valley this day hearing a disciplinary case, but doesn't mention organizing the branch; he heads north the next day.

5 March: ~~Deseret branch~~ organized by George A. Smith, President Jacob Croft.⁴² [dependent branch]

March 8: G.A. Smith meets with BY, "presented a letter from Bishop Brunson resigning."⁴³ *The journal does not mention his resignation during GAS' visit in Fillmore*

March 10: At a meeting of the Twelve,⁴⁴ Brigham Young sends Orson Hyde and G.A. Smith to "go through the settlements South and settle the difficulties...we will send Thomas Callister to Fillmore to preside." Bishop Brunson to be sent on a mission

14 March: Graball, which would later be renamed **Scipio** after relocating, was organized as a dependent branch of the Fillmore ward, Presiding Teacher Benjamin H. Johnson.⁴⁵

10 April: BY sends a letter to Thomas Callister, appointing him to be bishop of Fillmore [replacing Lewis Brunson, called on a mission], as well as "to be the Presiding Bishop over all the other Wards or settlements in Millard County."⁴⁶ *mp:700396 Was this also when John A. Ray was released as Fillmore President?*

MS 5112/f0006:

"G.S.L. City, April 10, 1861.

Bishop Thomas Callister,

Dear Brother:-

⁴⁰ Brigham Young, letter to Lewis Brunson 15 Feb 1861, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.49, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a&crate=0&index=0>

⁴¹ *Historian's Office Journal*, V.25 p.102, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=f700a1d2-a506-4a0b-9ad4-3f9ec8654671/0/105>

⁴² Oak City record of members and minutes, Church History Library LR 6324 11; this is a history written later

⁴³ *Historian's Office Journal*, V.25 p.111, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=f700a1d2-a506-4a0b-9ad4-3f9ec8654671/0/114>

⁴⁴ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1860-1865*, p.120, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/801702bf-e607-4f0d-82d0-e0f84b8c2406/0/125>; *Historian's Office Journal*, V.25 p.113 <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=f700a1d2-a506-4a0b-9ad4-3f9ec8654671/0/117>

⁴⁵ "History of Scipio" in the Millard County Progress, 22 May 1936, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/24609073?p=12705891>; *History of Benjamin Henry Johnson, written by his grandson, Theodore M. Taylor, for permanent record of his life* (Dec. 12, 1961) (<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/10577801?p=11362979>)

⁴⁶ 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>

You have been appointed to be the Bishop in Fillmore, instead of Bishop Lewis Brunson who has been selected to go on a mission, and also to be the Presiding Bishop over all the other Wards or settlements in Millard County. To facilitate your operations in you[r] Presidency, you are at liberty to select and appoint, from time to time, such persons in the different settlements as your judgement may dictate, making settlements with them at such times as will enable you to settle with the General Tithing Office in this City in accordance with its requirements. We wish you to proceed to Fillmore at your earliest convenience, to take charge as above directed; and to aid you in so doing, cordially and with much confidence commend you to the faith, prayers, and good works of all Saints in Millard County, which we trust they will extend to you and hearken to all your counsels and examples in righteousness.

Your Brother in the Gospel,

Brigham Young”

7 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representatives from “ward” in “Millard County”⁴⁷

Late 1861: Elias F. Pearson appointed President of Graball Branch.⁴⁸

1862

April 7: General bishops meeting includes bishop of Fillmore Ward⁴⁹

May 17: Brigham Young selects permanent location of Scipio; a new schoolhouse is constructed.⁵⁰

July 4: John A. Ray dies. Descendants claim he was president until this date, Fillmore MH hints he was released earlier.

October 6: General Bishops Meeting includes the bishop of Fillmore Ward⁵¹

“Walter Stevens appointed to preside over the [Cedar Springs/Holden] Ward”⁵² most subsequent entries refer to it as a branch still.[MH]

1863

14 March: A new meetinghouse is dedicated in Fillmore.⁵³

April: The congregation in Deseret is identified as “the Deseret Branch of the Fillmore Ward.”⁵⁴

October 1: Benjamin Robinson appointed president of **Deseret Branch**, Jacob Croft released⁵⁵

⁴⁷ 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>

⁴⁸ *History of Benjamin Henry Johnson*

⁴⁹ *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>

⁵⁰ “History of Scipio” in the Millard County Progress, 22 May 1936, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/24609073?p=12705891>

⁵¹ *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>

⁵² *Holden Ward General Minutes*, V.11 p.2. Not primary source

⁵³ <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/33411585?p=13074947>, 30

⁵⁴ Oak City record of members and minutes, image 1, Church History Library LR 6324 11

⁵⁵ Oak City record of members and minutes

Oct 14: BY writes Jesse B. Martin:⁵⁶ “You are requested to locate yourself and family at Round Valley, in Millard County [**Scipio**], and take the presidency of that branch, under the direction of Bishop Callister.”

Fall: **Meadow Creek branch** established, Presiding Elder William Henry Stott.⁵⁷ [MH] It appears to be an independent branch, but it had been dependent on Fillmore before this.

1864

2 March: BY writes to “Elder D.P. Rainey, Pondtown,” asking him to settle at Round Prairie, south of the Sevier River bridge, to be their bishop.⁵⁸ It appears that Rainey has already moved north to Richmond at this point and does not move to Scipio.

March: first settlement of Petersburg [Hatton]⁵⁹ *Named after branch president Peter Robison?*

9 October: Calls for repairs to school house in Deseret indicate one had already been constructed.⁶⁰

December 29: “Bishop Thomas McCallister of Millard County” Ward visits the presiding bishopric meeting⁶¹

1865

March 9: Round Valley renamed Scipio

26 September: While visiting Round Valley, Brigham Young changes its name to Scipio.⁶²

About 1865, Culbert King replaced Peter Robison as PE of Corn Creek (Kanosh) [MH]

1866

April 19: Report to PB Edward Hunter from Thomas Callister about Millard County.⁶³

⁵⁶ Brigham Young, letter to Jesse B. Martin 14 Oct 1863, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.6*, p.675, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=0c8e23c5-4d6a-446f-8d81-108a52bd39c4/0/1394>

⁵⁷ *History of Meadow*, p.15, Church History Library LR 6807 27

⁵⁸ Brigham Young, letter to D.P. Rainey 2 March 1864, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.6*, p.796, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=0c8e23c5-4d6a-446f-8d81-108a52bd39c4>

⁵⁹ Interview Histories of Pioneers from East Millard County and Other Areas of Utah [1920-1949], p.30 <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/490336-interview-histories-of-pioneers-from-east-millard-county-and-other-areas-of-utah>

⁶⁰ Oak City record of members and minutes, image 27 (from excerpts I saved in the Millard folder)

⁶¹ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.56, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

⁶² Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1860-1865*, p.369, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/801702bf-e607-4f0d-82d0-e0f84b8c2406/0/376>

⁶³ *Perpetual Emigrating Fund Company outfitting reports, 1866*, Church History Library CR 376 13 box 1 folder 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/87ee198d-ee46-45ec-99f4-5bc8628b7520/0/8>

8 Jun: BY writes "Elder Jesse B. Martin, Scipio" [still Branch President?], suggesting that he move from Scipio to Fillmore to help Bishop Callister.⁶⁴

Dec 10: Beginning of Teachers quorum minutes for "Scipio Branch Millard County."⁶⁵ Mentions "President Jesse B. Martin."

1867

January 10: At Presiding Bishop's meeting, "Bishop Callister" reports on Fillmore.⁶⁶

February 12: Meeting at Scipio, attended by Erastus Snow, Amasa Lyman, and Bishop T. Callister.⁶⁷ Jesse B. Martin resigns as president (illness). The people nominate Daniel Thompson of Fillmore to lead them, which is carried. *Callister is clearly the leader here.*

March 7: Orson Hyde visits Millard County, meets with Bishop Callister and "his diocese" at Fillmore, Cedar Springs [Holden], Round Valley [Scipio]⁶⁸

April 27-28: Brigham Young and company (on their way to St. George) hold meetings at Scipio, Fillmore, and Petersburg⁶⁹

Fall: The town of **Kanosh** is laid out in the Pahvant reservation by the location of the church's Indian farm, and the residents of Petersburg began to move in, leaving Petersburg a ghost town within a few years. The bishop at Petersburg, Culbert King, continued on as bishop in Kanosh. The log schoolhouse in Petersburg was moved to Kanosh as well sometime during this time.⁷⁰ MH doesn't mention King becoming bishop until 1869.

10 December: New "school & meeting house" dedicated by Bishop Callister in Deseret.⁷¹

1868

Feb 1: List of settlements in central Utah: Scipio (PE Daniel Thompson), Holden (Cedar Springs), Oak Creek, Fillmore, Meadow Creek, Kanosh (Corn Creek)

*Spring: mention of a bishop at Cedar Springs*⁷²

April 25: In first of a series of published Church directories, the following are listed:⁷³ mp:700394

- County President for Beaver and Millard Counties: None

⁶⁴ Brigham Young, letter to 8 June 1866, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.8, p.460, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=b3c72fee-6f44-4ce6-8a9f-5cf38b6153d1>

⁶⁵ *Scipio Ward general minutes*, V.8 p.100, Church History Library LR 8179 11

⁶⁶ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.117, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

⁶⁷ *Scipio Ward general minutes*, V.8 p.105, Church History Library LR 8179 11

⁶⁸ Correspondence, *Deseret News*, V.16 #12 (March 20 1867) p.94, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2599130>

⁶⁹ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1865-1872*, p.67, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0c76d480-00aa-4210-9334-12a578908f1f/0/73>

⁷⁰ Interview Histories of Pioneers from East Millard County and Other Areas of Utah [1920-1949], pp.21, 27, 30-31, 50, 55 <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/490336-interview-histories-of-pioneers-from-east-millard-county-and-other-areas-of-utah5>

⁷¹ Oak City record of members and minutes, image 43 (from excerpts I saved in the Millard folder)

⁷² Biography of Orson Hyde

⁷³ Church Directory, *Salt Lake Daily Telegraph*, V.4 #253 (25 April 1868) p.4

- Millard County:
 - Fillmore: Thomas Callister
 - Scipio: Daniel Thompson
 - Holden: Walter Stevens
 - Deseret City: J Lovell
 - Meadow Creek: William H. Stott
 - Kanosh City: Culbert King

1 June: Bishop Callister designated location for new settlement on Oak Creek, calls John Lovell as “President of Deseret.”⁷⁴

15 July: After a dam breaks, Deseret is abandoned and moved to Oak Creek, which is initially still called Deseret City, “Brother Lovell” presiding.⁷⁵

August 4: Last of a series of published Church directories, same as April 25.⁷⁶

1869

Feb 1: status of “wards:” Scipio, 70 families, P.E. Daniel Thompson; Holden (Cedar Springs), 45 families; Deseret City abandoned; Oak Creek 18 families (from Deseret); Fillmore 160 families; Meadow Creek 30 families; Kanosh (Corn Creek) 80 families.⁷⁷

9 March: Conference. Among leaders is “Presiding Bishop of Millard County Thos Callister” and “local presidents” of Meadow Creek (Wm H Stott), Kanosh (Culbert King), Holden (Walter Stevens), Scipio (Daniel Thompson), and Oak City (John Lovell). George A. Smith told the meeting that “the object of this conference was to organize a stake of Zion here, & to appoint a High Council.” Sustain and ordain Thomas Callister as “President of this stake of Zion,” plus high council but not presidency counselors. “It is necessary that there be local Bishops for the different settlements & proposed Daniel Thompson, Bishop of **Scipio**, Culbert King bishop of **Kanosh**,” Edward Partridge Jr. as bishop of Fillmore.⁷⁸ mp:700391 They are ordained by GA Smith.⁷⁹ *Other congregations we would categorize now as just branches, as they are part of a stake and not dependent branches to a ward. Kanosh MH says King was first ordained at this time*

⁷⁴ Oak City record of members and minutes, image 48 (from excerpts I saved in the Millard folder)

⁷⁵ Oak City record of members and minutes, image 48

⁷⁶ Church Directory, *Salt Lake Daily Telegraph*, V.5 #25 (4 Aug 1868) p.4

⁷⁷ A Milton Musser, letter to Brigham Young Feb 1 1869, *Brigham Young Office Files, General Letters, 1840-1877, Th-Y, 1860*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 33 folder 7, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=0dae9154-9128-4927-8ac1-3a7f9cc94918>

⁷⁸ Millard Stake Conference Minutes, *Historian's Office Local Minutes and Records*, Church History Library: CHL CR 100 589 box 1 folder 37. <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=1d1fee4a-2758-4169-bdf0-77d4e4fec0e&crate=0&index=0>

⁷⁹ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.197, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

1870

March 9: Relief Society in Meadow Creek "Ward" is organized by [Stake Presiding] Bishop Partridge and [Stake] President Callister, **not** by W.H. Stott⁸⁰ [meaning he is probably still branch president, not a bishop]

Spring: Adobe schoolhouse finished in Kanosh.⁸¹

Sep 26: BY's clerk writes "Bishop W. Stevens, Cedar Springs, Millard Co."⁸²

[Date]: New meetinghouse built in Scipio.⁸³

1871

Jan 18: Beginning of Meadow Deacons Quorum minutes, mentions "President Wm H. Stott"⁸⁴

21 Feb: John Lovell release, Platt Lyman appointed as "President of Oak City Branch" by President Callister."⁸⁵

David R. Stewart [Stevens? MH] called as new presiding Elder in [Holden] Branch (Walter Stevens called on a mission)⁸⁶

30 Dec: BY writes "Bishop T. Callister."⁸⁷ *Around this time, he seems to always address Callister this way. Is the stake still operating? Is Callister also acting as Fillmore Bishop in place of Partridge? Is he the county presiding bishop?*

1872

4 June: BY writes "President Thomas Callister" about bishop Daniel Thompson of Scipio.⁸⁸

28 July: New meeting house in Oak City is mentioned.⁸⁹

26 Oct: Stake Conference. Few details⁹⁰ David R. Stewart sustained a president of Holden Branch [Holden MH]

⁸⁰ *Meadow Ward Relief Society minutes, 1870-1973*, p.1, Church History Library LR 5389 14, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/9462ebe1-805e-4e2c-9482-e83b160b3d9c/0/4>

⁸¹ Interview Histories of Pioneers from East Millard County and Other Areas of Utah [1920-1949] (https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?from=fhd&dps_pid=IE72847), 1

⁸² A.M. Musser, letter to W. Stevens 26 Sep 1870, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.12, p.364, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 8, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/c91a2db1-a2f0-470d-ac3a-324c44e06cd1>

⁸³ "History of Scipio" in the Millard County Progress, 22 May 1936, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/24609073?p=12705891>

⁸⁴ *Meadow Deacons Quorum minutes*, V.1 p. 4, Church History Library LR 5389 12

⁸⁵ Oak City record of members and minutes, image 49 (from excerpts I saved in the Millard folder)

⁸⁶ *Holden Ward General Minutes*, V.11 p.2. Not primary source

⁸⁷ Brigham Young, letter to Thomas Callister 30 Dec 1871, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.12, p.927, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 8, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/c91a2db1-a2f0-470d-ac3a-324c44e06cd1>

⁸⁸ Brigham Young, letter to Thomas Callister 4 June 1872, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.13, p.95, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559>

⁸⁹ Oak City record of members and minutes, image 8 (from excerpts I saved in the Millard folder)

⁹⁰ *Edward Partridge journals*, Vol. 1 1854-1872, typescript p.113, Church History Library MS 17670, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/8a4e3455-69af-4515-a13e-49508e459fa8/0/0>

22 Dec: Bishop Partridge visits Meadow with home missionaries.⁹¹ *Is Partridge just visiting, presiding bishop over Millard Stake, or is Meadow Creek a dependent branch on Fillmore Ward?*

1873

March 18: Deacons Quorum at Meadow Creek reorganized by "Wm H. Stott, president of Meadow Branch"⁹²

March 19: In list of all bishops, Thomas Callister is listed as Presiding Bishop for Millard County; probably a dual role as stake president. This continues through 1876:⁹³ mp:700282

- **Scipio**, Daniel Thompson.
- Cedar Springs, alias **Holden**, David Stephens.
- ***Fillmore**, Thomas Callister.
- **Meadow Creek**, W. H. Stott.
- **Oak Creek**, P. D. Lyman.
- **Kanosh**, Culbert King.

April 19-20: "Special Conference" (probably just a stake conference).⁹⁴ Authorities sustained but no details given here.

Summer: New brick meetinghouse built in Scipio.⁹⁵

September 21: Conference at Meadow Branch, including President Thomas Callister and President Stott.⁹⁶ **A guest speaker says something about appealing to Salt Lake high council. "Prest Callister spoke...said he would correct one statement made by Brother Pratt, in relation to appealing a case from one High Council to another. This cannot be done. But we may appeal from any high council to the first presidency of the Church."**

October 18: Stake conference⁹⁷

1874

April 15-18: Bishop Partridge and President Callister accompany Brigham Young to organize United Order in Fillmore, Holden, and Scipio.⁹⁸ In May, Partridge and Callister go to Oak City for

⁹¹ *Edward Partridge journals*, Vol. 2 typescript p.116,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b8892521-1b7d-47db-ae3d-0a852b959056/0/2>

⁹² *Meadow Deacons Quorum minutes*, V.1 p. 10, Church History Library LR 5389 12

⁹³ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.22 #7 (March 19 1873) p.103,
<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2622070>

⁹⁴ *Edward Partridge journals*, Vol. 2 typescript p.120,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b8892521-1b7d-47db-ae3d-0a852b959056/0/6>

⁹⁵ "History of Scipio" in the Millard County Progress, 22 May 1936,
<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/24609073?p=12705891>

⁹⁶ *Meadow Ward general minutes*, V. 15 p.16, Church History Library LR 5389 11

⁹⁷ *Edward Partridge journals*, Vol. 2 typescript p.123,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b8892521-1b7d-47db-ae3d-0a852b959056/0/9>

⁹⁸ *Edward Partridge journals*, Vol. 2 typescript p.128,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b8892521-1b7d-47db-ae3d-0a852b959056/0/14>

the same purpose. Partridge may be in more of a presiding role at this point, but he is still primarily in Fillmore.

May 27: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as 1873, except **Fillmore**, Edward Partridge.⁹⁹

June-Sep: Edward Partridge visits several communities on United Order business.¹⁰⁰ *The UO appears to quickly dissolve in this area. He also comments on seeing it do the same further north.*

Oct 31: Stake Conference.¹⁰¹

1875

Jan 6: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as 1874.¹⁰²

19 October: President Callister leaves on a mission to Europe. Bishop Partridge: "President Callister requires me to take charge of the tithing of this Stake of Zion, as well as the spiritual affairs of the Saints, for the present, until some other arrangements are made."¹⁰³ *This suggests that he was not presiding bishop before, but that Callister considered him his right-hand man.*

29 December: New list of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as 1874.¹⁰⁴

1876

April 29: Stake Conference.¹⁰⁵ "Edward Partridge appointed President" *of the conference meeting or of the stake?*

11 July: BY writes "Elder Ed. Partridge, Fillmore."¹⁰⁶ *So was he not bishop?*

4 September: BY's secretary writes "Bishop Ed Partridge, Fillmore."¹⁰⁷

December 22: Final published list of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as 1875.¹⁰⁸

⁹⁹ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #17 (May 27 1874) p.267, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2635244>

¹⁰⁰ *Edward Partridge journals*, Vol. 2 typescript p.131, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b8892521-1b7d-47db-ae3d-0a852b959056/0/17>

¹⁰¹ *Edward Partridge journals*, Vol. 2 typescript p.136, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b8892521-1b7d-47db-ae3d-0a852b959056/0/22>

¹⁰² Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #49 (January 6 1875) p.782, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2614880>

¹⁰³ *Edward Partridge journals*, Vol. 2 typescript p.142, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b8892521-1b7d-47db-ae3d-0a852b959056/0/28>

¹⁰⁴ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, December 29 1875, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2643418>

¹⁰⁵ *Edward Partridge journals*, Vol. 2 typescript p.152, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b8892521-1b7d-47db-ae3d-0a852b959056/0/38>

¹⁰⁶ Brigham Young, letter to Edward Partridge, 11 July 1876, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.14, p.375, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/8ee2bf6f-8a90-4bd6-943d-532c27f3aae2>

¹⁰⁷ George Reynolds, letter to Edward Partridge, 4 Sep 1876, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.14, p.451, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/8ee2bf6f-8a90-4bd6-943d-532c27f3aae2>

¹⁰⁸ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 #27 (December 22, 1876) p.4, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23166497>

December: Thomas Callister returns from England, not sure if he resumes his full duties.¹⁰⁹ *Partridge calls him "Brother Callister" in a couple subsequent entries. Partridge does not appear to be fully functioning as stake president either, but clearly as ward bishop. No ecclesiastical visits to other settlements.*

[Date]: **Leamington branch** established about 1876. It was a dependent branch of the Oak City Ward.¹¹⁰

1877

1 January: New meetinghouse dedicated in Scipio.¹¹¹

27 March: George Q. Cannon mentions visiting the "President of the Ward" in **Meadow Creek**.¹¹²

7 April: At St. George, Partridge called on a mission to Europe.¹¹³ *But he never leaves, because the governor won't appoint another county judge in his stead (p.170)*

15 April: "President Callister" mentioned¹¹⁴ this and subsequent mentions that he is clearly stake president again

22 July: **Millard Stake** reorganized. "Partial organization heretofore existing be dissolved" President: Ira N. Hinckley; counselors, high council, quorum presidents. Fillmore divided; South Ward: Bp. Jos. D. Smith; North Ward: Alexander Melville; Scipio: Bp. Daniel Thompson; Holden: Bp. David R. Stevens; Kanosh: Bp. Culbert King; Oak Creek: Bp. P.D. Lyman; Deseret: Bp. Joseph Black; Meadow Creek: Bp. H[iram] B[ell] Bennett.¹¹⁵ mp:700389

23 July: Wilford Woodruff and Erastus Snow set apart the rest of the stake and ward officers.¹¹⁶

July 23: "Special Meeting at Meadow" to fully organize the ward, including bishopric counselors and priesthood quorums¹¹⁷

November 24: Stake Conference.¹¹⁸ Leaders same as in July, except South and North Fillmore wards are 1st and 2nd respectively, and Meadow Creek is Meadow.

¹⁰⁹ *Edward Partridge journals*, Vol. 2 typescript p.157,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b8892521-1b7d-47db-ae3d-0a852b959056/0/44>

¹¹⁰ Leon Pitman and James Morgan, *History of Thomas Morgan and his families*, 2005, p.29-30, <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/286337/?offset=0#page=29>

¹¹¹ "History of Scipio" in the Millard County Progress, 22 May 1936,

<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/24609073?p=12705891>

¹¹² 27 March 1877, Journal of George Q. Cannon, Church Historian's Press,

<https://www.churchhistorianspress.org/george-q-cannon/1870s/1877/03-1877>

¹¹³ *Edward Partridge journals*, Vol. 2 typescript p.167,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b8892521-1b7d-47db-ae3d-0a852b959056/0/53>

¹¹⁴ *Edward Partridge journals*, Vol. 2 typescript p.168,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b8892521-1b7d-47db-ae3d-0a852b959056/0/64>

¹¹⁵ Millard County Stake, *Deseret News* V.26 #26 (August 1 1877) p.408

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2627601>; *Edward Partridge journals*, Vol. 2 typescript p.178,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b8892521-1b7d-47db-ae3d-0a852b959056/0/64>

¹¹⁶ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1873 Jan - 1880 Feb*, p.257, Church History Library MS 1352,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/eb07ddd8-d258-43b3-82fd-1b0bc186b269/0/267>

¹¹⁷ *Meadow Ward general minutes*, V. 15 p.30, Church History Library LR 5389 11

¹¹⁸ Conference of the Millard Stake, *Deseret Evening News*, V.11 #9 (December 1, 1877) p.2, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23167940>

1878

21 June: Church Directory.¹¹⁹

- Ira N. Hinckley, President of Millard Stake
- Joseph D. Smith 1st Ward [South], Fillmore
- Alexander Melville, 2nd Ward [North], “
- David R. Stevens, Holden
- Daniel Thompson, Scipio
- Platt D Lyman, Oak Creek
- Hiram B Bennett, Meadow Creek
- -----, Kanosh
- Joseph R. Black, Deseret

¹¹⁹ Names of Presidency and Bishops of the Organized Stakes of Zion, *Deseret Evening News*, V.11 #178 (21 June 1878) p.4, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23168777>

9 June 1875 is exactly the same except while Thomas Callister is still "Presiding Bishop," Edward Partridge is said to be bishop of Fillmore.

29 December 1875 and 12 January 1876 are exactly same as previous list.

<https://eadview.lds.org/findingaid/000103632/>

Thomas Callister collection should have a bunch of useful stuff.

Lewis Brunson autobiography (MS 6173):

"In the month of April, 1855, I was called at the General Conference, held in G.S. Lake City, to the office of a Bishop, and I was then ordained under the hands of Pres. B. Young, Albert Carrington, and E.D Woolley to the high Priesthood, and set apart to the Bishopric by Pres. Young to officiate in Fillmore." (18)

Deseret News 11 April 1855 reports that Noah W. Bartholomew was released as bishop of Fillmore. Some of the information on his FamilySearch page indicated that he was the first bishop of Fillmore, and that he was one of the original settlers.

CR 1234 1/b0023/f0011, image 40:

"Fillmore Feby. 16[?]th 1854

President Young...

My Spirit is grieved in consequence of a petition that some of my brethren have got up to have a new President appointed in this place not because I fear that I shall be removed you well understand my feelings in regard to this matter it is in consequence of the indirect charges couched in this Petition[.] I consider I am here accused of almost every crime[.] I have called them together they say they have nothing against me as a brother but yet the things therein couched they contend for. I have tried to humble myself before the Lord. I have no justification to plead[.] I understand some of my weaknesses and my inabilities to fill the place I occupy[.] I am not able to learn wherein I have dishonored the Priesthood either in word or deed if there is any thing I wish to honor on earth or in heaven it is the Priesthood and inasmuch as I have done it I wish to know when and where and how, that I may repent of it if possible...

Yours in the bonds of the new and Everlasting covenant

Anson Call"

CR 1234 1/b0023/f0014, image 36:

"Fillmore City Feb 13th 1854

D. H. Wells Esq

Dear Brother...

You will see by the Bishop's report that there has been little or none paid in as yet on labour Tithing, I will talk with the Bishop and see what he can do the coming season...

Feb 14th as Bro Call did not start to day I thought I would write a line or two more... Bro McGan[?] has been very busy since his return in endeavoring to revolutionize the Branch of the Church in this place. I was met on Sunday when coming out of meeting and asked I had seen the Petitions that had been circulating through the day[.] I told them I had not neither did I know that there was any in circulation[.] Sunday we met again as usual for a meeting and there the thing was made known publicly. It appeared that one Petition was got up relative to Military matters[.] The other one requesting Bro Call to be removed from his office and an other man put in his place. In the course of the evening there was considerable said on the subject. The Bishop proposed to have a Conference called on Monday evening to investigate the matter. The Petitions were then brought forward. Bro Call said if the people in Fillmore did not wish to have him for their President just say the word and he would be the first Petitioner to the President. No one preferred a charge against Bro Call. A motion was made to so if they now sustain him as a Brother. The vote carried unanimously to sustain him as a Brother. Still there appeared to be something the matter. One objection was that he was frequently absent from the place and an other was that he had dishonored the Priesthood by letting the Military rule over him. One very loquacious man objected to Bro Call presiding because he (Bro Call) frequently requested him to be brief in his remarks. I have no fault to find with Bro Call in that respect as it is well known that I am very Laconic in my remarks. I told them I had no fears of Bro Call presiding over me or any one else as far as I was concerned I considered he had improved as much as any man in the place. Lastly a vote was called to see who would sustain him as President. The Bishop took the vote by numbering. 35 numbered for him and no one against him
Samuel P. Hoyt"

CR 1234 1/b0025/f0011, image 2:

"Fillmore City Nov 15th 1857

President B Young Dear Sir...

I wish to write of a circumstance that occurred on the 11th of this month in this city[.] As I have learned from a disinterested person the story is this: A few days previous, there were two emigrants killed, by the Indians, some 3 or 4 miles south of this place, while 2 or 3 other emigrants remained here, they soon learned their danger, and then the bishop wished to know who had been the traitor; some rumors fixed the guilt on Wm C[?] Bridge, and some on Isaac Pierce a young man 18 years old; Bridges immediately went to the Bishop and told his story and saddled it all on to the young man; whereupon the Bishop ordered him to take a policeman and proceed to chastise him by way of kicking him; accordingly Bridges got 2 policemen, and proceeded to execute the orders in presence of many spectators; seizing him by the hair and aiming his kicks at his secrets[?]. While this was going on one of our teachers interfered by virtue of his office but was told it was the bishop's order, so he could do no more. Isaac warded the blows from their aim so that he was not materially injured; and after B relinquished his hold Isaac gathered up some small rocks and would have floored his man in all probability, had not the policeman ordered him to desist. This boy is the youngest son of Isaac W Pierce who served under the Bishop's Father Seymore Brunson in the war in Missouri in 38 both have been dead many years. After the tragedy was acted Isaac went to the Bishop to protest his

innocence. After wards the bishop's brother Seymore expostolated[?] with him whereupon he told him to go and kick Bridges; but I have not yet learned as this order has been executed. This order of things brings fresh to my mind the spirit of blood thirstines which was the prevailing topic, in the reformation, here of last winter and spring, when men were permitted to abuse and threaten the lives of myself and some others for merely expressing our views in a meeting of seventies; where we had been called to sit in council with the president. Now if these things are right, I am wofully wrong, and I cannot say that I ever was right; for I do not recollect of ever having had the least symptoms of that kind of spirit; but if they are right I do hope that you will give me some rules and instructions... I do not write because there is any strife or contention here, on the subjects, for it is not so, for all seem willing to be subject to the powers that be right or wrong. Yours with due respect
N[athan] B Baldwin"

CR 1234 1/b0025/f0022, image 30:

"Fillmore City, November 22 1857

This is to sertify that the following is a true account of the sercomestance which hapened of late. On the 10th of this month I had been tradeing with some Emegrants and as went to get some things that I had purchased and as I entered the house Mr. Bridger said.

Ike did you hear that the Indians had killed them too boys, that passed through here the other day? I replied no they have not been killed have they? I herd so replied he and the Emigrant at that moment three Indians stepped inn B. replied, Ike ask them about it. accordingly I did. the Indians told me about it. then the question was asked by B. what did he say? I don't hardly no. I replied. B. continued. he said they was killed didnt he? I guess they are replied I. when was they killed said they I don't hardly no. but I guess they were killed over by dog valley. I said no more

Bridger talked with them and told them more about what the Indians said. I took my things and went home

the next morning I arose it being snowing I started to go go to spend the day with one of the Mc[?]s. I was passing said house I thought I saw some boys there so I called [?] said B. was there there talking with the Indians I sat down and went to reading. B. soon left the room. Soon he returned with one polease he called for me to come out I accordingly did he took hold of me I walked along he said I will learn you to be about me I still walked Along soon he said the Bishop told me to kick your damed Ass. thus he comenced I tried to do my part but he beeing somewhat stouter than me so he held me off he kicked me several times he tried to privately[?] injure me. at that moment Br. W. Stout sen. saw it he commanded him to stop such work replied B. I have had my orders from the Bishop he told me to kick him he told me to take a polease and here are too of them.

Names of the poleases I. Fisher. I. O[?]

B. continued. soon it apeared as though he become weak. soon he [?] and loosed his hold, saying I have not give him half anough. I picked up some rocks to defend my self with at that instant the polease stepped up and said quit.

I then found the Bishop I asked him what this was for he said that he had been told that I had been telling the emegrants things and betraying the indians. I told him that it was false.

the next day I went to see him again I told him again the story that I have recaled. he said that the Indians told him that said B. had told it and he Believe it. he said if I was inocent it [?] all regrt. But nothing has ben done for my case as yet

But I am yet alive and enjoy health of body, but not of mind, and I thank God for these blessing.
Isaac W. Pierce Jr.

Fillmore City Dec 13th 1857

President B Young,

The forepart of this letter is a statement of the young man himself, which I forward with a few additional lines. When the young man protested his innocent to the bishop, he was answered if he was innocent why it is all right. A short time afterwards the bishop told me that canosh said to him that Bridges was the first one that told the secret; and furthermore the Bishop said he was sorry that he set such a mean man to kicking Isaac; but Isaac and other boys had been in a great many mean scrapes and he had forgiven them, time after time and now he should take a differ course with them. I asked Br Hoyt advice to regard writing to you, but he declined but informed the Bishop of my intentions, as he believed it to be his duty where upon the Bishop threatened Isaac with an expose to you, of all his former mean tricks (after he had forgiven them) and intimated that his membership depended on his clemency[.] On Sunday the 29th the Bishop marked out a course for the brethren to persue in relation to emigrants when passing here with written passes, which will conduct them throguh the white settlements; we are to mind our own business and let them alone and what the indians does with them is none of our devilish business. Sin is the transgression of the law but how a man can be guilty of violating the Bishop's wishes some 3 weeks before they were made known, is to me one of the mysteries in the reformation in Fillmore. But a greater presumption was acted here a few days ago. Br A Lyman advised a man (who did not belong to the church) not to go to california, for the indians were determind to kill him: and yesterday in a public discourse advised the brethren to talk with the indians and give them to understand that every man who had not been baptized was not worthy of death. But perhaps he will go clear of his kicking as the Bishop is not here, and if he was perhaps he would not order it as Br A is one of the twelve; but a Seventy is nowhere In conclusion I would say (as I did at first) that I feel that it is a verry delicate subject for me to tuch but since mature reflection has not attuned my mind on this sujet; I have ventured a few of my thoughts; where I sincerely hope they will be corrected (if they are erroneous) for I kneed salvation as much as any one else.

With sentiments of due respects to yourself, and a desire to promote the interest of the kingdom of God; I subscribe myself your brother in the everlasting covenant
N B Baldwin"

CR 100 591/b0001/f0026: Report of "Fillmore City branch" of rebaptisms in October 1852.

Anson Call autobiography (<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/33411585?p=13074947>):

In 1851 he led a group of settlers to Fillmore, which was being platted at the time in preparation for it to be the territorial capital. (18)

"We then built a school house established a school within 15 days of our arrival." (18)

When he returned to Fillmore after visiting family in Bountiful, "I was immediately accosted by the chief who state that Bishop Bartholomew had not done with him as he agreed." (18)

By April 1865, Anson Call had moved onto other assignments. (25)

He moved back to Fillmore in June 1858 to help take care of his murdered brother's family. (30)

"I was appointed finish the meeing house by Brigham Young August 8 '61... The Meating house Dlicated March 14, '63. Completely finished. Dedicated by the Presidency and 4 of the Twelve... the Presidency said it was the best House in the Territory." (30)

"1863 Christmas I made a Christmas dinner for the poor of the Ward" (31)

Anson Call left Fillmore after being called on a mission, 1 November 1864. (31)

<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/495107?p=8114714>

This map has location of original schoolhouse inside the fort.

"History of Scipio" in the Millard County Progress, 22 May 1936

(<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/24609073?p=12705891>):

"A branch of the Latter Day Saint Church was organized in Scipio, Mar. 4, 1861, with B. H. Johnson as president. In May 1862, a substantial log school house was built."

Town moved to present site in 1863. "A larger school house was built this same year."

"A special conference was held in the State House at Fillmore, Millard County, Utah, and a Stake of Zion was organized in Millard County, by President George F. Smith and Apostles Erastus Snow and Joseph F. Smith, with Thomas Callister, as president. Daniel Thompson was sustained as Bishop of Scipio ward in the year 1869."

"In 1870, while Daniel Thompson was bishop, the first meeting house was erected."

"During the summer of 1873, a two room brick school and meeting house was put up."

"January 1, 1877, the school and church houses were completed after a little over a year building it."

History of Benjamin Henry Johnson, written by his grandson, Theodore M. Taylor, for permanent record of his life (Dec. 12, 1961)

(<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/10577801?p=11362979>):

"The first settlement was located two miles south of the present town of Scipio... The little settlement was called Graball... In 1861 a branch of the L.D.S. Church was organized by Apostle George A. Smith at Graball. Benjamin H. Johnson was appointed presiding teacher. Later the same year, Elias F. Pearson was appointed President of the branch. Across the creek east, a log school house was built."

The relocate farther away from the mountains in 1863. "It was surveyed in July 1863... Then a school house was built on the public square."

"In 1869 many people moved from Gunnison, Utah, increasing the families at this time to 100 families. Scipio, which up to then had been a branch of the Fillmore Ward under Bishop Callister was organized into a ward March 6, 18[6]9. Daniel Thomspson was sustained as Bishop of Ward."

History of Elias Fraser Pearson

(undated)(<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/5509721?p=13840568>):

"He lived and talked the rules of the church while they were living in Scipio. It was told that when the bishop was killed by Indians, Elias was appointed Bishop and he served in that capacity during the winter, but his captain duties kept him busy and he asked them to appoint someone else as soon as spring came... [T]hey lived in Scipio, about 1861-64"

CR 1234 1/b0025/f0021, image 53: John Murdock, 2 January 1857, discusses his desires to teach to the Lamanites at Corn Creek how to read and about Gospel. Not sure if this is the same place as Kanosh or not.

According to Wikipedia there was an Indian farm there from 1855-1867 among the Pahvant Utes. Kanosh was one of their chiefs. No mention is made here about whether church organization was set up among the Indians. My impression is that there was a lot more paranoia/tension with the Indians in Millard county compared to what I found in Tooele, and the Indian farm seems to have been established as much to "control" (this is from a Thomas Callister letter) the Indians as anything altruistic, so I don't know that they would have managed to set up the church among them.

MS 15028: 1 February 1861 George A. Smith letter mentions having established a branch at Corn Creek (Kanosh).

Minutes of organization of Stake (CR 100 589):

"Fillmore Monday 2 pm.

March 8th 1869

Meeting assembled according to appointment at the State House--Present from Salt Lake City Pres. Geo. A. Smith, Erastus Snow, Joseph F Smith Thomas Taylor, Angus M. Cannon & Amos Neff.

Called to order by Bishop Thomas Callister.

Choir sung, "How beauteous are their feet" Prayer by J.F. Smith--Juvenile Choir sung "Hark ye Martalok[?]"

President Geo. A. Smith said they had called the attention of the Saints in the southern settlements at a busy time, so it had fallen to his lot to visit, instruct & teach the Saints in the south. Spoke of the gentile prophecies that as soon as the Iron horse should arrive among the saints in the Vallies that the destruction of the saints would be sealed. The necessity of being one The amount of teachings to that affect, & that but few were ready to listen yet. At the last general Conference in G.S.L City measures were taken in regard to our supporting ourselves instead of our Enemies. The Cooperative system was taught with power for half an hour. Elder Thomas Taylor followed on the same subject also spoke of the necessity of making home hapy that own children might like home better than any other place.

Elder A.M. Cannon spoke on Cooperation, Education & the suporting of our home papers.

Choir sung: Adjourned until 7 in the Evening
Dismissal by Bishop T. Callister

7oclock p.m. March 8th /69

Meeting called to order by Bishop Callister

Choir Sang "Behold the Mountain of the Lord"

Prayer by Elder Edward Partridge. Juvenile Choir sang "I Saw a Mighty angel fly"

Pres. E Snow delivered a lengthy discourse on the necessity of the saints cooperating in all their labors Exhorted the saints to the faithfull discharge of their duties, obedience &c.

Elder John Kelly & Miss E Ashman sang "Our Mission" or "If you cannon on the ocean" &c

By request a list of the names of 12 Elders were read and an apointment given out for them to meet on Tuesday morning 9th at 9oclock a.m. at the meeting house for the organization of a school of the Prophets. President Geo A Smith spoke on the subject of mens running after gold & silver & neglecting their farming, that when they had a ten acre lot under cultivation they had the best mine in the world &c. Choir sang "I'll praise my maker while ive breath." Conference was apointed at the State House for tomorrow (Tuesday 9th at 11 am-for the organization of a Stake of Zion Dismissed by Pres. Geo. A. Smith.

Fillmore Tuesday March 9th 1869

Conference convened at 11 am according to apointment

Present on the stand. Of the first presidency Geo. A. Smith Of the Twelve Apostles, Erastus Snow, Joseph F Smith, Elders from Salt Lake City, Thomas Taylor, Angus M. Cannon & Amos Neff & Wm Snow. Presiding Bishop of Millard county Thos. Callister. Wm. H. Stott local president of Meadow Creek Culbert King local president of Kanosh, Walter Stevens local president of Scipio, John Lovell local president of Oak City--Jacob Croft presidency of the High priests Quorum, Hiram Mace president of [struck out: Mass quorum of Seventy also] of the 42 Quorum of seventies, John Ashman pres. of Elders Quorum Elders, Teachers Deacons &c &c Conf. called to order by Pres. Geo. A. Smith.

Choir sang "The morning breaks the shadows flee"

Prayer by Elder Wm Snow--Juvenile Choir sung "Arise arise with joy survey &c"

Pres. Smith stated that the object of this conference was to organize a stake of Zion here, & to apoint a High Council And requested Elder AM Cannon to read from Book of Doctrine & Covenants the organization of the first High Council that was organized in the CHurch of Jesus Christ of L.D Saints--After which pres. Geo. A Smith motioned that J. L. Smith be clerk of this conference which was unanimously sustained--

Pres. Smith said he had the pleasure of being one of the thirteen members present on the ordanization of the 1st High Council the Minutes of which had just been read.--said he was a a member of the 2nd High Council As the stakes of Zion enlarge & increase it becomes necessary to organize High Councils after the pattern--

Now who shall we have for President of the Stake of Zion (several voices) Thomas Callister, who was sustained by unanimous vote to that office on motion Erastus Snow, Thomas Callister was then ordained to that office under the hands of Pres. Geo. A. Smith Erastus Snow & Joseph F Smith, Pres Geo A Smith being mounth.

Pres. Erastus Snow then presented the following names to be ordained as High Councilors for this Stake, Frances M Lyman, Thomas R. King, Joseph V. Robison, Lewis Brunson, James C. Owens, Allen Russell, Benj. H Robison, Wm. King, John L Smith of Fillmore City Jesse B. Martin of Scipio Charles Hall of Kanosh & Hiram B. Bennett of Meadow Creek. They were all sustained by unanimous vote of the congregation All present except F.M. Lyman, Wm. King & Charles Hall. Those present took their seats & were ordained as follows under the hand of Pres Geo. A. Smith, Erastus Snow, Joseph F. Smith, & Thos. Callister Geo. A. Smith was mouth in ordaining Thomas R. King Jesse B. Martin, & John L Smith.

Erastus Snow was mouth in ordaining Joseph V. Robison, James C Owens.

Joseph F. Smith was mouth in ordaining Lewis Brunson, Allen Russell

Thomas Callister was mouth in ordaining Benj. H. Robison, & Hiram B. Bennett

Pres. G. A. Smith said to the High Council "It sometimes happens that appeals are taken, & when this occurs it is necessary that the papers in the case should be sent up the same as, before the Presidency, as only there papers were examined and the case decided upon their merits, and for this reason it is all important that a minute record of the proceedings of the High Council should be kept in a clear & concise manner--seek bretheren to be impartial in all your decisions--do that which is just & right in the sight of god.

We will not select Councilors for the president at the present time. Pres. Young will be visiting you ere long and the aditional councilors can be appointed.

It is necessary that there be local Bishops for the different settlements & proposed Daniel Thompson, Bishop of Scipio, Culdert King bishop of Kanosh They were unanimously sustained. Came forward & were ordained under the hands of Pres. G.A. Smith E. Snow J F Smith & T Callister Pres. G A Smith & E Snow mouth. Pres Smith advised the High Council to meet at Fillmore once in four weeks whether there was any business or not & advised that the local authorities meet with them & compare notes that they might understand each other & learn their duties.

Pres. E Snow said he felt that this was the commencement of an increase in the county.

"The appointment of the High Council is the begining of the triumphs of righteousness & truth with many good & appropriate remarks, said as Bishop Thos. Callister was called to act in another sphere it became necessary to have a local Bishop to attend to the affairs of the ward & Nominated Edward Partridge son of the first Bishop in the church of whom it was said "in him there is no guile"

His nomination was unanimously sustained & he was ordained Bishop of Fillmore under the hands of Pres G A Smith, Snow, J F Smith & T Callister, prs Geo A Smith being mouth.

Pres. G. A. Smith said it was very doubtfull whether it was necessary to ordain Seventies High Priests Bishops who have been set apart may select councilors from the elders or seventies as may suit themselves. Made a few remarks & gave good council

Pres. Thomas Callister said:

"I do not feel satisfied bretheren & sisters without making a few remarks. I look upon this day as a great blessing to this people. I hope that I may be able to discharge the duties of my office with the grace of god to assist me. I feel to ask the prayers of all the Saints. I hope that we have lived so as to be worthy of the blessings we have recived to day, and I sincerely hope that we may prove our selves worthy of them in the future" made some other interesting & encourageing remarks

Pres. G. A. Smith said: "I want to say to the High Council If there are not seven of their number present it will not be legal for them to transact business, but when seven are present they may appoint temporary members to fill vacancies from among the High Priests. Returned his thanks to the Congregation for their punctual attendance and cooperation. Choir sang "Ye wondering nations now give ear" conference adjr sine die
Benediction by pres. E. Snow.
J.L Smith Clerk."

Family history of Walter Stevens (<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/25820666>):
"Four years later [1858] they were called to help settle Cedar Springs, now Holden, Millard County... Brother Stevens was selected and set apart as the first Presiding Elder of the Cedar Springs Branch of the Church... Later he served as the Presiding Elder of the Holden Branch of the Church from 1861 to 1871."
History of John Lovell (December 1954), MS 11193, folder 1, 5:
"By 1868 they were among the first settlers in Oak City... He was appointed the first presiding elder of the ward which position he held for several years. He also held this position in Deseret."

Andrew Jenson, Encyclopedic History:
"When the settlement of Deseret broke up in 1868 many of the people, who had struggled so hard at that place to redeem the land from the desert, moved up to the higher ground of Oak City, where fruit culture on the gravelly soil proved successful. A town-site was surveyed at Oak City. John Lovell, who had presided at Deseret, was chosen as presiding officer at Oak City and he also retained his presidency over the few remaining saints at Deseret until 1871. John Lovell was succeeded as presiding Elder at Oak City in 1871 by Platte D. Lyman, who presided until Oak City was organized as a ward July 22, 1877, when he was made Bishop."

There is a ghost town named Petersburg which was settled 1859-1869, and again after 1877 under name of Hatton, eventually abandoned again. 1867-1869 most settlers moved to Kanosh, which was located at the Kahvant village site. Best I can tell, although the current site of Kanosh was settled in 1867, both locations were thought of as the same congregation, sometimes called Corn Creek. Chief Kanosh and some of the other Kahvant were baptized, and presumably were members of the Kanosh congregation, so it would be worthwhile to investigate the relationship with the Indian Farm and any differences from other congregations due to Indian members. Kanosh at least was apparently an active member, as he was ordained an elder and received the endowment years after his baptism.

Interview Histories of Pioneers from East Millard County and Other Areas of Utah [1920-1949] (https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?from=fhd&dps_pid=IE72847):
According to Maude C. Melville: "Adobe meeting house in Kanosh finished in spring of 1870."
(1)
Sketch of Fillmore fort with meeting house. (4)

John Starley, 1936: There was a stone schoolhouse in Fillmore in the 1850s[?] that was just north of Miron Presby's molasses mill. (14)

Fernie Fold Tindrel Robison, 1923: "The first school house in Kanosh was a large log room. It stood where the gym now is on the south side of public square." (15)

Nell George Bird, 1930: "Culbert King was the Bishop at Petersburg, then at Kanosh." (21)

George Day, 1931: "The town of Kanosh was laid out in the late summer or early fall of 1867...

Prior to 1867, Kanosh town was an Indian farm... Culbert King was 1st Bishop; Collins R.

Hakes, 1st counselor; Lyman Levitt, 2nd counselor... William Dameron and Miles Reay were the first public school teachers... They taught in a log room that had been moved from the lower town and stands where the gym now stands. This building was used for church purposes and amusement until the adobe church was completed in the spring of 1870." (27)

George Day, 1933: "Edwin King surveyed the town of Kanosh in the summer or early fall of 1867... After the surveying was done, word went out that a new town on Corn Creek had been surveyed... [Lists settlers who came in fall 1867] William Hunter was at Lower town, now Hatton... The first old log meeting house was on 1st East St. North. The 2nd meeting house was built on Main street and 3rd North. Started in 1869 and finished in 1870... The 2nd chapel, the adobe one, several people helped make the adobe for it... Mr. Fennemore bought the ground this house stood on from the LDS church and it was torn down after the new rock one was built." (30-31)

Jim Day: "Chief Kanosh came to Bishop Thomas Yates' home in Scipio one day." (32)

George Alma George, 1937: "The first school house in Kanosh was made of log. These logs were taken out of Walker's Canyon. I was one of the men that helped get the logs out. I was at that time 19 years old... Put logs on the wagons, took them to Petersburg and put the school house up on Joe Whittaker's place near the center of town, if it could be called such at that time with its one street running east and west. When Kanosh town was settled, we moved it up there. We put it up somewhere near the old rock school house about 1/2 block west of the present chapel. As I remember, it had one window in the back wall and one in the front near the door. Adobe meeting house. My father, William George, helped build the old adobe meeting house and I helped haul the adobes for this old house. Culbert King was bishop when this house was built." (50, 55)

"Information taken from the diary of Volney King," 1946: "Bishop Culbert King of Kanosh on June 26, 1875, baptized 85 Indians as they manifested a disposition to leave off their old habits of strife and lead different lives in the future..." (61)

Drawing of first Kanosh school. (68)

Emma Neild Goddard, 1932: "When he arrived [in Kanosh], he found one log room just west of main street facing the east." (68)

Ferney Tindrell, 1932: "The first school house in Kanosh was a large room. It stood where the gym now is." (78)

"Deseret, A Pioneer Town of the West," Millard County Chronicle, 14 August 1947

(<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/5551421?p=12235850>):

Quotes L.R. Cropper letter from 21 May 1911. According to him, Deseret was settled in winter 1860 and in 1861, led by Jacob Croft. They abandoned their homes in 1868 and moved to different settlements, but returned in 1875.

"In 1861, George A. Smith and Joseph A. Young visited Deseret, organized a branch of the L.D.S. church. Jacob Croft was chosen president of the branch, John Powell, clerk, and Alexander Barron offered the dedicatory prayer... Benjamin Robison succeeded Jacob Croft at president of the branch of the L.D.S. church. Church was held in the homes of the people. George Bishop's home with a bowery was a favorite meeting place. William V. Black took charge of the branch after Benjamin Robison moved to Fillmore. Joseph W. Black was set apart as bishop of the Deseret Ward July 24 1877."

<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/6381816?p=13649785>: Map shows location of log schoolhouse in Meadow.

Tony G. Cowley, "The Early History of Meadow, Utah":

"Permanent occupation of the settlement at Meadow Creek was not concrete until about 1862. There were not enough settlers at this time to justify the organization of a Branch of the Church... As a result of this situation, James Duncan, a man determined to stay permanently at Meadow Creek, was assigned by Bishop Brunson of Fillmore to be the general supervisor of religious activities until 1863. During these first six years at Meadow Creek, church services were not held regularly, and many residents went to Fillmore to attend meetings. When meetings were held at Meadow, they were conducted in individual homes when enough people were present.

In the fall of 1863, it was determined that there were enough people resident at Meadow to warrant further church organization, so William H. Stott of Fillmore was appointed to be Branch President of the new Meadow Creek Branch, as it was called [cites Meadow Ward Records, 1857-1863]... In 1869, William H. Stott was reappointed as Branch President, where he served in this position for the next eight years without counselors. It was during this time that the first all-purpose community building was constructed in 1866. Prior to the construction of the community center, church services were held in the home of Hyrum Bell Bennett.

On July 23, 1877, Erastus Snow organized the Meadow Creek Ward of the Millard Stake of Zion, and he appointed Hyrum Bell Bennett... as the first Bishop..." (38-39)

CR 1234 1/b0028/f0013, image 40. David Savage letter written from Cedar Springs (Holden) on 9 April 1861, mentions "Bishop Warren."

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1866 map of "Corn Creek Indian Reservation." Plat shows that both Corn Creek and Meadow Creek settlements were well within the reservation boundaries agreed upon and surveyed for the Kahvant Indians. It wasn't labelled on the plat, but presumably it would also have included the Indian farm.

The Pahvant had mostly moved to the Uintah Reservation in 1869, though some still lived at Corn Creek at least some of the time after that. (Forrest Cuch, *History of Utah's American*

Indians,) Kanosh and his family at least seemed to have lived in Kanosh for the rest of his life and were active members of the church there.

From excerpt of Oak City record of members and minutes (image numbers refer to the excerpts I uploaded to the Millard folder):

"Names of Members of the Deseret Branch of the Fillmore Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

April, 1863." (image 1)

"General branch record October 1st 1864 Benjamin H Robinson president" (image 2)

"Blessings of children in the Deseret branch of Fillmore ward" (image 5)

"Minutes of Sabbath Meetings

June 23th 1872

Meeting called to order by Pres. P.D. Lyman..." (image 7)

"July 28th 1872... Elder Roper said he felt well in meeting in the New Meeting House...

Aug 18th 1872... Soren Christensen... said Bishop Callister wished the People to be prepared they might be wanted at any time to assist in fighting the Indians..." (image 8)

"Saturday Feb 9th [1873]... Pres. Callister spoke upon the early rise of the church" (image 11)

"January 4th 1874... Elder Thomas Memmots[?] spoke and siad he felt well in meeting with the Brethren in Oak City--considering there was many in meeting that had gone through many trials with him... Elder John Lovell said he was glad in hearing Brother Memmots speak of the Trials they went through in Deseret" (image 16)

"Record of the Branch

This Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints was organised by George A. Smith one of the twelve apostles on the 3rd day of March 1861

Jacob Croft was appointed President and John Powell clerk...

1863 October 1st Benjamin Robinson appointed president of Deseret branch Jacob Croft released...

October 9th [1864] President Robinson made a call upon the people to donate for repairs to the school house..." (image 27)

"March 17 [1867] Bishop Thos. Callister visited Deseret... Bp Callister organized an elders Quorum, John Bennett president... [Goes into history of Jacob Croft's grist mill] In the fall of 1863 the place was reorganized brother J Croft removed from being president & Benj H Robison placed to preside, & a general call made upon the county to put in the dam..." (image 39)

"Decbr. 10th. [1867] Bp Callister visited Deseret, & dedicated the new school & meeting house" (image 43)

"June 1st [1868] Bishop Callister visited Deseret... & was sorry to see so many leaving the place. He went to Oak Creek on the 2nd & located there a site for a settlement. On the Sunday he presented brother John Lovell before the people & he was unanimously voted for as president of Deseret.

July 15 The dam in the river was broke by the high water, the water washed out the north [?]ment & half of the dam. This caused the place to be deserted as quick as the people could finish their harvesting &c & move. A portion of the people moved to Oak Creek, which was named Deseret City, & placed under brother Lovell as president." (image 48)

[Handwriting changes at this point, showing someone else took over the record.]

"Oct & Nov [1868] Twenty three families moved to Oak Creek from Deseret, & settled on the Town site that Bishop Callister had located...

1869 Dec 18 Bishop Callister B H Robinson & R. McBride visited Deseret City & preached on being united...

Dec 20 1870 Peter Anderson appointed clerk, Thomas Memmott released [this presumably explains switch in handwriting and gives information about when these entries were written]" (image 48)

"Jan 14 [1871] President T Callister Bishop Partridge F M Lyman & T. R. King visited Oak City and preached to the people...

Feb 21 Prest Callister Bp Partridge Louis Brunson Platt Lyman & Geo Finlinson visited Oak City on the above date... Platt Lyman was then appointed President of Oak City Branch. John Lovell releived" (image 49)

[Change in handwriting, indicating a different clerk.]

"July 1877. Platte D. Lyman was appointed Bishop of Oak Creek Ward..." (image 50)

Church in Cove Fort? There was never a large permanent population, so maybe it didn't have its own congregation. It was closest to Kanosh, so maybe associated with that branch? It was functioning 1867-early 1890s. Ira Hinckley was in charge of the fort, so I can see if I find anything about him having an ecclesiastical title while at the fort.

http://www.covefort.com/covefort_inside.htm: "Kitchen/Big Room: The kitchen/big room was the heart of Cove Fort, and served to express a commitment to hospitality... The room was also used for religious services and special meetings."

LR 603 21: "Cove Creek accounts with the Beaver Tithing Office, including summary accounts, tithing statements, and receipts for labor donated to the construction of Cove Fort."

Despite being in Millard County, the fort might have been associated with the Beaver Ward?

Andrew Jenson history of Cove Fort (MS 4029, box 3, folder 9):

"Owing to the scarcity of water only a little farming can be done at Cove Creek, but the range affords good facilities for stock raising. Only one family resided at the Cove Creek fort at the close of the century... The family who live there belong to the Kanosh Ward, in Millard County."

(image 2)

Quotes letter from BY to Ira Hinckley:

"April 18, 1867.

Elder Ira Hinkley

Dear Bro.:--

We wish to get a good and suitable person to settle on and take charge of the Church Ranch at Cove Creek Millard County..." (image 5)

Quotes Deseret News December 1867: "They have a school kept by Mrs. Dobson, Bishop Ira Hinckley talks of fencing a large portion of land next spring, and making further improvements." (Deseret News 16:379) (image 6)

Excerpts from record of members of Holden:

"Record of the

Cedar Springs

Branch of the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latterday Saints

The Fillmore Ward

Organized [blank]" (image 1)

"Meeting on Thursday Apl. 16th. 1874. for the purpose of organizing temporary the people into the united order of Enoch. There were present, Prest. Brigham Young & Geo. A. Smith Erastus Snow, of the twelve apostles. Thos. Callister Prest of the stake of Zion, and quite a number of leading men from other settlements." (image 5)

Excerpts from record of members of Scipio:

"A Record of the Minutes of the Teachers counsels in the Scipio Branch. 'Millard County.'" Entries start in 1866, and right away refer to meetings in the schoolhouse. (100-101)

History of Thomas Morgan

(https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?from=fhd&dps_pid=IE206636):

"For the first few years in Leamington, Thomas Morgan functioned as an unofficial presiding elder of the approximately 75 LDS church members there. In 1876 he was designated the branch president under the jurisdiction of the Oak City Ward and its bishop. But branch members were hampered in the 1870s without a building to meet in.

On at least one of his frequent visits to Leamington, Bishop Platte D. Lyman of Oak City and its Leamington Branch wrote in his journal, page 5, on January 29, 1877, that he held a meeting at

Thomas Morgan's place for about 75 people. He was accompanied on that trip by Millard Stake President Thomas Callister and a choir from Oak City." (29-30)