

■ 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.

(History of Morgan County 1999) refers to this book:

<http://digitallibrary.utah.gov/awweb/awarchive?type=file&item=34310>.

Mountains Conquered (1959): <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/99657-mountains-conquered-the-story-of-morgan-with-biographies>

Morgan Stake (1988): <https://digital.weber.edu/details?id=48835>

Morgan County Timeline

Supposedly Bishop Sheets of Salt Lake City 8th Ward presided over the area that is now Morgan and Summit Counties until **1865**. (History of Morgan County, 279-280) *But we can't find any evidence of this beyond this one claim. This is likely a misinterpretation of Sheets service as a traveling agent bishop*

1855

First settlers in Morgan Valley

First settlers in Mountain Green/Weber City area

1856

Jan 5: legislature grants a herd ground "at the south end of Weber Valley" to Thomas Thurston, Jedediah M. Grant, and George W. Thurston¹

First ranchers in Littleton/Milton, presided over by Thomas J. Thurston until 1865, usually called "Thurston's Ranch" or "Thurston & Grant's Ranch" Thurston continues to live in Centerville, Davis County

1857

The ranches in Weber Valley (there are no real settlements yet) are abandoned during the move south

¹ JHC 5 Jan 1860 and 2 Jul 1860, quoting Deseret News

1859

3 Oct: BY writes "Brother Charles S. Peterson, Weber Valley," no indication of leadership.²
28 October: Thomas J. Thurston moves his family to Weber Valley on Deep Creek (Littleton); Peterson is the only other settler in the valley at the time, 6 miles away.³
First settlers in Richville [MC]
Mountain Green settled [MH]

1860

Bishop Thurston moves to new settlement of Milton, but continues to preside over Littleton Stoddard, Round Valley, Morgan City settled
17 October: BY writes to "Elder Thomas J. Thurston, Weber Valley": "I wish you to take charge of the settlements in Weber Valley,... and generally, as a Bishop, attend to the affair of those settlements."⁴ *This sounds like jurisdiction over the entirety valley*
18 October: "A new ward has been organized in Weber Valley, Father Thomas J. Thurston was appointed bishop."⁵ *George A. Smith had been in President Young's office when the letter was written on the 17th*
21 October Lorin Farr, stake president of Weber Stake and James Brown, organized the lower [northern] Weber Valley settlements into a branch, president Charles S. Peterson.⁶ [Peterson MH] *Under or beside Thurston?*
21 October: branch organized at Mountain Green⁷ *EH suggests that Weber City and Mountain Green were initially just a single branch*
21 Oct? *Ira N. Spaulding is first presiding elder of Mountain Green, under Charles Peterson*
28 October: Farr returns to call counselors to Peterson⁸ *Peterson MH says CS Peterson did this himself on this date*

² Brigham Young, letter to Charles S. Peterson 3 Oct 1859, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.5*, p.272, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123/0/1286>

³ Hulda C. Thurston Smith, *Autobiography and Diary*, p.11, Church History Library MS 15394, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/41fd26fa-6589-49c6-a382-f714a97733ed/0/20>. Written in 1925.

⁴ 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/adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123/0/1286>

⁵ George A. Smith, letter to Amasa Lyman Oct 18 1860, *Historian's Office letterpress copybooks, V.1*, p.943, Church History Library CR 100 38 box 1 folder 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=0fc6b8c4-8881-4b11-8d90-b120c89a2163>

⁶ *Morgan Stake 1877-1981: An ecclesiastical history of Morgan County*, Publishers Press, 1988, p.9, <https://digital.weber.edu/details?id=47856>; Jenson, *Church Chronology*, p.64,

<https://archive.org/details/churchchronology00jensrich/page/64>; Linda H. Smith, *A History of Morgan County*, Utah State Historical Society, 1999, p.279, <http://www.riversimulator.org/Resources/History/UtahCounties/HistoryOfMorganCounty1996Smith.pdf>. *In the last source, this entire chapter just cites the 1988 history.*

⁷ Andrew Jenson, *Church Chronology*, 64, <https://archive.org/details/churchchronology00jensrich/page/64/mode/2up>

⁸ *Morgan Stake 1877-1981: An ecclesiastical history of Morgan County*, Publishers Press, 1988, p.9

Thomas Rich is the first Presiding Elder of the settlement under the direction of Bishop Thomas Thurston (EH). MH does not say a branch was organized.

1861

July 23: C.S. Peterson writes Brigham Young from "Mountain Green, North Weber Valley," asking for permission to buy land in the northern valley from the indians, says "Bishop Thurston refuses to do anything in the matter"⁹

24 July: BY responds to Peterson, giving him permission to purchase the land if the terms are fair, and instructs him to work with Bishop Thurston.¹⁰

2 Oct: BY writes "Bishop Thomas J. Thurston, North Weber Valley"¹¹ *This is not the north part of this valley, but the northern valley, with the southern valley around Coalville*

Enterprise settled

Sometime during this year the first schoolhouse was apparently built in **Weber City/Peterson**. (History of Morgan County, 43)

8 December: President Farr divides the county into two wards based on a proposal from the first presidency: "**Weber Valley Lower Ward**" which has the northern settlements (Mountain Green, Weber City (Peterson), Enterprise, North Morgan, Round Valley, and the northern portion of Milton) under Bishop Charles S. Peterson,¹² and the **Morgan Ward** under Bishop Thurston (South Morgan, Littleton, Porterville, Richville and the southern section of Milton); Croyden remained under the leadership of William Hennifer, who presided over Summit County (History of Morgan County, 279) [wards?] *Some secondary sources date this to 1863, not 1861 [EH,MH] Have not found primary sources for either; the context makes more sense here with the dispute between Thurston and Peterson in the preceding months*

Dec 8: At this meeting, Peterson is first appointed Bishop. boundary line between wards was "from Line Creek [Milton] following the east line of the old survey across to the east side of the island, then following up the river" [Peterson MH]

Area around Thurston's Ranch called **Morganville**, later Milton.

Porterville settled [Mountains Conquered]

Branch organized at future North Morgan, Pres. John Parker, part of Peterson Ward¹³

Porterville Branch organized by Acting Bishop Thurston, Pres. Warner Porter Sr.¹⁴

⁹ C.S. Peterson, letter to Brigham Young 23 July 1861, *Brigham Young office files, Incoming Correspondence, General Letters, O-P 1861*, Church History Library box 28 folder 12, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/a2078641-066d-4e78-b7d4-3f5f24b2314f/0/0>

¹⁰ Brigham Young, letter to C.S. Peterson 24 July 1861, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.5*, p.843, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123/0/1726>

¹¹ Brigham Young, letter to Thomas J. Thurston 2 Oct 1861, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.5*, p.899, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

¹² Charles Shreeve Peterson, *Latter-day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.4 p.539, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi04jens/page/538/mode/2up>

¹³ *North Morgan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.4, Church History Library LR 6176 11. This is not a primary record, but a history compiled around 1883.

¹⁴ *West Porterville Ward General Minutes* p.200, Church History Library LR 14575 11

1862

Morgan County was made from Summit County, named in honor of deceased apostle Jedediah Morgan Grant (who had a ranch there)

Mount Joy (North Morgan): Philemon C. Merrel appointed (by Charles Peterson??) to preside at North Morgan (not named in record), replacing John Parker who had moved¹⁵

March 7: Letter from C.S. Peterson, "**Weber City**," about a feud between him and Thurston, the latter claiming "he was the captain over the whole valley" (at least with regards to Indian relations).¹⁶ *This would suggest that the division into two regional wards has not happened yet, or is not clear*

April 7: General bishops meeting includes a counselor from "Weber Valley" Ward.¹⁷

June 11: BY writes "Bishop Thomas J. Thurston, **Upper Ward**, Weber Valley," also referencing Bishop C.S. Peterson¹⁸ as an equal, apparently trying to resolve the above issue

July 18: Letter from "C.S. Peterson, Bishop, **Weber Valley Lower Ward**"¹⁹ *These two letters show that the division has happened, so why is the dispute continuing?*

November: **Lost Creek (Croyden):** first settlers arrive in the area . Levi Savage took lead in ecclesiastical matters (but not PE) until October 1863; part of Henefer congregation (Encyclopedic History: Croyden Ward)

~~Conference at which valley divided into southern (T.J. Thurston) and northern (C.S. Peterson) districts. [MC 74] This conflicts with 1861~~

1863

Apparently in this year the first schoolhouses were built at Enterprise, Morgan, and Richville. (History of Morgan County, 60, 70, 77)

4 January: **Enterprise** saints meeting across the valley at Weber City²⁰

~~Willard G. Smith called to preside over everything to the south of the river as Bishop and Peterson called as Bishop over the north end of the valley to preside over the settlements there. (Encyclopedic History: Peterson) conflicts with 1861 and 1865~~

October: **Lost Creek [Croyden] Branch:** George Shill called as Presiding Elder, under the direction of Henefer Ward (Encyclopedic History: Croyden Ward, History of Morgan County)

¹⁵ *North Morgan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.4

¹⁶ C.S. Peterson, letter to Dimick B. Huntington March 7th 1862, *Brigham Young Office Files*, CR 1234 1 box 84 folder 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=4636f6ba-903c-4a7f-a090-a9e6849fb9e4>

¹⁷ *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>

¹⁸ Brigham Young, letter to Thomas J. Thurston 11 Jun 1862, *Brigham Young Office Files*, Letterbooks, V.6, p.293, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=0c8e23c5-4d6a-446f-8d81-108a52bd39c4>

¹⁹ C.S. Peterson, letter to Brigham Young July 18th 1862, *Brigham Young Office Files*, CR 1234 1 box 85 folder 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=16f81cb6-f818-4576-ad6b-3decfa7b8e72>

²⁰ Jesse Haven, *Journal, 1856 October-1892 December*, image 64. Church History Library MS 890 box 1 folder 5, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=fbf9b97b-313e-4532-a1a6-c2f1f15c736e>

1864

Apparently in this year the first schoolhouses were built at Littleton and Milton. (History of Morgan County, 49, 52)

31 May: BY writes to "Bishop Thomas J. Thurston, Morganville."²¹

4-7 August: BY and other leaders hold meetings in "Weber Valley."²² Mentions Bishop Peterson and Bishop Thurstin (meetings are held at a bowery near his house)

4-7 August: BY and company hold two days' meeting in Morgan County at a bowery at "Bishop Thurston's."²³ Mentions a past feud between Bishop Thurston and "a judge" (Peterson?) over building a bridge over the Weber River. Between sessions they visit "Taggart and Hinman's mill on East Canyon Creek" **[Richville]** and "Br. Stoddard's" across the river **[Stoddard]**. Young instructs surveyor Jesse Fox to lay out a new town (**Morgan City**)

James Henry Robinson replaces Ira N Spaulding as presiding elder of Mountain Green [MH]
Spaulding moved to East Weber (Uintah)

Thomas Rich is presiding elder at Richville, under Bishop Thurston [MH]

(South) Round Valley may have had a branch this early, PE Samuel Carter; a few years later (after 1873) he was replaced by Henry Olpin [MC]

1865

Jan 5: BY writes Bishop Thomas J. Thurston **[Morgan]**, "It may be better ... to make a change in the ward, and to have a new Bishop appointed...We think that it will be desirable...to resign your office as Bishop in the Ward where you are now laboring."²⁴

January 20: Willard G. Smith (who does not yet live in the valley) is appointed as probate judge of Morgan County by the legislature.²⁵ They also create a group to construct a Weber Canyon Road between Ogden and Henefer.

Jan 27: A. Milton Musser (traveling bishop) leaves SLC "with Bros. Jno W. Young [his frequent companion], Wm. W. Cluff [new presiding bishop], & Willard G. Smith [new Morgan Bishop & Judge] for a visit to Wasatch, Summit, & Morgan Counties...Bro. Cluff, by the President's appointment, is set apart to act as Bishop over the Cos of Wasatch, Summit, & Morgan & now he is on his way to be initiated. These 3 Cos will be represented by 3 wards bearing the names of the Co's & all the business will be done in the name of Bp. Wm Cluff."²⁶ *But they don't reach*

²¹ Brigham Young, letter to Thomas J. Thurston 31 May 1864, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.191, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a&crate=0&index=0>

²² Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1860-1865*, p.314, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/801702bf-e607-4f0d-82d0-e0f84b8c2406/0/320>

²³ Pres. Young and Company's Trip to Morgan County, *Deseret News*, V.13 #47 (17 August 1864) p.366,

²⁴ Brigham Young, letter to Thomas J. Thurston Jan 5 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.422, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6

²⁵ Officers elected by the joint vote of the Legislative Assembly, *Deseret News*, V.14 #18 (February 1, 1865) p.139, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2596969>

²⁶ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Jan-Jun*, p.3, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b1eb0af6-2c7f-4a7a-ab5a-83e99437ffee/0/4>

Morgan County on this trip, except Lost Creek on February 6th, likely due to poor road conditions.

Feb 15: A. Milton Musser visits from SLC.²⁷ He stays with “Bro. Peterson” then “visited Thurston alias Morganville alias Copenhagen [Milton] and had meeting.” No mention of organizational changes.

Feb 26: Richard Fry appointed Presiding Elder of South Morgan

March: Willard G. Smith (soon to be Thurston’s son-in-law) is ordained a high priest and bishop and sent to replace Thurston in presiding over the southern settlements in Morgan/Weber Valley: Porterville, Richville, South Morgan, Croydon, and Milton. (Biography of Willard G. Smith, p.11 <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/33936833>)

July 24: Report of the 24th celebration at Morgan City mentions “Bishop W.G. Smith.”²⁸

July 28: BY writes “Bishop Chas. S. Peterson, Weber City”²⁹

August 2: W.W. Cluff reports on “a tour through Morgan County,” mentioning the growing towns of Morganville, Weber City, and Porterville.³⁰ *So he is likely presiding by this time*

20 August: A. Milton Musser, Elijah Sheets (traveling bishops) and W.W. Cluff visit Lost Creek [Croydon] to resolve a dispute that is tearing the branch apart.³¹ “The result of our labors is that George Schell resigns his office as president of this stake...The whole ward...We appointed Bro. James Walker temporarily president over the branch.” *EH says George Knight is the next president*

Nov 11: BY sends A. Milton Musser [general traveling bishop] to Morgan County to scout out settlement sites in Round Valley and on the north side of the Weber River [Enterprise?]³² He locates 4 town sites (unnamed and undescribed), returning 16 November.³³

Enterprise: First townsite surveyed, first called **Enterprise**, community under the direction of Charles S. Peterson of the Peterson Ward. [EH, MH]

Dec 4: BY writes “Bishop W.G. Smith, Morgan City.”³⁴

Bishop Smith appoints Lars P. Christensen to preside over **Milton** [Milton MH]

²⁷ 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-83e99437fee/0/13>

²⁸ The Twenty-Fourth in the Settlements, *Deseret News*, V.14 #44 (August 2, 1865) p.349, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2598304>

²⁹ Brigham Young, letter to Charles S. Peterson, July 28 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.702, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a&crate=0&index=0>

³⁰ Correspondence, *Deseret News*, V.14 #44 (August 2, 1865) p.349, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2598305>

³¹ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Jun-Sep*, p.30, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 11, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/945df2fe-23c4-4d53-8f21-7f745d320ee6/0/31>

³² Brigham Young, open letter 11 Nov 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.811, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a/0/1654>

³³ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Sep-1868 Jan*, p.27, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 12, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/a769d501-cc29-4d8d-a6bf-6e42a09eb3a5/0/30>

³⁴ Brigham Young, letter to W.G. Smith 4 Dec 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.839, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a/0/1710>

1866

April 5: General bishops meeting at conference resumes after a few years hiatus.³⁵ Ward reps include “bishop” of “Morgan.”

May 21/June 4: Reports sent to PB Edward Hunter from “Weber City Ward,” Bishop Charles S. Peterson, and “Morganville,” Bishop Willard G. Smith³⁶

Enterprise: Edward Spencer appointed by Charles S. Peterson to act as Presiding Elder. (EH, MH)

Lars Peter Christensen PE Milton

1867

July: W.W. Cluff and Home Missionary Edward Stevenson visit Morgan County settlements (Morgan Stake 11)

July 14-18: Bishop Cluff and Home Missionary Edward Stevenson tour Morgan County.³⁷ They mention Croydon “Bishop Jas. J. Walker;” Round Valley (a very small settlement), Weber City, “Bishop Peterson,” “Morganville,” [Milton] “Father Hurstings” [Thurston] and “Bishop [PE Lars] Christianson,” Richville, Porterville, Littleton (the county seat), Mount Joy [North Morgan], Morgan City.

12 Oct: A list of wards includes “Weber City Bp C.S.P., Morganville Bp W.G.S.”³⁸

Apparently during this year the entire Milton area became part of the “**Peterson Ward**,” while North Morgan and Round Valley were given over to the **Morgan Ward**. Milton was soon transferred back to Morgan Ward. (Morgan Stake History, 10) *This actually seems to clear up the discrepancy between this history and the biography of Willard G. Smith. It seems that his daughter was describing the wards he was over a couple of years into him being bishop.*

Apparently first schoolhouse built at Porterville this year. (History of Morgan County, 74) *[These “wards” seem to function as stake-like units since there are apparently multiple congregations within them. Cluff being over all of Morgan, Summit, and Wasatch counties also could be described as stake-like.] Milton MH says Milton was transferred back to the Morgan Ward after “a short time”*

1868

January: During this time William W. Cluff still presided over Morgan, Summit, and Wasatch Counties.³⁹

³⁵ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.94, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

³⁶ *Perpetual Emigrating Fund Company outfitting reports, 1866*, Church History Library CR 376 13 box 1 folder 4, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/606fdf2f-7b4a-4e28-9265-ed27cf32cd6b/0/0>

³⁷ Correspondence, *Deseret News* V.16 #31 (July 31 1867) p.247, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2599881>

³⁸ Brigham Young, Note 12 Oct 1867, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.10*, p.423, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 7, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=873e43de-f5b9-4a8a-bfaa-be07a5fdf18f>

³⁹ Jesse Haven, *Journal*, image 69

Spring: Pres. Warner Porter of Porterville Branch dies, replaced by Lyman W. Porter⁴⁰

April 25: In first of a series of published Church directories, the following are listed:⁴¹

- William W. Cluff, Presiding Bishop over the two counties
- Weber City &c: CS Peterson
- Morganville &c: Willard G. Smith
- Lost Creek or Croyden: James Walker

July 16: George A. Smith and A. Milton Musser visit Morgan County, "held a no. of good meetings, well attended."⁴² *The seem to mostly be meeting with the men grading the railroad.*

~~Morgan absorbs Mt. Joy (North Morgan)~~

New schoolhouse built in Littleton. (History of Morgan County, 49)

1869

Apparently first schoolhouse built in Stoddard. (History of Morgan County, 63)

Lost Creek (Croyden): James Walker moves, George Knight temporarily presides; replaced by Ephraim Swann that fall. (Encyclopedic History: Croyden Ward)

Early: Alma Porter chosen as president of Porterville Branch⁴³

Mount Joy (North Morgan): branch is transferred from Peterson's (lower) Ward to Smith's (upper) Ward.⁴⁴ President P.C. Merrel moves, David Robinson takes charge as head teacher

Fall: **Enterprise:** Jesse Haven called as Presiding Elder. (EH, MH)

October 7: In general conference, several bishops and many others are "called to go on short missions to the Eastern States" (probably to do business for the cooperative mercantile program), including Bishop Charles S. Peterson of Weber City.⁴⁵ *Counselors will likely be serving as "acting bishops" in their place.*

1870

March: Joseph F. Smith holds meetings in Morgan (Morgan Stake History, 12)

John Robinson replaces James H. Robinson as presiding elder of Mountain Green

Apparently first schoolhouse built in Round Valley. (History of Morgan County, 72)

Jonathan Hemmenway PE **Richville**

1871

Richville: Jonathan Hemmingway is called as Presiding Elder, who was succeeded by John Seaman and then Gillespie W. Waldron. (Encyclopedic History: Richville)

⁴⁰ *West Porterville Ward General Minutes* p.201

⁴¹ Church Directory, *Salt Lake Daily Telegraph*, V.4 #253 (25 April 1868) p.4

⁴² A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1868 April – 1869 May*, p.24, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 13, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/c64a4e26-13fc-47a1-af3d-60ced5d4e66a/0/26>

⁴³ *West Porterville Ward General Minutes* p.201

⁴⁴ *North Morgan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.8.

⁴⁵ Thirty-Ninth Semi-Annual Conference, *Deseret News*, V.18 #36 (13 Oct 1869) p.426, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2604075>

Lost Creek (Croyden): George Thackery called as Presiding Elder. (Encyclopedic History: Croyden Ward) *But Swann is still listed in 1873*

1872

9 Sep: BY's secretary writes "Bishop C.S. Peterson, Peterson, Morgan Co."⁴⁶

New schoolhouses built at Weber City/Peterson and Richville. (History of Morgan County, 44, 77)

1873

New schoolhouse built at Enterprise. (History of Morgan County, 60) There were presumably other schoolhouses built at the other settlements that weren't listed here, but they didn't have dates listed in the History of Morgan County, so they haven't been listed here yet. It would seem that by 1873 all the settlements had their own schoolhouses/meeting houses, so they could be considered separate wards with a presiding bishop over a collection of the different wards.

19 March List of Presiding Elders and Bishops⁴⁷ *no indication given of whether each unit was a ward or branch.*

- C.S. Peterson is presiding bishop of these "wards": **Mountain Green** (Eli Spaulding), **Weber City** (C.S. Peterson), **Enterprise** (Jesse Haven).
- W.G. Smith is presiding bishop over these "places": **Milton** (L.P. Christiansen), **Littleton** (W.G. Smith), **Richville** (John Seaman), **Porterville** (Alma Porter), **Morgan City** (Richard Fry), **Round Valley** (Samuel Carter).
- **Croyden** (Ephraim Swann)
- W.W. Cluff presides over all of Morgan County and northern Summit County.

May 11: "District Conference at Coalville, Bishop W.W. Cluff Presiding." "The district was composed of the north half of Summit and whole of Morgan Counties." Reports from **Enterprise Branch** (Jesse Haven); **Porterville Branch** (Alma Porter); **South [North?] Morgan Branch** (Samuel Francis); **Unionville Branch** (A Winters); **Coalville Branch** (Robert Salmon); **Upton Branch** (Joseph Huff); **Henneferville Branch** (C Richens); **Round Valley Branch** (Samuel Carter); **South Morgan Branch** (Bishop WG Smith) *Croyden, Littleton, Milton, Mountain Green, Richville, Echo not mentioned*⁴⁸

May 14: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as March:⁴⁹

⁴⁶ D. McKenzie, letter to C.S. Peterson 9 Sep 1872, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.13*, p.205, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559>

⁴⁷ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News* V.22 #7 (March 19 1873) p.103 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2622070>

⁴⁸ Conference at Coalville, *Deseret News* V.22 #18 (June 4 1873) p.279 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2618910>, <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=Aul-kAQHnToC&dat=18730604&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>

⁴⁹ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.6 #147 (May 14 1873) p.4, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23160976>

1874

Jan 15, 29: Bishop of "Littleton Ward" attends presiding bishops meeting⁵⁰ *Likely WG Smith; is he living in Littleton, not Morgan, at this time?*

May 17: Charles Peterson calls John Robinson Jr. as PE Mountain Green Branch [Peterson MH; Mountain Green MH says 1870. It is possible that Andrew Jenson missed the presidency of Eli Spaulding, which could have been 1870-1874]

May 27: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as May 1873.⁵¹

Oct 21: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as May.⁵²

November 14: "A conference for Morgan and the north half of Summit Counties" held in Morgan, Bishop WW Cluff Presiding. Reports from branches: **Porterville Branch** (PE Alma Porter), **Upton Branch** (PE --- Huff), **Milton Branch** (PE LP Christiansen), unnamed branches led by Jesse Haven [**Enterprise**], Gillispie Waldron [**Richville**], David Robison [???]. Cluff then interrupts and says there is not enough time to hear reports from the rest of the branches. Elders called to preach in the **Morgan Ward**, **Weber City Ward**, and the north half of Summit County.⁵³ *This suggests that the Morgan and Weber City Wards, each with a bishop, included several organized branches.*

Ephraim Swann released as PE **Croyden** (apparently he was at odds with SLC High Council), WW Cluff calls George Knight

1875

Jan 6: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as October 1874.⁵⁴

March 7: West Porterville Branch organized by Bp. Willard G. Smith, President Thomas Brough.⁵⁵ Alma Porter continues as PE East Porterville.

9 June: New list of presiding elders and bishops. The list for Morgan & Summit is described exactly the same as in 1873.⁵⁶

July 4: **Milton:** a branch organized with Jens Hansen called as Presiding Elder (EH, MH)

August 21-22: Two days' meeting at Morgan held by traveling apostles (Woodruff, Cannon, Taylor) and E.F. Sheets.⁵⁷ No local leaders mentioned

⁵⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.291

⁵¹ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #17 (May 27 1874) p.267, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2635244>

⁵² Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #38 (October 21 1874) p.603, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2613752>

⁵³ North Summit and Morgan County Conference, *Deseret News* V.23 #44 (December 2 1874) p.699 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2614373>

⁵⁴ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #49 (January 6 1875) p.782, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2614880>

⁵⁵ *West Porterville Ward General Minutes*, p.2, 201, Church History Library LR 14575 11

⁵⁶ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News* V.24 #19 (June 9 1875) p.295 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2640773>

⁵⁷ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1873-1880*, p.139, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/eb07ddd8-d258-43b3-82fd-1b0bc186b269/0/138>; Home Missionary Work, *Deseret News*, V.24 #32 (September 8 1875) p.503, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2641986>

November 13: regional conference at Weber City, presided over by William W. Cluff (Morgan Stake 12, Peterson MH)

29 December: New list of Presiding Elders and Bishops.⁵⁸ Mp:700339 Same as March 1873, except:

- Croyden listed under Presiding Bishop W.G. Smith
- Different leaders: **Milton**, Jens Hansen; **Littleton**, G.H. Giles; **Richville**, Glaspie Waldron, **Croyden**, George Knight
- Different units: **East Porterville**, Alma Porter; **West Porterville**, Thomas Brough; **South Morgan**, Richard Fry; **North Morgan**, Charles Turner

1876

January 12: List of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as December 1875.⁵⁹

March 31: Jesse Haven released as president of Enterprise Branch, replaced by Thomas Palmer. [EH, MH] Later in the year, WW Cluff calls John K. Hall as PE. *But Haven is still listed in primary sources through 1876*

Dec 18: Daniel H. Wells writes Jesse Haven, Enterprise about an issue in "your settlement."⁶⁰

December 22: Final published list of Bishops and Presiding Elders (*=new in 1876).⁶¹

- PB Wm W Cluff
 - PB C.S. Peterson
 - Mountain Green, Eli Spaulding
 - Weber City, C.S. Peterson
 - Enterprise, Jesse Haven
 - PB W.G. Smith
 - Milton, Jens Hansen
 - Littleton, J.H. Giles
 - Richville, Glaspie Waldron
 - East Porterville, Alma Porter
 - West Porterville, Thomas Brough
 - South Morgan, Richard Fry
 - North Morgan, Charles Turner
 - *Croyden, George Knight

Jens Hansen moves away from **Milton**, Eli Whitear becomes presiding elder [MH]

~~John Seaman PE **Richville**, later replaced by Gillespie Waldron [Waldron mentioned in 1875]~~

⁵⁸ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #48 (December 29 1875) p.755, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2643418>

⁵⁹ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #50 (January 12 1876) p.795, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2643628>

⁶⁰ Daniel H. Wells, letter to Jesse Haven 18 December 1876, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.14, p.653, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/8ee2bf6f-8a90-4bd6-943d-532c27f3aae2>

⁶¹ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 #27 (December 22, 1876) p.4, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23166497>

1877

June 30-July 1: Conference to organize Morgan Stake.⁶² mp:700864

- President Willard G. Smith, counselors, high council, MP quorums.
- South Morgan Ward: Bp. Charles Turner
- North Morgan Ward: Bp. Wyman M. Parker
- Richville Ward: Bp. Albert D. Dixon
- East Porterville Ward: Bp. Joseph R. Porter
- Milton Ward: Bp. Eli Whitear
- Enterprise Ward: Bp. John K. Hall
- Weber Ward, Bp. Chas. S. Petersen
- Croyden Ward, Bp. John Hopkins
- *Littleton, West Porterville, Mountain Green, Round Valley not mentioned??*

July 1: at 8:45am, a leadership meeting is held to decide on leaders; at 10:00 in public meeting they are sustained, and in the evening a meeting is held where all stake leaders and bishops of "8 wards" are ordained, along with most counselors.⁶³

July 3: *Deseret Evening News* reprints its bishop/presiding bishop directory, as in 1876, even though the reorganization has made it out of date. Differences from 1876:⁶⁴

- Mountain Green, John Robinson

September 31: Stake priesthood meeting.⁶⁵ Several new bishops report their wards. Also, "West Porterville Branch, President Thomas Brough," "Bishop Chas S. Peterson, Peterson Ward,"

November 17: Stake Conference.⁶⁶ Same officers listed as in July, except:

- West Porterville, [Bishop] Thos. Brough, ordained with counselors at this meeting.
- Charles S. Peterson has sent in his resignation (moving away) and is honorably released, "Peterson Ward was left with a vacancy, the Presidency of the Stake to appoint some person to preside"
- *Still no mention of Littleton, Mountain Green, Round Valley*

December 1: Stake priesthood meeting.⁶⁷ President [WG] Smith appoints Lawrence Robison as president of Peterson Ward or Branch, to be sustained and ordained as bishop at the next stake conference.

Mountain Green is part of Peterson Ward, PE John Robinson [MH]

Littleton part of Milton Ward [Mountains Conquered]

⁶² Organization at Morgan, *Deseret News*, V.26 #23 (July 11 1877) p.354

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2627360>; Stake Conference Minutes, *Morgan Stake General Minutes*, V.3 p.1, Church History Library LR 5777 11

⁶³ Franklin D. Richards, *Journal*, V.25 (1877) p.216, Church History Library MS 1215, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/7ff188c1-fd52-43ca-aac6-48bfc12ab138/0/215>

⁶⁴ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 #189 (July 3, 1877) p.4, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23167307>

⁶⁵ Morgan Stake Priesthood Meeting Minutes, *Morgan Stake General Minutes*, V.1 p.1, Church History Library LR 5777 11

⁶⁶ Morgan County Stake Conference, *Deseret News*, V.26 #43 (November 28, 1877) p.684, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2629182>; *Morgan Stake General Minutes*, V.3 p.7

⁶⁷ Morgan Stake Priesthood Meeting Minutes, *Morgan Stake General Minutes*, V.1 p.6, Church History Library LR 5777 11

1878

15 Jan: List of wards and bishops, including Morgan Stake⁶⁸ mp:700350

- John Hopkins, Croyden
- Wyman M. Parker, North Morgan
- Charles Turner, South Morgan
- Albert Dickson, Richville
- Joseph R. Porter, East Porterville
- Thomas Brough, West Porterville
- Eli Whitear, Milton
- J K Hall, Enterprise
- _____, Peterson
- W.G. Smith, President of Stake

⁶⁸ Names of Presidency and Bishops of the Organized Stakes of Zion, *Deseret Evening News*, V.11 #45 (15 Jan 1878) p.6, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23168119>