

1863

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Feb/Mar: First settlers of Circle Valley under PE William Allred

24 Oct: First settlers of Marysville [MH]

May 31: Orson Hyde reports on a trip to the “new settlements on the Sevier.”² Includes Mary’s Vale (no settlers yet); Circle Valley “at the forks of the Sevier.” confirms Wm Allred as President (22nd).

Nov 12: Orson Hyde reports on visit to nascent Sevier settlements.³ Mentions developments at Circleville, “our upper settlement on the Sevier”

Parowan President W.H. Dame organizes a branch at Fairview, with Jens Neilson as bishop

1865

March 17: letter from W.W. Hammond in Fairview [now Panguitch], Piede County. “**Fairview** is a new settlement formed on the Sevier River, 15 miles north-east of Pangych or Fish Lake...The 16th inst. was the first anniversary of the settlement...” Mentions “Chaplain, Wm. W.

Hammond,” “President, Jens Nielsen,” and Jesse Lander.⁴

June 2ish: visiting Southern Mission President Erastus Snow sets Jens Nielsen apart as PE and AB of **Panguitch Branch**⁵ [so is it under Parowan Stake or Southern Mission?], 70 families living here.

¹ Correspondence, *Deseret News Supplement*, April 26 1865 p.237
<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2597617>

² Orson Hyde, letter to George A. Smith 31 May 1864, *George A. Smith papers, General Correspondence, Incoming Letters, F-J 1864*, MS 1322,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=685e0065-336a-4bea-bb7e-2ae861de2304&crate=0&index=21>

³ Orson Hyde, letter to Brigham Young 12 November 1864, *Brigham Young office files, General Correspondence, Incoming, Letters from Church Leaders and Others, Orson Hyde, 1864-1865*, CR 1234 1 box 40 folder 4, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=06feb949-20c6-45c3-b96e-9f1c39060a3d>

⁴ Correspondence, *Deseret News Supplement*, April 26 1865 p.237
<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2597617>

⁵ James G. Bleak, *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, Church History Library MS 318, Book A p.267,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=1ffea33-7cc2-4408-8c2f-5f1b3730c4f7&crate=0&index=114>

Sep 10: Traveling Bishop A. Milton Musser (and Franklin D. Richards) visit Marysvale, “Jno. Beal presiding,” Circleville, “William Jackson Allred presiding,” and Panguitch on the 11th, “Bro. Jens Neilsen presides here”⁶

September 12: letter from Franklin D. Richards at **Panguitch** during the Black Hawk War mentions “Bro. Jens Neilsen is the presiding Elder of the place.” Also lists settlements (not called branches) along the Sevier River, including “...Next **Marysvale**, Piute Co. 15 miles [from Alma] with but 7 families wives and babies now moved to Circleville. Next **Circleville** Co. Seat of Piute Co. 23 miles with about 100 families. Thence to this place about 25 miles & 70 families not at present all here.”⁷ mp:700342

Nov 19: Orson Hyde clearly states that he authorized settlement of Circleville, and it is under his Sanpete-Sevier apostolic jurisdiction (not Erastus Snow)⁸ Some people are abandoning it in fear of Indian troubles, against his wishes.

1866

April-May: Reports to PB Edward Hunter from President Andrew Hendriksen—Marysvale, William I. Allred—Circleville, all part of “Sanpete.”⁹

June: after the Circleville Massacre, it and Marysvale and Panguitch are abandoned. [MH]

August 16, 1866: Refugees in Parowan are eager to resettle Panguitch.¹⁰ They are continuing to visit Panguitch to tend their farms.

April 28: First Presidency writes “President Orson Hyde and the Bishops and Saints in Sanpete, Sevier and Piute Counties” about settlement abandonment procedures and other wartime policy.¹¹

1868

Marysvale resettled by non-Mormons with the discovery of gold in the mountains [MH]

⁶ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Sep-1868 Jan*, p.3, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 12, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/a769d501-cc29-4d8d-a6bf-6e42a09eb3a5/0/4>

⁷ Letter from Franklin D. Richards to Brigham Young, September 12 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Incoming Correspondence*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 41 folder 24, https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE3977311

⁸ Orson Hyde, letter to Brigham Young 19 November 1865, *Brigham Young office files, General Correspondence, Incoming, Letters from Church Leaders and Others, Orson Hyde, 1864-1865*, CR 1234 1 box 40 folder 4, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=6bbec915-7c24-4e81-a57a-6612125b9f3e>

⁹ *Perpetual Emigrating Fund Company outfitting reports, 1866*, Church History Library CR 376 13 box 1 folder 8, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/113df13e-01c6-4df6-93f9-2e176579add0/0/20>

¹⁰ Letter from John S. Hyatt to George A. Smith, August 16 1866, *George A. Smith Papers: General Correspondence*, Church History Library MS 1322 box 7 folder 5 p.44 <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8f468222-8282-4c68-9675-73502dce27d7&crate=0&index=43>

¹¹ First Presidency, letter to Orson Hyde and others 28 April 1866, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.8, p.342, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=b3c72fee-6f44-4ce6-8a9f-5cf38b6153d1>

April 25: In first of a series of published Church directories, Pangwitch (Elder Nielsen) is listed in Iron County, under [Three-]County President Erastus Snow.¹² mp:700394
August 4: Last of a series of published Church directories, Panguitch not listed.¹³

1869

Bullion City settled by miners

1870

March: Panguitch gradually resettled

1871

March 20: company arrives to resettle Panguitch, led by George W. Sevy (appointed by Erastus Snow)¹⁴

May 5-7: at Southern Mission Conference in St. George, George W. Sevy (counselor in Harmony bishopric) announces he has been called to Panguitch to preside.¹⁵ mp:700279

Panguitch resettled, George Washington Sevy Acting(?) Bishop¹⁶

Hillsdale settled by Joel H. Johnson and others

1872

First settlers in Sevier headwaters (Mammoth, Asay) from Panaca area: Meltiar Hatch and Joseph Asay and their families. Meltiar Hatch is eventually[?] appointed presiding elder [Mammoth MH]

May 7: First Presidency calls Joseph A. Young (son of Brigham Young) to “travel in the settlements in Sevier County, and adjacent country between Gunnison and Kanab, to instruct the people ... and to counsel with the local presiding officers in the general management and direction of affairs in their settlements.”¹⁷ *Sounds like more of an advisory role than a presidential one, probably similar to what the apostles are doing in other counties. This clearly gives him some jurisdiction over Circleville and Panguitch.*

¹² Church Directory, *Salt Lake Daily Telegraph*, V.4 #253 (25 April 1868) p.4

¹³ Church Directory, *Salt Lake Daily Telegraph*, V.5 #25 (4 Aug 1868) p.4

¹⁴ *Panguitch Ward general minutes*, V.4 p.20, Church History Library LR 6719 11. This portion of the record is not primary, but a retrospective history written much later.

¹⁵ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, 1871 p.19,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=68c82a05-8aca-4ec8-ba64-9ab3eef07f5b&crate=0&index=18>

¹⁶ George Washington Sevy, *Latter-day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.800,
<https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/800/mode/2up>

¹⁷ First Presidency, open letter 7 May 1872, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.13, 1872-1875, p.69, Church History Library CR 1234 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=d67ba765-d117-4513-aec2-2cdf8cbfd9&crate=0&index=228>

1873

March 19: in list of all congregations and leaders, **Panguitch** is listed as an isolated branch/ward, leader GW Sevy, no Presiding Bishop or connected to other wards or stakes.¹⁸
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This continues in 1874-1876.

24 Sep: A. Milton Musser (BY's secretary) writes "Bro. Bp. G W Sevy, Panguitch Ward"¹⁹ *Is he really a bishop? Is Panguitch really a ward?*

Mammoth [Hatch] (Pres. Meltiar Hatch), Hillsdale, and Asay are branches of Panguitch Ward [MH]

First settlers in Grass Valley

1874

May 24: Sevier Stake organized, apparently covering the entire upper Sevier basin.

May 27: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as above.²⁰

27 June: J.A. Young (Sevier Stk Pres.), A.K. Thurber (Sevier Stk couns), and R.W. Young (Kanab UO Pres.) hold conference in Panguitch to organize the United Order.²¹ "Bishop Sevy" conducts (subsequent entries frequently call him bishop). JA Young speaks, clearly claiming "his appointment to preside over this place." UO officers include President George W. Sevy and Nephi Johnson "from Hillsdale"

6 July: JA Young returns to preside over a court against Sevy (affirming his jurisdiction).

Decision not recorded, but Sevy continues as bishop.²²

July 7: JA Young organizes a High Priests quorum for "Panguitch and country round about," JL Heywood president.²³ *This suggests Young considered this as part of Sevier Stake.* Quorum continues to meet through 1877, reaffirmed when the stake is organized in 1877.

July 7: George W. Sevy is ordained a high priest.²⁴ *No mention of bishopric at this time, but he must not have been an ordained bishop before.*

Oct 21: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as above.²⁵

Hillsdale Branch of Panguitch (dependent) organized about 1874, Pres. Nephi Johnson; sometime before 1877, he moved away and was replaced by Seth Johnson (EH, MH)

¹⁸ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.22 #7 (March 19 1873) p.103, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2622070>

¹⁹ A.M. Musser, letter to G.W. Sevy 24 Sep 1873, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.13, p.461, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559>

²⁰ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #17 (May 27 1874) p.267, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2635244>

²¹ *Panguitch Ward General Minutes*, p.21

²² *Panguitch Ward General Minutes*, p.21

²³ *Panguitch Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Minutes*, V.2 p.103, Church History Library LR 6718 13

²⁴ *Panguitch Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Minutes*, V.3 p.11, Church History Library LR 6718 13

²⁵ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #38 (January 6 1875) p.603, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2613752>

1875

Jan 6: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as above.²⁶

March: Circle Valley resettled

May 7: St. George Stake Conference mentions "Jesse W. Crosby, Jr, president of Panguitch Stake"²⁷

Jun 29: first pioneers in **Escalante** from Panguitch, attempting to build irrigation canals but not settling permanently yet. Andrew P. Schow is called by Panguitch Bishop George Sevy to preside, but unsure if there is an official branch organization (*EH* says it was, *MH* doesn't say).

August: Sevier Stake President Joseph A. Young dies, counselors A.K. Thurber and William Seegmiller act as co-presidents. *It is likely that their supervision of the Panguitch area diminished as they attempted to stay afloat in Sevier County.*

September 14: Several church leaders pass through the area on the way to St. George, apostle Franklin D. Richards mentions Bullionville, Circleville, Panguitch ("100 families"), Meltiah Hatch's settlement "at Mammoth Springs"²⁸

Nov 18: A.K. Thurber reports on the situation in Sevier County after Young's death, "Since our appointment to the temporary presidency of this district by Bro. Wells while in-[?] for St. George...", mentions visiting Panguitch.²⁹ [part of Sevier Stake?]

1876

March: First permanent settlers in Potato Valley (Escalante), meetings are being held, but no branch organization mentioned before 1877 [*MH*]

December 22: Final published list of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as 1873.³⁰

Clifton Branch (later Cannonville) organized, PE Jonathan T. Packer, dep. Panguitch (*EH*)

1877

January 20: BY writes AK Thurber (acting Pres. Sevier Stake), answering several questions he has asked, including:³¹

²⁶ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #49 (January 6 1875) p.782, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2614880>

²⁷ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, 1875 p.41, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=ed19f97f-a05c-4ba4-9616-cac5bbd3c4db&crate=0&index=40>

²⁸ Franklin D. Richards, *Journal*, V.23 p.285, Church History Library MS 1215, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/bb9586d0-592c-4022-8de0-e69849f1c172/0/0>

²⁹ A.K. Thurber, letter to Brigham Young 18 November 1875, *Brigham Young Office Files*, General Correspondence, Incoming, General Letters, St-To 1875, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 36 folder 5, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8dd54238-8403-4819-8771-e45cb8f8e74a>

³⁰ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 #27 (December 22, 1876) p.4, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23166497>

³¹ Brigham Young, letter to A.K. Thurber, 20 January 1877, *Brigham Young Office Files*, Letterbooks, V.16, p.14, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/79ed6fe2-0ede-4497-9c04-a49c4cd82785>

- The Sevier Stake may extend to Circleville, not to Panguitch
- A branch can be organized in Circleville if there are enough members

Feb: Kingston settled as a united order, led by Thomas R. King (downstream from current town)

April 23: Conference to organize a stake in Panguitch.³² mp:700343 In addition to several apostles is "Bishop G.W. Sevy and counselors"

Boundaries of Panguitch Stake: "to include the settlements of the Sevier Valley South as far as the upper crossing of the river at Asay's Place, and north as far as and including Circle Valley, also all East on the East Fork and head of the Pahrea and Potato Valley."

One branch at Potato Valley, called Escalante

" " on Pahrea, called Clifton [Cannonville]

" " on East Fork of Sevier [Antimony?]

" " at Perkins' Settlement, including Hillsdale

" " on Mammoth Spring Creek, including both streams [Hatch]

" " at the mill and lake up the Panguitch Creek

" " in Circle Valley [Circleville/Kingston].

One at or near the mouth of Otter Creek [Antimony?]

For President of this stake, James Henrie and counselors

High Council, including some from Mammoth Spring, Panguitch, Hillsdale, Escalante, Clifton, Circle Valley

Presidents of Seventies, High priests, priests, teachers, deacons; supt of Sunday school.

6 May: Sevier Stake Acting President Thurber calls William King as Presiding Elder and acting bishop for Kingston Branch³³

May 13: Meeting at Escalante led by stake counselors. Andrew P. Schow set apart as "bishop for Escalante."³⁴

August 2: Bishops ordained for Kingston, Hillsdale, Escalante, and Clifton³⁵

August 4: Pangwitch Stake Conference, Erastus Snow presiding. Ward organizations that were previously proposed are sustained:³⁶ mp:700345

- Kingston Ward (in Circle Valley), Bishop Wm. King and counselors
- Escalanta Ward, Bishop Andrew P. Schow and counselors
- Hillsdale Ward, Bishop Seth Johnson and counselors
- Clifton Ward, Bishop Johnathan T. Packer, no counselors

³² Panguitch Stake Organization Report, *Historian's Office Local Minutes and Records*, Church History Library CR 100 589 box 1 folder 41, https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE6519123; Summary in Local and Other Matters, *Deseret News*, V.26 #14 (May 9 1877) p.209 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2626624>; *Panguitch Stake minute entries* (typescript), Church History Library LR 6718 25

³³ *Richfield Stake General Minutes*, p.124

³⁴ Andrew Peter Schow, *Latter-day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.544, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/544>

³⁵ *Panguitch Stake minutes* (typescript), Church History Library LR 6718 25

³⁶ Pangwitch Conference, *Deseret News* V.26 #30 (August 29 1877) p.471 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2628026>; *Panguitch Stake minute entries*

August 5: Clifton Ward organized, Bishop Jonathan T. Packer [EH], Hillsdale Ward organized, Bishop Seth Johnson [EH, MH]. When Hillsdale Ward is organized, Bishop Johnson appoints Abram S. Workman as new PE over Mammoth and Asay [Mammoth MH]

Dec 1: Panguitch Stake Conference.³⁷_{mp: 700346} Sustainings include:

- James Henrie president, counselors George W. Sevy and Jesse W. Crosby Jr. and high council
- Pangwitch Ward, Bishop George W. Sevy and counselors
- Kingston Ward, Bishop Wm. King and counselors
- Hillsdale Ward, Bishop Seth Johnson and counselors
- Escalante Ward, Bishop Andrew P. Schow and counselors
- Clifton Ward, Bishop Jonathan T. Packer and one counselor

Dec 15: Bishop J.T. Packer writes to Deseret News that the town of Clifton has been moved to a new site 1.5 miles north, and renamed Cannonville³⁸_{mp: 700346}

1878

15 Jan: List of wards and bishops, including Panguitch Stake³⁹ mp:700350

- George W Sevy, Panguitch
- Seth Johnson, Hillsdale
- Jonathan T Packer, Clifton
- A P Schow, Escalante
- William King, Kingston
- James Henrie, President of Stake

³⁷ Pangwitch Stake Conference, *Deseret News* V.26 #48 (2 Jan 1878) p.766, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2629536>

³⁸ Correspondence, *Deseret News* V.26 #48 (2 Jan 1878) p.766, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2629536>

³⁹ 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>