

Parowan Stake Timeline

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Church Leadership:

President, Iron Mission

- George A. Smith
- Elisha H. Groves (counselors: John Lyman Smith and Matthew Carruthers)

Stake Presidents

- John Calvin Lazell Smith, 1852-1856 (counselors: James Henry Martineau and Jesse Nathaniel Smith)
- William Horne Dame, 1856-1881

Bishop “of the stake”

- William L. Warren (ordained 20 November 1859)
- Tarlton Lewis¹

Bishops of Parowan Wards²

- Four Wards³
 - Anson Call, 1st Ward, 1851-1852
 - Tarlton Lewis, 2nd Ward, 1851-1852
 - Daniel Miller, 3rd Ward, 1851-1852
 - Joseph L. Robinson, 4th Ward, 1851-1852
- Four wards collapsed into one
 - Tarleton Lewis, Parowan Ward, 1856-1859
 - William S. Warren, Parowan Ward, 1859-1869 (Daniel Page, 1st Counselor, presided while Warren served a mission in Europe, 1865-1867).
- Two wards created
 - Herman D. Bayles, 1st Ward, 1869-1880
 - Samuel Rogers, 2nd Ward, 1869-1885

<https://parowan.org/history/religion-history/>

Bishops of Paragonah⁴

- William H. Dame, Presiding Elder, 1853

¹ Jackson, Ronald Vern, ed. *Parowan, Iron County, UT, 1854 ward census*. Vol. 2. Early Mormon Series. West Jordan, Utah: Genealogical Services, 2001, iii.

² Shirts, Morris A., and Kathryn H. Shirts. *A Trial Furnace: Southern Utah's Iron Mission*. Provo, Brigham Young UP.

Bagley, Will. “Parowan Settled By Mormons 150 Years Ago.” *Utah History To Go*. Salt Lake Tribune, 13 Jan 2001. <http://historytogo.utah.gov/salt_lake_tribune/historyr_matters/011301.html>.

³ Benson, Richard M., (compiler), *History of the Parowan Third Ward, 1851-1981*.

⁴ *A Memory Bank for Paragonah*. Community Press, Provo, UT. Betsy Topham Camp, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, 1990. Print.

- Orson B. Adams, Presiding Elder, 1855(re-establishment)-1869
- Silas S. Smith, 1869-1877

Bishops of Summit⁵

- Presiding Elders:
 - William Dalley, 1860-1871
 - Edward Davis, 1871-1873
 - Sylvanus Cyrus Hulet, 1873-1877

Stake Organization⁶

- Temporary organization, 1851-1877
- Permanent organization, 1877-present
- Consisted of nine wards & branches
 - Parowan First,
 - Parowan Second
 - Paragonah
 - Cedar City
 - Summit
 - Kanarra
 - Harmony
 - Johnson (branch)
 - Hamilton (branch)

1849

29 October -- Charles C. Rich was the first Mormon known to take note of the iron deposits along the Old Spanish Trail. Rich recorded in his journal, “after traveling 8 miles came to a good spring at the point of a mountain in the south end of the Valley, 6 miles further came to Little Muddy [or “Coal Creek,” the future site of Cedar City] a good sized creek, plenty timber & grass 8 miles further where we came to some springs [Iron Springs]. [H]ere we found iron ore.”⁷

24 November -- 47 men, traveling with 12 wagons, 24 yoke of oxen, 38 horses and mules, a brass cannon and food for about three months left Salt Lake Valley.⁸

Fall - Apostle Parley P. Pratt led a party of 50 men to explore the surrounding area that was Utah’s first southern white settlement. The exploring party found iron ore and coal in the valley of the Little Salt Lake. Settlement was suggested along “Center Creek”

⁵ Dalley, H. Ivan and Howard H. Dalley, History of Summit, 1967. Print.

⁶ Jackson, Ronald Vern, ed. *Parowan, Iron County, UT, 1854 ward census*. Vol. 2. Early Mormon Series. West Jordan, Utah: Genealogical Services, 2001, iii.

Jensen, Andrew. *Encyclopedia History Of The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints*, Salt Lake City: Deseret News Publishing Co., 1941, 640-643.

⁷ Shirts and Shirts, *A Trial Furnace*, 7-8.

⁸ Shirts and Shirts, *A Trial Furnace*, 9.

25 December -- The exploring party has a president (David Fullmer) voted to preside over part of the camp which remained with the wagons. They stay at Red Creek. [Paragonah] A captain and a clerk are called as well.

28 December -- It is apparent that the exploring company had split. [Parley P. Pratt leads one group south to the Virgin River, while the other half stays around Parowan.]

1850

8 January -- Apostle Parley P. Pratt raised a liberty pole above Heap's Spring and dedicated the future site of "The City of Little Salt Lake"

31 January -- Iron County was established as a county of the State of Deseret.¹⁰

27 July -- In the LDS newspaper, Deseret News, 50 men of talent and skill were asked to volunteer to colonize and help to open the mines by the Presidency of the Church. They were being asked to forsake their wives and children for one year, but they were promised that they would receive an hundredfold for their sacrifice. Little interest was shown and so church leaders resorted to calling Saints on one-year "callings" to the Iron County Mission.

26 October -- George A. Smith analyzed needed manpower and logistical skills and issuing calls to qualified men. The Seventies met in the Bowery on Temple Square. George A. Smith called 100 men by name to join the proposed 12-month mission to southern Utah

16 November -- Those George A. Smith called were listed in the *Deseret News* with another plea for more volunteers.

Brother Geo. A. Smith the president of the mission to L.S. Lake calls for 50 volunteers, and it is right ... that brethren who can, should respond to the call, and not press him, in the multitude of his cares, to run about the country to pick them up. Some of the brethren may have a delicacy in volunteering their services, and would say "I am ready to go if I have a call, but I don't like to volunteer; if the president wants me he will lay his hand on me and I am ready to go." Just right, brethren, exactly right; fifty of you not advertised in this paper, who can go (and you could all go if a mob were at your heels,) come forward and volunteer, for you not only have a call but the president's hand is on you, and you are wanted. The mission is an important one, as thousands of the saints will be ready to testify when they have spent a few years in the mountains without a stove to cook by, or keep themselves warm; a kettle to boil soap in; or a mill to grind their wheat, because there was no castings or iron by which it might be constructed. No mob is wanting to fill such a glorious mission, warm hearts will stimulate the whole. Come brethren, volunteer, and get ready."

⁹ Journal History of the Church Notes. CR 100 137

¹⁰ <https://www.genealogyinc.com/utah/iron-county/>

3 December -- the Deseret General Assembly created Iron County.¹¹

15 December --Apostle George A. Smith and the colonizing company left Provo and began their journey south. He named the camp the “Iron County Mission” and declared that they were “as much on a mission as though we were sent to Preach the Gospel.” Smith appointed Elisha H. Groves as a superintending bishop to mediate any differences that should arise in camp. Other bishops with their counselors had been called to “Preside in meetings & to administer the Sacrament & to be like fathers to the camp.” Henry Lunt was called to act as Apostle Smith’s “private clerk” and John D. Lee was called to be the “general clerk of the camp.” The wagon train was divided into two companies of 50 or so each.

Anson Call, captain of the “1st 50”	Simon Baker, captain of the “2nd 50”
Aaron B. Cherry (captain 1st ten)	Wm. C. Mitchell (captain 1st ten)
Elijah F. Sheets (captain 2nd ten)	Tarlton Lewis (captain 2nd ten)
Elijah Newman (captain 3rd ten)	John Barnard (captain 3rd ten)
William H. Dame (captain 4th ten)	Andrew Love (captain 4th ten)
Orson B. Adams (captain 5th ten)	Samuel Bringham (captain 5th ten)

1851

“And George A. Smith an apostle, who founded the city of Parowan, and presided over the stake until the fall of 1851...”

Initial Name of Settlement/Fort -- Louisa, in honor of an early Mormon Woman¹²

13 January -- Pioneers under the direction of Apostle George A. Smith ended their journey at the mouth of Parowan Canyon (Center Creek).¹³

16 January -- Iron County was organized and Capt. Jefferson Hunt was elected to represent them in the legislature of the State of Deseret.¹⁴

¹¹ Shirts, Morris A., and Kathryn H. Shirts. *A Trial Furnace: Southern Utah's Iron Mission*. Provo, Brigham Young UP.

¹² Jackson, Ronald Vern, ed. *Parowan, Iron County, UT, 1854 ward census*. Vol. 2. Early Mormon Series. West Jordan, Utah: Genealogical Services, 2001, iii.

¹³ George A. Smith, *Journal, 1850 December-1851 April*, Church History Library MS 1322 box 2 folder 5 p.51, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=1d407c4f-655e-4b87-8ced-714ac6fae673&crate=0&index=50>

¹⁴ Smith, *Journal*, p.59, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=1d407c4f-655e-4b87-8ced-714ac6fae673&crate=0&index=58>

9 February -- "The general meeting held in the Bowery in L. S. L. City."¹⁵ George A. Smith mentions "Iron County Mission...I have a name for this place, it is a Ladies name and it is Louisa," sustained. Organized into "**Louisa Branch**," President George A. Smith, James Lewis, clerk, Elisha Groves bishops for each ward: Anson Call, first ward, Tarlton Lewis, second ward, D. A. Miller, third ward, and Joseph L. Robinson, fourth ward. All priesthood collected under a quorum of elders, pres. E.H. Groves. W.H. Dame mapped the fort, showing the cabins against the south wall as the 1st Ward, west as the 2nd Ward, north as the 3rd Ward, east as the 4th Ward.

2 March -- 11am meeting held in the Bowery in LSL City. Bishops Anson Call and Joseph L. Robinson are called as counselors of the Elder's Quorum that is located in Louisa [Parowan]. (It should be noted that these two men were called as bishops on Feb. 9th to the 1st and 4th wards, respectively, in Louisa.)

April/May -- A council house was constructed from the 1,500 logs that had been hauled from the canyon. The council house served as the church, schoolhouse, theater and dance hall.

May 7: after finding good supplies of coal in [70 Canyon], George A. Smith locates a site for a city [Cedar City]¹⁶

May 13: Brigham Young visits the saints at "Cedar City" but says the name of the city should be Parowan.¹⁷ *Was Parowan being called Cedar City at that time?*

May 16: city government of Parowan (changed from Louisa) organized under the direction of visiting Brigham Young.¹⁸ Also visits "Cedar City."

25 May -- Parowan John C. L. Smith was chosen by unanimous vote to act at [sic] Bishop in the place of Bishop Miller, bishop of the 3rd Ward.¹⁹

Summer/Fall: Joel Hills Johnson establishes a ranch at Johnson's Springs [Enoch]²⁰

17 August -- Conference held in Parowan where "Tarlton Lewis serve as [presiding] Bishop to take charge of the tithing." A clerk to the bishop was also called, Pres. George

¹⁵ Smith, *Journal*, p.77, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=1d407c4f-655e-4b87-8ced-714ac6fae673&crate=0&index=76>; *Parowan Stake Record*, Church History Library LR 6778 25, p.10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8b1abad0-973c-4865-9112-20326fbfe071&crate=0&index=0>

¹⁶ George A. Smith, *Journal* 1851 April-November, 1852 July-December, *George A. Smith papers, 1834-1877*; Church History Library, MS 1322 box 2 folder 6 image 20, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=409aa44e-9b98-4576-afb1-a4a64e982729&crate=0&index=29>

¹⁷ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1847-1852*, p.308, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/a5c827b5-938d-4a08-b80e-71570704e323/0/314>

¹⁸ George A. Smith *Journal* image 35; *Historian's Office History of the Church (Draft)*, Church History Library CR 100 92 box 3 folder 15 p.13, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=fe3c2918-28d8-430b-9c35-0e67ba8c0b27&crate=0&index=22>

¹⁹ *Cedar Ward general minutes*, V.1 p.1, Church History Library LR 1514 11. This is a looseleaf page that was apparently inserted into the later ward minute book.

²⁰ Nephi Johnson, *Autobiographical Sketch and Journal*, Church History Library MS 23835, p.1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=304151a8-a447-42cb-a669-6fbf8adb884a&crate=0&index=0>

A. Smith wished to resign his office as President of the Parowan branch. Motion...resolved that we feel satisfied with all the acts and doings of Pres. George A. Smith as President of the Iron county mission...Elijah H. Groves be the President of the **Parowan branch**.”²¹

October 1: At General Conference, George A. Smith proposes to the Twelve that on advice from John D. Lee, a settlement be started at the junction of the Rio Virgen and Santa Clara [St. George] and another in the Coal Creek Valley [Cedar City]. The Conference proposes to send three companies, one led by Peter Shirts, second by John A. Woolf, third by Andrew Love²²

Oct 28: Brigham Young writes from Fillmore to “the presidency of Parowan,” instructing Pres. Groves to call John L. Smith and Mathew Carruthers as his counselors, suggesting that Groves’ calling is permanent. Also mentions that John D. Lee is on his way with a company of settlers bound for the Virgin River (although they will stop at Harmony).²³ *Unclear if Carruthers move to Cedar and leadership thereof is intentional at this point.*

November: Joel H. Johnson is settling at Elkhorn Springs [Enoch] [MH]

November 3: George A. Smith (now visiting) and W.H. Dame survey a site for a fort and town on Coal Creek [Cedar City]²⁴

Nov 5: George A. Smith writes the Deseret News, mentions preparations for building on Coal Creek [Cedar City], Red Creek [Paragonah], and Joel Johnson at the Springs 10 miles from Parowan [Enoch]²⁵

Nov 10 -- Cedar City was settled by a company under the command of Captain/President Henry Lunt, who came from Salt Lake Valley for the purpose of starting indian work.²⁶

Coal Creek PE Matthew Carruthers?

http://historytogo.utah.gov/salt_lake_tribune/history_matters/011301.html

²¹ George A. Smith Journal image 80; Parowan Conference Minutes, *Historian's Office minutes and reports (local units), 1840-1886*, Church History Library CR 100 589 box 1 folder 24, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/1e76da7d-d6b6-47ed-a0bd-7207e1eae0d9>

²² *Historian's Office History of the Church (Draft)*, Church History Library CR 100 92 box 3 folder 15 p.28, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=fe3c2918-28d8-430b-9c35-0e67ba8c0b27&crate=0&index=41>

²³ Brigham Young, letter to Parowan Oct 28 1851, *Brigham Young office files*, General Correspondence, Outgoing, 1851 September-December; Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 16 folder 22 image 48, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=cdbf59af-e4dd-4611-8a1c-5896c7cf2801&crate=0&index=47>

²⁴ George A. Smith Journal image 95

²⁵ Correspondence, *Deseret News*, V.2 #2 (31 July 1875) p.71, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2578611>

²⁶ Henry Lunt, *Journal*, Nov 10, 1851, Church History Library, MS 15781, p.45, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/17021ca2-0ba1-46ee-9f60-de8beedf3398/0/44>

1852

Feb 2: Matthew Carruthers calls a meeting in Coal Creek/Cedar City. "Proposed that Henry Lunt be his first councillor & John Casto 2nd."²⁷ *Suggests that Carruthers is functioning both as stake counselor and Cedar presiding elder; subsequent journal entries confirm this.*

April: Church statistical report is missing any report from Iron County²⁸

Spring: Paragoonah settled [MH]

Spring: Peter Shirts settles in the Hamilton/Shirts Creek area [Hamilton MH]

12 May: "Parowan and Cedar Cities were organized into one Stake of Zion. Also a Presidency over the same, John Calvin L. Smith President, John Steel 1st Councillor, Henry Lunt 2nd Councillor. . . A high council was also organized. Philip Smith was ordained bishop for Cedar City."²⁹

12 May: "We [Brigham Young and other apostles] met today to organize the High Council and presidency of the **stake at Parowan**. John L. Smith was appointed President of the Stake, John Steel 1st Henry Lunt 2nd Counselors. E.H. Groves, M. Carruthers, N. Harmons, Joseph Chatterly, H. Graham, JA Little, Wm H. Dame, John D. Lee, Samuel West, Elijah Newman, Francis T. Whitney, Joel H. Johnson, High Council. Philip Klingen [Chicken?] Smith bishop of **Cedar City**, Tarleton Lewis Bishop of **Parowan**. The above were ordained under the hands of O. Pratt, W. Woodruff, & G.A. Smith."³⁰ mp:700317

October 6: Statistical Report lists Parowan, Bishop Tarleton Lewis, 660 members³¹

22 October: G.A. Smith returns to temporarily preside³²

28 October: Smith lays out Cedar City, including temple square.

7 November: Smith visits John D. Lee's new settlement, **Fort Harmony**.³³

19 November: Smith returns

December 31: Bishops' statistical report of wards and bishops (which may also include branches) lists Parowan with Tarleton Lewis.³⁴

Dec: Paragonah has about 20 families, presided by Willam H. Dame [MH], Johnson's Springs has 7 families [MH], PE Joel H. Johnson?

²⁷ Henry Lunt, *Journal*, 2 Feb 1852, Church History Library, MS 8188, p.2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/096a579c-e90e-4813-93cc-b3a902487f4b/0/1>

²⁸ Bishops Reports, 1852 April, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f667e21d-c265-4247-af91-9d4fce693508/0/0>

²⁹ Henry Lunt Journal, p.35, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/096a579c-e90e-4813-93cc-b3a902487f4b/0/34>

³⁰ *Wilford Woodruff Journal*, V.7 12 May 1852, Church History Library MS 1352 box 2 folder 3, p.391, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/a5c827b5-938d-4a08-b80e-71570704e323/0/390>

³¹ Report of bishops in Utah Territory, 1852 October, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/4ce522cd-2d63-469d-982f-7a63a690614f/0/4>

³² George A. Smith Journal image 111

³³ George A. Smith Journal image 113

³⁴ JHC 31 December 1852 p.2 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE289298

1853

April 3: List of members and wards in Utah (28 December 1852) includes an addendum for “the Branch at Parowan,” “Brethren at Paragoonah,” and “Cedar City.”³⁵

April 9: General Bishops meeting includes Bishop Philip K. Smith from Coal Creek³⁶

July: Shirts Creek (Hamilton) abandoned [MH]

Sep 10: Stake Conference.³⁷ mp:700318 Sustainings not itemized, but mentions President JCL Smith, counselors, high council, and lists stats for the wards

- **Parowan Ward**, Bishop Tarlton Lewis, 335 residents
- **Cedar Ward**, Bishop Philip K. Smith, 455 residents
- “Total for this branch,” 490

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 **Parowan** with Tarleton Lewis and **Cedar** with Philip Klinginsmith.³⁸ mp:800205

Oct 8: General bishops meeting includes Bishop Klinginsmith from Cedar City Ward³⁹

October: Directory of local leaders in Utah Territory lists the following for Iron County. Parowan City: John C.L. Smith, President of the Stake (with counselors); Phillip Klinginsmith, Bishop (with counselors), also a high council, patriarch. H. Lunt, President of **Cedar Branch**.⁴⁰ mp:700323

20 November --Conference was held at Cedar City, Iron County. Members of the twelve present during the proceedings: Erastus Snow and Franklin D. Richards. Presidents of the Stake, J. C. L. Smith, John Steele, and H. Lunt. Decided to settle the herd ground at Summit Creek, led by Silas Smith.⁴¹

William H. Dame, PE Paragonah, which is abandoned later in the year during Walker War
William R. Davies, PE Ft. Harmony

³⁵ Registry of the names of persons residing in the various wards, December 28th 1852. *Brigham Young Office Files: President's Office Files: Office Memorandum Books 1852-1871*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 79 folder 12. <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=f6a446c9-db6e-4f99-8da4-8ca12227b2b5&crate=0&index=112>

³⁶ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.60, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/75>

³⁷ Minutes of a Conference held in Parowan, *Historian's Office minutes and reports (local units), 1840-1886*, Church History Library CR 100 589 box 1 folder 24, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=42da699e-41a8-42de-bf5c-454df5debabe>

³⁸ Report of General Conference, *Deseret News* V.3 #19 (October 15 1853) p.74-75 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2579576>

³⁹ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.70, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/87>

⁴⁰ 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=100>

⁴¹ "Minutes." *Deseret News*. <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2582201>.

1854

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, wards are the default type of congregation. Includes Parowan (Bishop Tarleton Lewis), Cedar (Bishop Philip Klinginsmith), Harmony (also Klinginsmith?)⁴² Separate unit reports list all members, including Horace B. Owens as President of Harmony.

Sept 17: Stake Conference.⁴³ mp:700324

- John C.L. Smith, president of the Stake of Zion in Iron County, counselor John Steele, high council, patriarch
- Tarlton Lewis, bishop of **Parowan** with counselors; Philip K. Smith, bishop of **Cedar**; John D. Lee president of the Branch at **Harmony**, W.R. Davis bishop of Harmony with counselors

Fort built at Johnson's Ranch/Elkhorn Springs [**Enoch**], only a few settlers, new PE Laban Morrill [MH]

1855

Spring: Paragonah resettled, branch of Parowan Ward organized, PE Orson B. Adams, who is also a counselor in Parowan bishopric [MH]

April 6: Church statistical report.⁴⁴

- Parowan, Tarlton Lewis, 240 members
- Cedar, Philip K. Smith, 437 members
- Fort Harmony, William R. Davis, 90 members

7 Apr: General bishops meeting includes bishops from Fort Harmony and Cedar City wards.⁴⁵

20 May -- Pres. B. Young and Council being at Cedar City. "Isaac Haight was chosen President of that stake of Zion which embraced Cedar City, Harmony, and Johnson's Fort 6 miles north of Cedar City, & chose his own counselors." High council called. Wm Reese Davis ordained bishop at **Fort Harmony**.⁴⁶

⁴² 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>, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/8a845a07-b276-4ea4-b861-a78cb0e3a17f/0/55>

⁴³ Minutes of a Conference September 17 1854, *Historian's Office minutes and reports (local units), 1840-1886*, Church History Library CR 100 589 box 1 folder 24, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=95aa53c9-d919-4a4b-836b-b9997248bfe8>; *Cedar Ward general minutes*, V.1, Church History Library LR 1514 11

⁴⁴ Bishops' reports, 1855 April, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/1758a9b4-3e1e-4315-bf93-3debdd0c5e1d/0/0>

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

⁴⁶ Wilford Woodruff, Synopsis of journey of President Young and company while on their visit south, *Brigham Young office files: Journals*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 73 folder 9 p.5, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ea6dab4a-600f-4001-b105-050632a26592/0/5>

Minutes:⁴⁷ mp:700319 "I.C. Haight for President." Call high council, including 7 from Cedar, and 4 from Harmony "as Cedar will include Fort Johnson and South." Wm Reese Davis ordained bishop of Harmony, IC Haight as president of "Cedar Stake of Zion."

21 May -- Meeting in Parowan.⁴⁸ New high councilors called to replace those gone to Cedar, and John Steele (Pres. counselor) called to Las Vegas. *Also? Pres. J.C.L. Smith chose James Henry Martineau and Jesse Nathaniel Smith as his counselors with the advice and sanction of the First Presidency.*

"At a meeting of the 18th _____ (the day of Brigham's arrival) the following men were voted to fill the vacant seats in the high council: - Samuel Gould, Elijah Elmer, Priddy Meeks, Horao M. Alexander, Job P. Hall, and Charles Hall. And they were subsequently ordained and set apart. In the afternoon, the meeting was recessed into a special conference by vote, and Pres. Smith presented James H. Martineau and Jesse N. Smith as his council, and they were sustained by a unanimous vote: he also nominated J. H. Martineau as the recorder and recorder of the stake, seconded and carried unanimously."

"Pres. Smith then proposed to set apart some of the sisters of Israel to the sick and instruct the females in their various duties and in the principles of that organization. And on motion mother Mary Smith, Sarah Meeks, Margaret West, and Hanna Fish were voted to act as mothers of Israel."

"In the evening the sisters were blessed and set apart under the hands of the presidency to fill their callings, and (Tom) (Whitney) a (Pah-ed) ^ who had recently been appointed chief of the Pah-co's around Parowan, was also blessed and set apart for that office. And many blessings were pronounced upon their heads, which they subsequently said they realized."

9 September --Special Conference held at Parowan.⁴⁹ "Today, on motion of Pres. J.C.L. Smith the afternoon meeting was (recessed) into a special conference, for business matters. The authorities of the church were (presented) by Pres. J. N. Smith and unanimously sustained. Also the following authorities of this stake, as follows:

Presidency, John Calvin Lazelle Smith, and James Henry Martineau and Jesse Nathaniel Smith councilors

Bishopric, Tarlton Lewis, Bishop, and Calvin (Crane) Pendleton and Orson (Bennet?) Adams Councilors

⁴⁷ *General Church Minutes*, CR 100 318 box 3 folder 4 image 91-96, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=dd038821-c013-4b0a-81cf-5ebc600c300f&crate=0&index=90>

⁴⁸ Woodruff, Synopsis, p.6., *General Church Minutes*, image 99

⁴⁹ Minutes of a Special Conference held in Parowan Sept 9 1855, *Historian's Office minutes and reports (local units), 1840-1886*, Church History Library CR 100 589 box 1 folder 24, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=bcdf4a17-71cb-4f98-a067-ce554b4308c1>

High Council, Samuel Gould, Elijah Newman, Priddy Meeks, Samuel West, Francis (Tafts or Tance) Whitney, Elijah Elmer, William Horn Dame, Horace (Man or Martin) Alexander, (Mirias Neslie), James Lewis, Job (Poher) Hall and Charles Hall, and were also sustained by a unanimous vote. The bishop's report of the ward shows a total population of 404, and 6 elders not included, on foreign missions. At the last April conference the population was 409, including those on foreign missions (2).

20 September -- Pres. J.C.L. Smith and others started for the general conference at G.S.L. City, leaving J.H. Martineau presiding over the stake. Many of the brethren have also gone up to get their endowments. Pres. Smith took with him many consecration (deed's) to the trust (of) Trust Pres. B. Young 49 of the brethren - about ½ of the people of this stake. Have consecrated their property. Amounting to \$70, 619.00

October 6: Statistical report lists "wards" with "bishops," including Parowan: T Lewis, Cedar: P K'Smith, Fort Harmony: WR Davies.⁵⁰

8 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representation from Cedar Ward.⁵¹

28 October -- According to the counsel of the First Presidency of the church, four high priests were appointed to go with the teachers, to teach the people. Their name are -- Samuel West, H.M. Alexander, F.T. Whitney, and E. Elmer

3 November -- Pres. J.C.L. Smith said that there ought to be a book kept in ____ which should be recorded, all things of consequence whether spoken on the stand or the.....⁵²

November 22 -- Pres. J.C.L. Smith was quite sick in Fillmore. He was there attending the district court for the case of S. G. Baker and his wife with Bishop T. Lewis and others.

4 December -- Pres. J.C.L. Smith, J.H. Martineau, Bishop T. Lewis, C.C. Pendleton and others arrived at Parowan from Filmore, the Court having adjourned for the present.

December -- Pres. Smith (improved) (notably) on the way home. But after he came to Parowan, the brethren came so frequently to see him that he became _____ and took a relapse. By which he was (brought) (very) (low). During his sickness, the care of the stake (fell) upon Elder J. H. Martineau, his first counsellor, who was deprived of the assistance of Pres. J. N. Smith in account of his absence to Filmore to attend the legislature.

22 December -- Bro. Wallace, as one of the presidency of the quorum of high priests, organized the high priests in the stake into a quorum. And on motion of Pres. Martineau Pres. J.C.L. Smith was appointed to preside over them, with directions to report quarterly to head-quarters, he exhorted the high priests to be diligent in teaching the

⁵⁰ Journal History, October 6 1855, p.7 <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ba458d58-0eca-4a84-8b03-d4e203eaa1f4/0/34>

⁵¹ *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>

⁵² Bob Bingham, Record of the Stake of Parowan Commencing on Sunday, May Twentieth, 1855, Amer BX 8608 .A1a #2871, L.Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

saints their duties, and in learning their own duties: that they ought to take the lead in good works, in beautifying the houses and premises, in taking wives, and in being active in their duties.⁵³

30 December -- Pres. J.C.L. Smith was taken much worst and sent for his first councilor, Pres. J. H. Martineau, who came and laid hands on him with other brethren. Twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m. He breathed his last, and departed to do a higher and more extended work in another sphere. Those who were present at his death were his first councilor, J. H. Martineau (J.N. Smith, his other one being at the legislature at Filmore), Bros. C.C. Pendelton and P. Meek and A. Smith, J. (Lo) and "Black John" and his bro. -in-law E. W. _____. Bishop T. Lewis also assisted to lay him out.

30 December: When Pres. JCL Smith dies, "Bishop Tarleton Lewis assumed the Presidency of the Stake of Parowan."⁵⁴

1856

Is Amasa M. Lyman or George A. Smith living here? They seem to always be around. However, they appear to only be frequent visitors, possibly with some kind of assignment over this area.

1 January -- Elder J.H. Martineau made some remarks on the order of the kingdom and said that according to order the presidency of the descended on Bishop Tarlton Lewis, and exhorted all the Brethren to sustain him in his office and calling.

Bishop Lewis rose and said that he felt (befitting) about taking that charge of (affairs), but that it was his duty and that he would try to do his best in that office, and desired the support of all the members of the stake.

20 January -- G. A. Smith (in town to settle the estate of JCL Smith) reports that Brigham Young desires **William H. Dame to be the new Stake President**; he is sustained and ordained⁵⁵

Jan 24: Pres. Dame chooses counselors

March 14: Pres. Dame issues some instructions for the new settlement at Beaver after some indian troubles. "The Presidency of Parowan had no desire to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction of the new settlement at Beaver, but as Loren Babbitt, the president, had not yet arrived with his company, it was thought that trifling technicalities

⁵³ Parowan Utah Stake *Melchizedek Priesthood minutes and records, 1855-1973*, Church History Library LR 6778 13, p.1 <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=85b368cd-2ede-4231-88e0-9bd89e86b0c6>

⁵⁴ *Melchizedek Priesthood Minutes*, p.2 <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=85b368cd-2ede-4231-88e0-9bd89e86b0c6&crate=0&index=4>

⁵⁵ Parowan Stake Minutes, MSS SC 2144, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah; *Parowan Stake Historical Record, 1855-1860*, part B p.11, Church History Library LR 6778 28, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=12383bed-5d4b-46ad-bb01-d822a62e60c9>

should not interfere with the general good of the saints. Pres. Dame was sustained...by the citizens of Parowan, as well as those settlers of Beaver at that time in Parowan.”⁵⁶

April 6: Statistical Report for Parowan Ward (Bishop Tarlton Lewis), 422 members, includes Paragoonah (dependent branch) ⁵⁷

Spring: Shirts Creek (Hamilton) resettled [MH], no presiding elder

October 6: Statistical Report for Parowan Ward, includes a line for Paragoonah (dependent branch), 46 members ⁵⁸

8 October: Edward Hunter and counselors rebaptize and reconfirm several bishops,⁵⁹ including:

- Isaac C. Haight, President of Iron County[??]
- W'm Horne Dame, President of the stake of Parowan, Iron County

1857

Jan 30: Tarleton Lewis writes BY: “I learn by our brethren that the twelve requested all Prest. And Bishops to go to you and give up their office and appointment, ... I present myself, with my office, at your feet, requesting you to deal with me as you choose.”⁶⁰

Feb 13: BY responds to Tarleton Lewis’s offer to resign, asking him to continue.⁶¹

Spring: Silas S. Smith moves to Paragonah, eventually Bishop⁶²

Spring: William Dalley new PE of Elkhorn Springs [Enoch] [MH]

August 15: traveling authorities visit John Hamilton at “Sidon” (Hamilton) between Cedar and Harmony.⁶³

Sept 7 1857: Mountain Meadows Massacre. Pres. Dame and other Parowan leaders appear to have had some involvement, but Cedar City and Harmony leaders have the most direct involvement.

⁵⁶ *Parowan Stake Historical Record*, part B p.13

⁵⁷ Bishops’ reports, 1856 April, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/90086001-7831-4e90-a9d6-25f80cd04ce5/0/26>

⁵⁸ Bishops’ reports, 1856 October, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/848365ea-9893-457b-81b1-98a940be2675/0/12>

⁵⁹ *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>

⁶⁰ Tarlton Lewis, letter to Brigham Young 30 Jan 1857, *Brigham Young Office Files, Incoming Correspondence, General Letters, L 1857*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 25 folder 20, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=ff20f8e6-bcd8-4148-b975-2d2ea9ec27f2>

⁶¹ Brigham Young, letter to Tarlton Lewis 13 Feb 1857, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.3*, p.398, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=99279f54-9c69-41a1-ac5d-e6069f9a2920>

⁶² Silas Sanford Smith, *Latter-day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.801, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/800/mode/2up>

⁶³ Correspondence, *Deseret News*, V.7 #29 (23 September 1857) p.227, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2576550>

1858

March 30: Brigham Young announces that during the "Move South," Parowan will be the headquarters of the Church⁶⁴

April 23: W.H. Dame leads one of the exploring parties into the west desert to look for possible settlement locations⁶⁵

Spring: Pleasant Grove Ward sends some tithing money to "Tithing Office at Parowan, Bishop Lewis."⁶⁶

August 8: George A. Smith investigates charges brought against Pres. Dame of poor leadership⁶⁷

August 9: Council meeting to begin investigation, listing stake leadership:⁶⁸

- William H. Dame, President of stake, with counselors
- Tarlton Lewis, Bishop of Stake, with counselors
- High council

August 12: Dame is exonerated.⁶⁹

Bishop Tarleton Lewis moves to Minersville?

8 October -- Deseret Iron Company ends

First settlers at Summit

1859⁷⁰

Amasa M. Lyman still appears to be here most of the time.

March: some intrigue in the stake; a keg of beer was stolen, and it appears that Bishop Tarlton Lewis was covering for his son. Many of the leaders, including his counselors, turn against him. It is likely that he moved to Minersville soon after this.⁷¹

July 29: Cedar Stake disorganized by George A. Smith, Henry Lunt ordained Bishop of Cedar Ward⁷² *Isaac C. Haight, Philip Klingensmith and others implicated in the Mountain Meadows Massacre are in hiding.*

August: additions to the plats of Parowan and Paragonah are surveyed⁷³

Nov 7: BY writes "Bp. Tarlton Lewis having removed from Parowan, the brethren there are counselled to select a suitable person to fill his place, and Bros. Lyman and Rich will

⁶⁴ *Parowan Stake Historical Record*, part B p.40

⁶⁵ *Parowan Stake Historical Record*, part B p.41

⁶⁶ *Pleasant Grove Ward Tithing Records*, Church History Library LR 7005 23 box 1 folder 24

⁶⁷ *Parowan Stake Historical Record*, part B p.43

⁶⁸ *Parowan Stake Historical Record*, part B p.44

⁶⁹ *Parowan Stake Historical Record*, part B p.45

⁷⁰ James H. Martineau, *History of the Parowan Stake* (Vault MSS 56), L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University

⁷¹ *Parowan Stake Historical Record*, part B p.49

⁷² *Historian's Office history of the Church*, Church History Library CR 100 102, box 12 V.29 (1859) p.618, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/a56f3efa-3e22-4d0f-94bd-06623694e03c/0/643>

⁷³ *Parowan Stake Historical Record*, part B p.55

set apart and ordain the person so selected. They will also see that the High Council at Parowan is full and in good standing.”⁷⁴

20 Nov: “Wm S. Warren was ordained bishop of Parowan under the hands of Amasa Lyman and Charles C. Rich”⁷⁵

26 November -- “Today Br. Rich addressed the people upon the general principles of the Kingdom. Br. Amasa Lyman spoke in regard to appointing officers for this stake. He wished to know if the Apostles, by virtue of their ordination and calling in this church and their experience, should not and do not know more than other members of the Church; also whose prerogative it is to nominate or appoint Presidents. Bishops or Councillors and other church officers, whether it belongs to the people or to the Apostleship.

“He presented the name of **William S. Warren for Bishop of this stake** and requested all to vote freely either one way or another.”

“Br. Warren was sustained by a majority of the congregation.”⁷⁶

27 November -- Orson B. Adams was set apart as 1st Counselor to the Bishop, and Daniel Page 2nd Councilor under the Hands of Elders Amasa Lyman & C.C. Rich”

“And John Steele and Daniel P. Clark were set apart as High Councilors to fill the vacancy occasioned by the calling of W. H. Dame to the Presidency of the Stake, and the removal of Elijah Elmer.”⁷⁷

28 Nov: William S. Warren ordained bishop of **Parowan** by Amasa Lyman and Charles C. Rich⁷⁸

4 December -- “Today was held the Quarterly Conference of the seventies of this stake and Cedar. Jehiel McConnell and W. Adams spoke much on the necessity of preserving our grain and preparing for a time of famine.”

17 December: Ward Conference at Cedar.⁷⁹ Speakers include Bishop Lunt, President WH Dame of Parowan, Bishop Farnsworth of Beaver, and Isaac C. Haight. Sustain “Henry Lunt as President and Bishop of Cedar City,” but sustainings don’t include Dame or other Parowan leaders.

Elkhorn Springs [Enoch] PE William Dalley moves to Summit, branch disorganized with only two families remaining [MH]

Some sources say that John Hamilton was called to preside at Hamilton Fort this year [MH]

⁷⁴ Brigham Young, open letter Nov 7 1859, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.302, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

⁷⁵ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.292, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/315>

⁷⁶ *Parowan Stake Historical Record*, part B p.42

⁷⁷ *Parowan Stake Historical Record*, part B p.58

⁷⁸ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.292, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/315>

⁷⁹ *Cedar Ward general minutes*, V.2 p.7, Church History Library LR 6778 19

1860

1 April: Elisha H. Groves and others write Brigham Young asking permission to settle on Kanarrah Creek [Kanarraville].⁸⁰ Young responds with tentative approval.⁸¹

6 April: General bishops meeting includes representatives from the Parowan and Cedar Wards.⁸²

6 April: Statistical Report of Parowan Ward: Bishop William S. Warren, 443 members, including "Paragoonah & Summit Creek"⁸³ Also reports for Harmony (68 members), Toquerville (68 members), Virgin City (54 members)

April: President Dame called on a mission to Europe

6 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representatives from "Country Wards," including Cedar, Parowan, and Harmony.⁸⁴

William Daley, PE Summit Branch

1861

Spring: **Kanarraville** settled, led by Elisha H. Groves (acting president under Cedar Ward), including Harmony Bishop Willam R. Davies [MH] *Apparently, John D. Lee takes charge of Harmony in place of Davies*

6 Apr: Presiding Bishop's meeting, a rare one with attendance from many "wards" statewide, including the bishops of Parowan and Cedar City⁸⁵

August 9: BY writes to Joshua T. Willes [Toquerville PE?] and W.R. Davies:⁸⁶ Davies is released as bishop [of Harmony], Willes is called to "act as bishop in Bishop Davies' Ward" So *is Harmony temporarily dependent on Toquerville, not Cedar?*

7 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representatives from Parowan and Cedar "Wards."⁸⁷

Dec 22: Harmony reorganized as a branch at New Harmony; "Elder J.D. Lee said that he was not the president although he had taken the lead of meetings since Kanarraville was formed, but

⁸⁰ E.H. Groves and others, letter to Brigham Young 1 April 1860, *Brigham Young Office files, Incoming Correspondence, General Letters, Go-He 1860*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 27 folder 14, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8381ffef-7102-4ed5-a594-57ed92ea75e7>

⁸¹ Brigham Young, letter to Elisha H. Groves 20 Apr 1860, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.5*, p.478, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

⁸² *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.305, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/330>

⁸³ Bishops Reports, 1860 March-April, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ced6e4c3-2d9b-4b09-8ab6-c7fc771fef6c/0/2>

⁸⁴ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.319, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/346>

⁸⁵ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.335, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/361>

⁸⁶ Brigham Young, letters to Joshua T. Willes and W.R. Davies 9 August 1861, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.5*, p.855, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

⁸⁷ 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>

had never been sanctioned by the people, neither did he want the presidency until he was the unanimous choice of the people.” He is immediately sustained as branch president.⁸⁸ Construction began on a large church building at the center of the public square, later known as the “Old Rock Church.”⁸⁹

Orson B. Adams (Paragonah PE) moves to Harrisburg

1862

January: When Ft. Harmony is washed out by the great flood, they are visited by “Bishop Lunt, I.C. Haight, and John M. Higbee.” Also mentions Kanarraville.⁹⁰

Jan 8: BY’s office writes to “Bishop Lunt, Cedar City” and “Ex-Bishop Davis, Harmony.”⁹¹ Davis is to hand over all ward property to Cedar Bishop Lunt, and that the ward records be forwarded to Bishop Willis of Toquerville. *Why different bishops? Hereafter, it seems to be dependent on Cedar.*⁹²

February: I.C. Haight and Henry Lunt attending High Priest quorum meetings in Parowan, but apparently not enrolled members.⁹² *So is Cedar part of Southern Utah Mission or Parowan Stake? The latter makes a lot more sense.*

February 23, March 2: Bishop Lunt visits Kanarra and Pinto Creek.⁹³ *Suggests that they are dependent branches of Cedar Ward*

April 7: General bishops meeting includes bishops of Parowan and Cedar wards⁹⁴

Nov 15: Southern Utah Mission Conference sustains Henry Lunt, B Cedar Ward (“Harmony, Pinto, and Kanarra included in this ward”)⁹⁵ mp:700312

October 6: General Bishops Meeting includes the bishops of Parowan and Cedar City Wards⁹⁶

⁸⁸ *Harmony Ward general minutes*, V.2 p.1, Church History Library LR 6031 11

⁸⁹ <http://www.museumsusa.org/museums/info/8786>

⁹⁰ James Bleak, *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, V.1 p.124, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=3faee6c9-545e-42fd-9c67-41745a5e3622&crate=0&index=127>

⁹¹ H.K. Whitney, letters to Henry Lunt and Davis 8 Jan 1862, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.99, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a/0/0>

⁹² *Melchizedek Priesthood Minutes*, p.40 <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=85b368cd-2ede-4231-88e0-9bd89e86b0c6&crate=0&index=40>

⁹³ *Cedar Ward general minutes*, V.2 p.151, Church History Library LR 6778 19

⁹⁴ *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>

⁹⁵ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, V.2 p.158

⁹⁶ *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>

1863

1864

Mar 5: "The people of the [Harmony] Branch were called together by Bishop Lunt [Cedar Ward] for the purpose of settling their difficulties, resulting in a better state of feeling. Pres't Lee tendered his resignation as president of the branch which was accepted." James H. Imlay sustained as PE, set apart by Bishop Lunt.⁹⁷ *So clearly Harmony is a dependent branch of Cedar at this point; records mention more official visits of Bishop Lunt in subsequent months.*

10 September -- President Brigham Young sermonized to Parowan church members during his Trip to the Southern Settlements. He counseled that everyone should continue to learn even outside of school.⁹⁸

Nov 4: at Conference of Southern Mission in St. George, Cedar Ward and Harmony Branch are listed again, as well as **Kanarra Branch**, PE Elisha H. Groves⁹⁹ mp:700296

1865

Jan 31: BY writes to "President Wm H Dame and Bishops Wm S Warren and Henry Lunt"¹⁰⁰

May 4: Cedar Ward is represented at Southern Mission conference in St. George, Bishop Henry Lunt, mentions unnamed dependent branches of Cedar Ward (prob. Kanarra and Harmony).¹⁰¹
mp:700274

Sep 23: BY writes William H. Dame, "You are hereby authorized and directed to take sole charge of the tithing office of this place, ... and preside over the entire Ward, henceforward as its bishop."¹⁰²

Nov 3: Conference at St. George doesn't list general sustainings, but Harmony Branch is reported by Pres. J. Imlay.¹⁰³

Bishop Warren serves a mission to Europe, Daniel Page is acting bishop until 1867

⁹⁷ *Harmony Ward General Minutes*, V.2 p.25

⁹⁸ <https://history.lds.org/article/brigham-young-trip-south?lang=eng>

⁹⁹ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, V.2 p.247; Minutes, *Deseret News*, V.14 #11 (Dec 14 1864) p.83, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2596675>

¹⁰⁰ Brigham Young, letter to Wm H Dame et al 31 Jan 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.445, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6

¹⁰¹ Minutes, *Deseret News*, V.14 #34 (May 24 1865) p.269, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2597797>

¹⁰² Brigham Young, letter to Wm H Dame et al 23 Sep 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.768, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a/0/1568>

¹⁰³ Minutes, *Deseret News*, V.15 #7 (Nov 23 1865) p.54, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2730947>

1866

May 4: Cedar Ward is represented at Southern Utah Mission conference in St. George by Bishop Henry Lunt¹⁰⁴ mp:700297

May 9-June: Report to PB Edward Hunter from Bishop Wm H. Dame of Parowan, Bishop Henry Lunt of Cedar Ward.¹⁰⁵

June 28: Brigham Young writes to "Bishop William H. Dame"¹⁰⁶

July: Lorenzo W. Roundy, who is abandoning Long Valley, is called by Erastus Snow to settle in **Kanarra** as bishop [MH]

1867

Construction completed on the "Old Rock Church" in Parowan. It served as a place of worship, town council hall, social hall, and tourist camp.¹⁰⁷

April 29: Erastus Snow ordains Lorenzo Roundy as bishop of Kanarra [MH]

Aug 20: "The Branch was this day visited by Prest. Erastus Snow...[he] asked the congregation if they desired to become a separate ward." Motion to do so carried, and a few men are nominated as bishop. Snow calls Wilson D. Pace as bishop of the "Harmony Ward" and he is sustained and ordained by Erastus Snow.¹⁰⁸ *This suggests that Harmony was under Snow's Southern Mission jurisdiction, not the Parowan Stake*

1868

April 25: In first of a series of published Church directories, the following are listed:¹⁰⁹ mp:700394

- Erastus Snow, County President of Washington, Kane, and Iron Counties
- Cedar City: Henry Lunt
- Iron County:
 - Parowan: Wm H. Dame
 - Paragoonah: Silas S. Smith
 - Summit: William Dally
 - Pangwitch: Elder Neilson

¹⁰⁴ Minutes, *Deseret News*, V.15 (May 24 1866) p.197,
<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2730196>

¹⁰⁵ *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-99f4-5bc8628b7520/0/15>

¹⁰⁶ Brigham Young, letter to William H. Dame 28 June 1866, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.9, p.17, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=954ebbd5-0620-40f5-86f3-97fa7dbab8f6&crate=0&index=0>

¹⁰⁷ http://www.willhiteweb.com/lds_historic_sights/parowan_tabernacle_pioneer_rock_church_107.htm
https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE2172189

¹⁰⁸ William D. Pace, *Latter-day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.4 p.574,
<https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi04jens/page/574/mode/2up>

¹⁰⁹ Church Directory, *Salt Lake Daily Telegraph*, V.4 #253 (25 April 1868) p.4

- Pinto: Richard Robinson
- Kanarah: L W Roundy
- Hamilton Fort: John Hamilton

May 1-3: Southern Mission Conference:¹¹⁰ mp:700287

- Notes the presence of Isaac C. Haight and Bishop Henry Lunt of Cedar
- Bishop and Presiding High Priest of each Ward includes: Lorenzo W. Roundy **Kanarra**, Wilson D. Pace **Harmony**, Henry Lunt **Cedar**

August 4: Last of a series of published Church directories, same as April 25 except:¹¹¹

- Cedar City, Hamilton Fort, & Johnson's Settlement: Henry Lunt
- Pinto and Kanarah moved to Washington County
- Eagle Valley and Spring Valley: Meltiah Hatch

1869

March 14/25: Parowan Ward was divided into three wards, the Parowan 1st and 2nd and Paragonah Wards, William Warren released? ,

March 20: counselors chosen and set apart for Paragonah Bishop Smith [MH]

March 25: New bishops ordained by George A. Smith:¹¹²

- Herman D. Bayles, 1st Ward Parowan
- Samuel H. Rogers, 2nd Ward Parowan
- Silas S. Smith, Paragoonah

Nov 5: Southern Mission Conference, St. George Stake organized.¹¹³ mp:700271

- Bishops and presiding high priests: L.W. Roundy, **Kanarra**; W.D. Pace, **Harmony**; Henry Lunt, **Cedar**

John P. Jones and others resettle Johnson's Fort area [MH]

Shirts Creek settlers moved to present site of Hamilton; George A. Smith suggests the name.

Around this time, John Hamilton appointed to preside [MH]

1870

June 3: Southern Mission Conference at St. George includes Henry Lunt, Bishop of Cedar Ward¹¹⁴ 700308

Nov 4: Southern Mission Conference at St. George includes Henry Lunt, Bishop of Cedar Ward¹¹⁵

¹¹⁰ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, p.400

¹¹¹ Church Directory, *Salt Lake Daily Telegraph*, V.5 #25 (4 Aug 1868) p.4

¹¹² Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.191, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

¹¹³ Minutes of Conference, *Deseret News*, V.18 #45 (Dec 15 1869) p.585, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2604612>

¹¹⁴ Minutes of Conference, *Deseret News*, V.19 #21 (June 29 1870), p.252, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2607152>

¹¹⁵ Southern Conference, *Deseret News*, V.19 #42 (Nov 23 1870), p.498, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2607152>

1871

11 March: BY writes "Bishop Dame, Parowan"¹¹⁶ *In this and other letters, BY seems to always address him as Bishop, not President*

June 4: "Bro. Geo. W. Sevy having been called upon a mission to preside over the settlement forming at Panguich, Iron Co.." Harmony Bishop Pace calls a new counselor.¹¹⁷
Edward Davis, PE Summit Branch

1872

May 4: At a Southern Mission Conference, Erastus Snow gives a talk about stake jurisdiction. "There were no specific boundaries defined between this stake and the adjoining stake north; for instance, a case of appeal from the Bishop's Court of Cedar City, might be carried to the High Council of St. George, or the High Council at Parowan, as might be most advisable, under the circumstances." !!!!!¹¹⁸

October: Parowan 1st and 2nd Wards are meeting together on Sundays, with Pres. Dame presiding.¹¹⁹ Members from Paragonah are often mentioned as well *So are they really ward-lites?*

1873

Feb 9: Pres. Dame appoints S. [Sylvanus] C. Hewlett as presiding elder in **Summit Creek**, replacing Edward H. Davis, deceased. Summit Creek is attached to Parowan 2nd Ward, Bishop S.H. Rogers.¹²⁰

March 19: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops lists:¹²¹ 700282

- Presiding Bishop W.H. Dame
 - **Red Creek**, S.S. Smith
 - **Parowan**, W.H. Dame
 - **Summit** [no name given]
- **Panguitch**, G.W. Sevy
- **Cedar City**, Henry Lunt
- **Kanarra**, L.W. Roundy
- **Harmony**, W.D. Pace

¹¹⁶ Brigham Young, letter to William H. Dame, 11 March 1871, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.12*, p.583, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 8, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/c91a2db1-a2f0-470d-ac3a-324c44e06cd1>

¹¹⁷ *Harmony Ward general minutes*, V.2 p.35

¹¹⁸ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, 1872 p.10

¹¹⁹ *Parowan Ward General Minutes, V.6, 1872-1887*, Church History Library LR 6775 11, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba>

¹²⁰ *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=9>

¹²¹ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.22 #7 (March 19 1873) p.103, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2622070>

April 27: all stake members, including bishops, invited to attend conference in St. George on May 2.¹²² *So they are not necessarily part of Southern Mission or St. George Stake*
June 7-8: Two-Days Meeting (stake conference?).¹²³ members from Cedar City and Panguitch mentioned. *Subsequent occasional Two-Days Meetings in 1874 and 1875 confirm that Cedar Ward was part of the stake.*

1874

Apr 7: United Orders set up in "Harmony and Kanarra Wards of St. George Stake"¹²⁴

Apr 10-12: At the organization of the United Order of the "Iron County Stake of Zion" in Parowan, the board includes Bishop Henry Lunt as the representative for Cedar Ward¹²⁵

Apr 10: Organization of United Order in "this stake of Zion" by Brigham Young.¹²⁶ Officers mirror ecclesiastical leaders, including:

- President: Pres. W.H. Dame (counselors as vice presidents)
- Treasurer: Bp. Samuel H. Rogers
- President of the order at **Parragoonah**, Bp. S.S. Smith
- President of the order at **Summit Creek**, S.C. Hulet
- Directors include members from Parowan, Summit Creek, Parragoonah, and Cedar City (inc. Bp. Lunt)

So, Harmony and Kanarraville are in the St. George Stake, and Cedar is in the Parowan Stake

May 27: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as 1873 except.¹²⁷ mp:700326

- **Paragoonah**, S.S. Smith
- **Summit**, S.C. Hulet

Oct 21: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as above.¹²⁸

¹²² *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.16,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=16>

¹²³ *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.18,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=18>

¹²⁴ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, 1874 p.92
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=452fdf82-6841-4ff2-8a2f-6a34845cc89a&crate=0&index=91>

¹²⁵ *Cedar City United Order Records, 1874-1875*, p.11, Church History Library LR 1514 24,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=e8fea13f-381b-4f76-8c64-e65cf5ef9d62&crate=0&index=16>

¹²⁶ *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.43,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=43>

¹²⁷ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #17 (May 27 1874) p.267,
<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2635244>

¹²⁸ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #38 (January 6 1875) p.603,
<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2613752>

Nov 18: W.H. Dame arrested by federal marshals, charged with assisting the Mountain Meadows Affair, taken to Beaver.¹²⁹ Jesse N. Smith presides at most subsequent meetings

1875

Jan 6: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as above.¹³⁰

March 10: Jesse N. Smith elected president of the United Order, suggesting that Dame was not expected back soon.¹³¹

August 21: Two-days Meeting.¹³² Jesse N. Smith, presiding, "On the stand, Pres. Erastus Snow, [others from St. George], Bp. Lunt of **Cedar City**, Bp. S.S. Smith of **Parragoonah**, and Presiding Elder S.C. Hulet of **Summit Creek**."

1876

Jan 30: Wm. H. Dame returns from imprisonment in Salt Lake City, but still under the charge of a federal marshall.¹³³

May 2: on an expedition to the Hopis, Bishop Lorenzo Roundy of **Kanarraville** is drowned in the Colorado. His counselors take temporary charge of the ward [MH]

Fall: Wallace W. Roundy, one of Lorenzo Roundy's counselors, appointed as bishop of **Kanarra Ward** by Brigham Young, subsequently ordained by Wilford Woodruff in 1877 [MH]

Sep 14: At district court, Dame's case is dismissed.¹³⁴

December 22: Final published list of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as 1874.¹³⁵

¹²⁹ *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.75,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=75>

¹³⁰ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #49 (January 6 1875) p.782,
<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2614880>

¹³¹ *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.86,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=86>

¹³² *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.101,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=101>

¹³³ *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.112,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=112>

¹³⁴ *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.119,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=119>

¹³⁵ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 #27 (December 22, 1876) p.4,
<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23166497>

1877

April 18: "Meeting called for the purpose of reorganizing this stake," Brigham Young presiding.¹³⁶ Young mentions that there are no more presiding bishops. "Pres. B. Young nominated J.N. Smith for President. Pres. Wells put the motion before the house, there being objection, Pres. Young said they would not organize the stake at present."

25 May: Brigham Young approves Pinto Ward being attached to St. George Stake.¹³⁷
Apparently, it was slated to be moved to the Parowan Stake

July 29 -- The Parowan Stake was organized, by Elders W. Woodruff and Erastus Snow, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, as follows -¹³⁸ mp:700321

William H. Dame and Jesse N. Smith, as temporary Presidents "until Pres. Young appoint a president." [*apparently there was some disagreement between them*]

High Council: Thomas Durham, Wm. C. Michell, Edward Dalton, Joseph Fish, Wm. Holyoak, Andrew J. Mortensen, John A. West, Sibner S. Barton, Smith D. Rogers, John E. Dalley, Lars Mortensen, John White.

President of the High Priests, Henry Lunt; Counselors, Samuel Leigh, Paul Smith.

President of the Elders' Quorum, John Lander; Counselors, Andrew Cory, Peter Jensen.

Bishop of the **First Ward, Parowan**, Wm. C. McGregor; Counselors, Thomas Devenport, Samuel T. Orton.

Bishop of the **Second Ward**, Samuel H. Rogers; Counselors, George Holyoak, jr., Charles Adams.

Bishop of **Paragoonah**, Silas S. Smith; Counselors, Wm. E. Jones, John Topham.

Bishop of **Summit**, Sylvanus C. Hulett; Counselors, Wm. Dalley, Dames Dalley.

Bishop of **Cedar**, Christopher J. Arthur; Counselors, Jens Nielsen, Francis Webster.

John P. Jones was appointed Presiding Elder of **Johnson's Fort [Enoch]**, under Bishop Arthur of Cedar.

Thomas Thorby was appointed Presiding Elder of **Hamilton**, under Bishop Arthur.

Bishop of **Kanarrah**, Wallis Roundy.

¹³⁶ *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.127,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=127>

¹³⁷ Brigham Young, letters to JDT McAllister, Wm H. Dame, and Pinto Ward, 25 May 1877, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.14, p.856-858, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 10,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/8ee2bf6f-8a90-4bd6-943d-532c27f3aae2>

¹³⁸ Stake Organized, *Deseret News*, V.26 #28 (August 15 1877) p.441,
<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2627784>; *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.133,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba/0/133>

Bishop of **Harmony**, William G. Pace.

August 13: Wilford Woodruff ordains Wallace Roundy bishop of Kanarra Ward.¹³⁹

August 25: John P. Jones called to preside over Johnson Branch [*conflicts with above conference; later reminiscence?*]¹⁴⁰

Dec 12: Erastus Snow visits, "told the people to sustain Pres. Wm H. Dame as he is the head until there is another man appointed to preside in this stake."¹⁴¹

1878

Jan 5: Stake Conference.¹⁴² Sustainings not listed, but Dame is presiding.

15 Jan: List of wards and bishops, including Parowan Stake¹⁴³ mp:700350

- W D Pace, Harmony
- Wallace W Roundy, Kanarra
- Christopher J Arthur, Cedar City
- Sylvanus C Hulet, Summit
- William C McGregor, 1st ward, Parowan
- Samuel H. Rogers, 2nd ward, "
- Silas S. Smith, Paragoonah
- _____, President of Stake

March 16-17: St. George Stake Conference. Harmony and Kanarra Wards moved from Parowan Stake to St. George Stake.¹⁴⁴

March 23-24: Stake Conference.¹⁴⁵ Sustains W.H. Dame as president, Jesse N. Smith as 1st Counselor. Other sustainings not itemized, no mention of Kanarra and Harmony.

~~Paragonah demoted to branch, PE William E. Jones (1878-12-29)? Erastus W. McIntyre (Bishop 1879-09-28)?~~

¹³⁹ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1873-1880*, p.270, <https://wilfordwoodruffpapers.org/documents/a7e13e76-da8b-4991-a0f5-a7fa1f3c223e/page/49e2ab1c-4e61-4a90-b109-4c216e9fd7a4>

¹⁴⁰ John P. Jones, *Diary Typescript*, Church History Library MS 4546, p.14, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=e48929d1-d660-4eb7-8d6c-05b1cb391026&crate=0&index=40>

¹⁴¹ *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.142, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=142>

¹⁴² *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.144, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=144>

¹⁴³ 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>

¹⁴⁴ *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, 1878 p.13

¹⁴⁵ *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.150, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=150>

March 25: Statistical Report:¹⁴⁶

- Paragonah, Bishop Silas S. Smith, 150 members, 225 souls, 37 families
- 1 Ward Parowan, Bishop Wm E. McGregor, 276 members, 407 souls, 76 families
- 2 Ward Parowan, Bishop Samuel H. Bayles, 380 members, 564 souls, 99 families
- Summit, Bishop Sylvanus C. Hulet, 63 members, 88 souls, 12 families
- Cedar, Bishop Christopher J. Arthur, 506 members, 660 souls, 122 families

¹⁴⁶ *Parowan Ward General Minutes*, V.6 p.154,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=8e405e62-6bd2-4c3b-8f80-8719e52e24ba&crate=0&index=154>