

SALT LAKE STAKE TIMELINE

- Creation of a new congregation.
- Congregation changed 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.

1847

21 July: First pioneers arrive at site of Salt Lake City. [It needs more research, but the church organization before the organization of the stake seems to have been a continuation of the way that they were organized on the Mormon trail.]

1 August: First Sunday meeting in Salt Lake City.¹ They met weekly on Sundays in a bowery on the future site of temple square. These “public meetings” included the Sacrament, talks, and practical and business matters. Bishops that had been previously ordained continue to function as such, helping the poor and administering the Sacrament. The bishops had counselors as well.²

22 August: Special meeting was held to describe plans to establish a stake at Salt Lake. He wanted to appoint John Smith as stake president when he arrived. Also discussed plans to build a fort to spend the winter when he and most of the other general authorities would leave them to help Saints out east.³ [citation]

9 September: Brigham Young issued an epistle to the Saints in Salt Lake. During the time while Brigham Young was absent the Epistle was followed closely to guide them. It instructs them to set up a stake and that the stake leadership would be in charge of temporal affairs as well, that the high council would serve as judges in temporal and spiritual matters, and a marshal would help enforce the stake presidency’s laws.⁴

22 September: Conference is held.⁵ Among the business, Brigham Young motions that “this stake of Zion” be organized with a president and high council (no leaders named). Names the place “The Great Salt Lake City, Great Basin, North America.” The river is named “The Western Jordan.”

3 October: Conference in Great Salt Lake City, PP Pratt presiding.⁶ John Smith sustained as president (of the stake) with two clerks and a high council. John Taylor objects to A.O. Smoot

¹ General Church Minutes, 1 August 1847, image 5

² LR 604 109, 8-10

³ General Church Minutes, 22 August 1847, image 34

⁴ BY 1847 Letterbook

⁵ Brigham Young, letter to 1868, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.11*, p., Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 7, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=967db140-f060-437f-b583-794f7affa2d0>

⁶ *Salt Lake Stake Conference Minutes, October 3 1847*, Church History Library LR 604 108, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/99f4ed22-619d-4b6d-9737-2813a3b73f45/0/0>

At this time no wards or branches were created, but all met together weekly as a congregation and as quorums. [stake]

7 November: John Smith and the stake leaders decide to **divide the people in the fort into five wards**: “The High Council in G.S.L. City met at 9 am, instead of 1 p.m. The subjects of Bishops was taken up. Pres. Smith thought that five Bishops would be enough and proposed that the addition on the north constitute one ward with Jos. B. Noble for Bishop. That the north half [quarter] of the old fort be one ward with Tarlton Lewis as Bishop. That the south half [quarter] of the old fort be one ward with John S. Higbee as Bishop. That the east half [quarter] of the new fort be another ward with Jacob Foutz as Bishop, and that the west half [quarter] of the new fort be another Ward with Edward Hunter as Bishop. And it was so decided.”⁷ [ward-lite] The “Old Fort” was the central section, the “New Fort” was the south section, so the full 3-square fort was either built or being built this early. They also gave Bishop Lewis the responsibility to hang the bell. I’m not sure about the significance of that, but that was where they would start holding the weekly Sunday meetings. Some later sources claim that Lewis had been the bishop of Salt Lake City, or at least the presiding bishop before this point, though I haven’t seen any contemporary documents to support this claim.⁸ John S. Higbee, who had served as a bishop in Nauvoo, described this time as when he “comenced on [his] official Dutys as Bishop organized on the [blank] 1847 ordained Albert carington a counseller Elam Ludington acting in his place” and called people to lead the Aaronic priesthood in his ward.⁹ This account suggesting that he had been acting as a bishop unofficially prior to being given a specific assignment.

14 November: Weekly meetings are now held in the center of the fort, in the open by the bell. Meetings had been limited due to bad weather.¹⁰

November: A schoolhouse was built just east of the northwest corner of the fort.¹¹ I haven’t seen anything to indicate that Sunday meetings were held in it, however.

27 December: The Stake presidency issue the “Ordinances for Great Salt Lake City,” which laid out the way the temporal government would function: the Stake presidency being the legislative branch, the High Council and bishops the judiciary, and the marshall the executive branch.¹²

1848

2 February: Salt Lake became technically part of US territory at end of Mexican War.

BY and other general authorities returned to the valley and became a more important part of affairs.

11 February: Bishop Foutz died (FamilySearch). I haven’t seen anything about them replacing him, so it’s not clear that the ward structure continued as it was before.

⁷ Journal History, 7 November 1847/

⁸ 25 November 1868 Deseret News article on history of Salt Lake City, Lewis’ obituary:

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=1568930>

⁹ MS 1742/f0001, image 65

¹⁰ LR 604 109, 5

¹¹ <https://heritage.utah.gov/history/uhg-building-kingdom-pioneer-fort-pioneer-park>

¹² “Ordinances for Great Salt Lake City,” Salt Lake Stake papers, Church History Library LR 604 107 box 1 Folder 20. <https://eadview.lds.org/findingaid/000251706/>

16 February: Report made to the stake leaders by each of the five bishops on the number of inhabitants and buildings. The bishops were listed in the same order: Noble, Lewis, Higbee, Foutz, and Hunter. [source??]

24 February: Bishop Joseph B. Noble sends report of his ward in Salt Lake City. "Bishop's Report 1st Wd. Joseph B. Noble - Bp. Alanson Eldridge - Council. Thomas J. Thirston - Assistant. J. B. Noble - Clerk" It lists names of each member of ward, age, log and adobe houses, animals and supplies of each family.¹³ The names listed indicates that he was still bishop over the northern extension of the fort, and that the fact that his ward was the "1st Ward" indicates the other wards were numbered as well, presumably after the order the bishops are consistently listed: Noble (1st), Lewis (2nd), Higbee (3rd), Foutz (4th), and Hunter (5th), though that is just a supposition. [ward-lite]

16 April: Bishop Edward Hunter was sustained at a public meeting and had meetings with all the Aaronic priesthood. Despite not being ordained the presiding bishop yet, he apparently held a prominent position among the bishops during this time.¹⁴ His own record records him holding courts with his counselors, helping the poor, etc. [citation]

Fall: As the harvest comes in, people turn their attention to building homes on their lots and in new settlements.

Fall: First settlers between the Cottonwood Creeks, on the "Amasa Survey" or "Cottonwood Settlement." (Murray) [MH]

8 October: Stake President John Smith was released at the general conference and C. C. Rich chosen to take his place.¹⁵ Smith is ordained as patriarch over the church.

15 October: President Rich is commissioned to better organize each of the quorums in the stake. There was at this point only one quorum for each office in the stake.¹⁶

First settlers on the west side of the Jordan, across from the mouth of Big Cottonwood Creek, about 4300 South [Taylorsville] [West Jordan MH]

1849

6 January: The Council of Fifty, now an organization known to the public as the "Legislative Council," officially takes over temporal and political affairs from the Stake.¹⁷ The High Council and bishops continue to function as judges and justices of the peace.¹⁸

13 February: "We set Daniel Spencer to be president of this stake of Zion, who nominated David Fulmer and Willard Snow for his counsellor. Voted that a committee be appointed to lay off the city into wards: NK Whitney, Thomas Bullock, HC Kimball, B Young, A Lyman, PP Pratt as members of the committee."¹⁹

¹³ Bishop's report, First Ward, 1848 February 24, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/dbbdf21b-6a93-4fa8-8fce-229ff1ac85c0/0/0>

¹⁴ LR 604 109, 16

¹⁵ LR 604 109, 26

¹⁶ LR 604 109, 36

¹⁷ *The Council of Fifty: A Documentary History*, 142

¹⁸ *The Council of Fifty: A Documentary History*, 162, 166

¹⁹ *History of Brigham Young Draft, Feb 1849*, Church History Library CR 100 92, box 3 folder 6 p.17 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE9415609

13 February: "HCK. I motion we appoint a committee to cut off the city into wards." carried and committee chosen.²⁰

14 February: At committee meeting, "Pres. Y proposed dividing the city into wards of 9 blocks each." carried.²¹ Also decided on Canyon Creek Ward, Mill Creek Ward, Mississippi Ward, and Canaan Ward [not including Big Cottonwood Ward].²² *Have not yet found primary source for proposed ward boundaries*

16 February: council meeting mentions "D. Spencer Pres of Stake"²³ High Council organized. [mp:700828 includes all of these meetings]

16 February: "In a meeting of the quorum of the Twelve the following **division of the valley into wards** was decided upon. South of the city and east of the Jordan river, into four wards: Canyon creek ward [Sugar House], embracing the five acre survey and all east of it; Mill Creek ward, embracing the ten-acre survey and all east of it; a third ward [Big Cottonwood], embracing the country between the ten-acre survey and the Cottonwood creek; and a fourth [Mississippi/South Cottonwood ward] embracing all south of the Cottonwood. West of the Jordan, to be organized under the name Canaan ward [West Jordan]."²⁴ Also created wards at Session Settlement [Bountiful], between that and the Weber River [Farmington], and the Brown Settlement [Ogden]. Presumably these proposed wards were envisioned at this point to all be part of the stake as they all were part of the Salt Lake valley. The surveyed wards weren't always the same as the actual wards that would be established. [ward-designate]

19 February: Brigham Young set apart counsellors to "Daniel Spencer, president of the Stake." At this time BY also proceeds to make a more general reorganization of the stake, appointing new high councilors, etc.²⁵

19 February: Bishop John Murdock reports on the 14th Ward.²⁶ *Already?*

22 February: Bishops were appointed on this date over the following wards: "David Fairbanks, 1st Ward; John Lowry, 2nd; Christopher Williams, 3rd; William Hickenlooper, 6th; William G. Perkins, 7th; Addison Everett, 8th; Seth Taft, 9th; David Pettigrew, 10th; Benjamin Covey, 12th; Edward Hunter, 13th; John Murdock, 14th; Abraham O. Smoot, 15th; Isaac Higbee, 16th; Joseph L. Heywood, 17th; James Hendrix, 19th."²⁷ Note says "4th absent, 11 (Daniel Carn) refused, 18 (Newel K. Whitney) no [?], 5 blotted out[?]"²⁸

²⁰ *Historian's Office General Church Minutes*, Church History Library CR 100 318 box 2 folder 8 p.5

²¹ *General Church Minutes*, p.5, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=0322fdc0-cdec-407f-85fc-051aae37cf70&crate=0&index=9>: no details of boundaries given; *Journal History*, vol. 26, image 55; Cites *History of Brigham Young* p.17, but page 17 does not discuss it. Earlier draft? Missing pages?

²² *History of Brigham Young Draft*, box 3 folder 6 p.24

²³ *General Church Minutes*, p.5, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=0322fdc0-cdec-407f-85fc-051aae37cf70&crate=0&index=9>

²⁴ *History of Brigham Young/History of the Church*, Church History Library, CR 100 102 box 9 V.19 p.20. https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE232908

²⁵ *History of Brigham Young*, V.19 p.21

²⁶ Weekly reports, 1849, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9096edd-5cdb-4440-85b1-6bf4ce7653c4/0/0>

²⁷ *Bishops Quorum minutes*, Church History Library CR 4 122 folder 1 p.80; *History of Brigham Young*, V.19 p.22

²⁸ *General Church Minutes*, box 2 folder 8 p.37; *Minutes, 1841 March-1851 January, Presiding Bishopric Bishop's Quorum Minutes, 1841-1851*, Church History Library CR 4 122 folder 1, p.80,

25 February: More counselors to bishops set apart.²⁹

Spring: Holladaysburgh (**Big Cottonwood**) is a settlement with presiding elder John Holladay, but no official organization yet.³⁰ **Holladay participates in stake Bishop's Quorum meetings and is sometimes called bishop there..**

4 March: Constitution of Deseret set up, which divided the territory into five counties: Salt Lake, Weber, Utah, Tooele, and Sanpete. Stakes would be set up in all the other counties within the next few years except Tooele. Tooele, as well as Morgan, Summit, and Wasatch counties have been claimed to have been part of the Salt Lake Stake, but evidence points more to them operating separately during this time, and not part of a stake. [footnote] Davis county has also been claimed to be part of the stake at this time, and its settlements were originally treated as part of the stake, but later on they operate separately. [expand]

14 March: First record of the Seventh Ward, Bishop W.G. Perkins.³¹ *These early meetings are just business meetings of the male members.*

25 March: A new bowery was created on Temple Square, and this was the date of the first public meeting of the church in it. Although everyone met together, different wards had specific parts of the bowery assigned for their seating. "Bishops Quorum" (of Salt Lake Stake?) met and ordained Joseph L. Robinson as bishop of **North Cottonwood** [Farmington] and James Brown as bishop of **Weber River** [Ogden] Wards.³² *So this quorum had jurisdiction over Davis and Weber counties; Robinson participates in subsequent bishop's quorum meetings, Brown does not.*

8 April: Benjamin Brown ordained bishop of **4th Ward**, Orvil S. Cox bishop of **North Mill Creek Ward** (Bountiful), Joel H. Johnson Bishop of **South Mill Creek Ward** (Mill Creek).³³

14 April: High Council ordains Shadrach Roundy bishop of the 16th Ward.³⁴ *Bishop Isaac Higbee had been called to lead the settlement of Provo.*

15 April: (Business) Meeting of the members of the 17th Ward, decide to build a school; the ward is holding prayer meetings every Thursday.³⁵

16 June: First record of 10th Ward is a bishop's court, so this is one of the original ward bishop functions.³⁶ *It is also holding business meetings around this time, but they aren't dated in the record.*

Summer: Dan Jones and other immigrating Welsh Saints make plans to establish a Welsh kingdom across the Jordan River from Salt Lake City. As the immigrant company reaches Little Mountain (before descending Emigration Canyon), "Brother Jones called a meeting and

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=3664bcab-178a-4dd8-9409-912ee9135c13&crate=0&index=86>. 18th is not listed in the latter.

²⁹ "Minutes, 1849 February 25," *Salt Lake Stake papers*, Church History Library LR 604 107, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/2079b0f6-84f9-4367-b356-67f1f2d93d0c/0/0>

³⁰ *Big Cottonwood Ward Manuscript History*, Church History Library LR 712 2

³¹ *Seventh Ward General Minutes*, V.1s p.2, Church History Library LR 12586 11

³² *Bishops Quorum minutes* typescript, 4; *History of Brigham Young*, V.19 p.41

³³ Minutes 1841 March-1951 January, *Presiding Bishopric bishop's quorum minutes, 1841-1851*, Church History Library CR 4 122 folder 1, p. 83, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=3664bcab-178a-4dd8-9409-912ee9135c13&crate=0&index=89>

³⁴ *History of Brigham Young*, V.19 p.67

³⁵ *Seventeenth Ward General Minutes*, V.12 p.3, Church History Library LR 8240 11

³⁶ *Tenth Ward General Minutes*, Vol. 6 p.5, Church History Library LR 9051 11, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f1b08c04-1269-4ea7-97ba-64ed4d2acdd9/0/4>

preached a long sermon, advising us all to stick together as a nation... He said that if the company was all Welsh, they would not have come to meet us. He advised us to stick together and all go over Jordan River and settle there as an independent nation, with Mrs. Lewis [who would become polygamous wife of Dan Jones] as our queen. This is the reason why she was called the Welsh Queen and many people in Salt Lake City thought she actually was a Welsh Queen. Jones called a vote. All that were willing to go over Jordan and establish a **Welsh nation** were requested to raise their hands. All hands went up except Ned William's and mine. Then he asked the reason for my not voting with the rest. I told him I had had enough of the Welsh and I was going to try Americans for a while."³⁷ George A. Smith then came and encouraged the camp to settle with the rest of the saints.

August 12: William Crosby is already bishop of **South Cottonwood**.³⁸

August 19: Meeting of bishops in Salt Lake notes the absence of bishops of North Cottonwood and Weber River Wards, suggesting that they were expected to be part of this quorum.³⁹ But was it general or part of the stake organization?

September 20: First mention of a children blessing meeting in Tenth Ward. *Just a list of three babies blessed, not a meeting agenda or anything.*⁴⁰

26 September: Dan Jones and Welsh Saints arrive in Salt Lake and begin to settle across the Jordan River. Dan Jones described it thus in a letter dated 20 November: "All the Welsh are content and are joining together to enclose about 600 or 700 acres of land on the banks of the West Jordan River about four miles from the city, which country is called New Wales, as fruitful and beautiful a land as any under the sun in the Western world... We established a **Welsh branch** of the Church to God, so the Welsh can hold their worship services in the language into which they were born, with Thomas Jeremy as president, and Daniel Daniels and Rice Williams as counselors."⁴¹ This was apparently somewhere in the vicinity of Meadowbrook Golf Course; there is a monument to it at the Freedom Shrine near the bridge on 45th South, which says it was "just north of here"; it could have been what was later called the "English Fort" in Taylorsville. The "English Fort" was at the current Taylorsville Cemetery (4600 S Redwood)

30 Sep: In one of its business meetings, 10th Ward decides to build a school house⁴² *During the first few years, Bishop Pettegrew was blessing babies, performing marriages and rebaptisms, holding courts, and having ad hoc public meetings to conduct ward business. The record never mentions any worship meetings through the early 1860s.*

October: first settler in the current West Jordan area [MH]

November: first settler on South Willow Creek [Draper] [MH]

³⁷ Isaac B. Nash, *The Life Story of Isaac B. Nash*. p.8, http://www.welshsaints.byu.edu/Resource_Info.aspx?id=202

³⁸ *Bishops Quorum Minutes*, folder 1 p. 85. <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=3664bcab-178a-4dd8-9409-912ee9135c13&crate=0&index=91>.

³⁹ *Bishops Quorum Minutes*, folder 2 p.29 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE9438166

⁴⁰ *Tenth Ward General Minutes*, p.8, Church History Library LR 9051 11, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f1b08c04-1269-4ea7-97ba-64ed4d2acdd9/0/14>

⁴¹ Dan Jones, general letter 20 Nov 1849 *Three Letters from Capt. D. Jones and one from Mrs. Lewis*, p.2 in *Welsh Mormon Writings*, p.48, <http://www.welshsaints.byu.edu/Resources/pdf/21137.pdf>

⁴² *Tenth Ward General Minutes*, p.11, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f1b08c04-1269-4ea7-97ba-64ed4d2acdd9/0/14>

3 November: Silas Richards settles in Little Cottonwood area, only a couple others there at the time.⁴³ In 1853, he says “in a few weeks after our settlement here, I was appointed a bishop, and organized a ward, appointing Bros. John Cox and H.H. Wilson my councillors, also appointed several teachers.”⁴⁴

11 November: Welsh members who wanted to stay in the city with other members began meeting together. There is no reason to think this was in place of other meetings.⁴⁵ **[Thomas Jeremy was apparently involved in both the New Wales branch and these Welsh meetings, I can see if there was a formal connection]**

22 November: Dan Jones describes the church in New Wales: “I was prevented from departing until the 24th, since I was settling the various Welsh families on the other side of the Jordan River and apportioning to them their inheritances according to their needs... I had already established them as **Welsh branches** before that and had designated presidents over them. And almost all of them had renewed their covenants through baptism, etc., and in the Welsh meetings there was more unity and more of the Spirit of God than I have seen amongst us since I left Wales.”⁴⁶

29 November: **Seventh Ward** begins holding weekly Thursday evening prayer meetings (in members houses).⁴⁷ *These soon become a common occurrence in the city wards.*

First schoolhouse of the 16th Ward built “on the block immediately north of the Oregon Short Line Depot. It was a small log building and the benches consisted of long logs cut in half with pegs for legs.”⁴⁸

First log schoolhouse built in the 15th Ward.⁴⁹

BY later thought this was the year that he developed architectural plans for the schoolhouses for each of the wards (the plans weren’t used).⁵⁰

Sugar House: even though Canyon Creek Ward was designated in February 1849, it was never organized. “Bishop Reuben Miller of Mill Creek and Bishop Peter McCue of the First Ward held jurisdiction alternately over the saints on Canyon Creek until it was decided that Bishop Miller should have exclusive jurisdiction. A presiding Elder, who acted under the direction of Bishop Miller, took charge of the meetings and local affairs generally on Canyon Creek, but the early records of the Sugar House Ward do not disclose his name.” [Sugar House MH]

Daniel Garn temporarily bishop of 9th Ward

⁴³ Silas Richards, *Diary 1849-1853*, p.37, Church History Library MS 16402, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b1d80de0-0d27-49b8-92b0-c533b58495ac/0/37>

⁴⁴ Silas Richards, copy of first diary, p.71, Church History Library MS 16502, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b1d80de0-0d27-49b8-92b0-c533b58495ac/1/71>

⁴⁵ Church Historian’s Office Journal vol. 13, 1

⁴⁶ Dan Jones, *Account of a Journey from Great Salt Lake City for 450 Miles to the South*, March 1851, http://www.welshsaints.byu.edu/Resource_Info.aspx?id=3008

⁴⁷ *Seventh Ward General Minutes*, V.1s p.11, Church History Library LR 12586 11

⁴⁸ *Sixteenth Ward Book of Remembrance* (HBLL BX 8677.9225.C47b), 11

⁴⁹ *15th Ward Memories 1849-1960* (HBLL BX 8677.9225.B27f), 9

⁵⁰ <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2591478>

1850

13 January: Seventh Ward holds its first meeting specifically for blessing children.⁵¹ These sometimes have testimonies and confirmations of baptisms as well. All are held in members houses.

5 July: A property line dispute in the 1st Ward is arbitrated by Bishops Fairbanks (1st), Pettegrew (10th), and Hickenlooper (6th).⁵² *Were collections of bishops called for civil cases?*

9 September: Utah territorial government is authorized by U.S. Congress.

November? William Fawcett [KWJF-SVJ], who has settled in the vicinity of the Welsh Settlement (North Jordan/Taylorsville), is called to preside “over the English and Welsh Settlement” there.⁵³

22 November: 10th Ward School District organized⁵⁴

20 Dec: 1st Ward meets to organize its school⁵⁵ *Meetings of the full ward seem to be out of the ordinary, business meetings of “the brethren of the ward” are more common.*

Archibald Gardner builds his mill at West Jordan [MH]

1851

1 Jan: 14th Ward dedicates its school house⁵⁶

5 Jan: Meeting of the Quorum of the Twelve.⁵⁷ They call and ordain Lorenzo Young as bishop of the 18th Ward.

Spring: Big Cottonwood receives its first (acting) bishop, Ezekiel Lee⁵⁸ *John Holladay has left with the San Bernardino company*

Spring: several families settle on South Willow Creek [Draper]

Mid-March: most of the Cottonwood Ward leaves to settle San Bernardino, including Bishop Crosby. Jonathan C. Wright appointed bishop [MH] *MH says he served until Fall 1852, but A.O. Smoot is called in the April Conference, so was it only a few weeks?*

⁵¹ *Seventh Ward General Minutes*, V.1s p.13, Church History Library LR 12586 11

⁵² *First Ward minutes and record of members*, p.1, Church History Library LR 2871 26

⁵³ Reports, 1851 September, *Bishops reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f384a527-25c9-4399-b9d9-770fcaad5caf/0/6>; William Fawcett, Dead Record Book, BYU Special Collections Library MSS SC 2690, transcript at <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/KWJF-SVJ>

⁵⁴ *Tenth Ward General Minutes*, p.46, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f1b08c04-1269-4ea7-97ba-64ed4d2acdd9/0/43>

⁵⁵ *First Ward minutes and record of members*

⁵⁶ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1847-1852*, p.295, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/a5c827b5-938d-4a08-b80e-71570704e323/0/301>

⁵⁷ *General Church Minutes*, Salt Lake City 1851 January 5, Church History Library CR 100 318, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f6ec45e0-2137-4761-bedd-677e72d4fe62/0/0>

⁵⁸ *Big Cottonwood Ward Manuscript History*; Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.4 p.444, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi04jens/page/444>

April Conference:⁵⁹ mp:700837 Edward Hunter is appointed Presiding Bishop of the Church (but not yet ordained),⁶⁰ and expanding settlement has necessitated several new bishops being called in the stake:

- Nathaniel V. Jones, **15th Ward**
- Abraham Hoagland, **14th Ward**
- Reuben Miller, **Mill creek Ward**
- Abraham O. Smoot, Big Cottonwood Ward (actually **South Cottonwood**)
- Ezekiel Lee, Holladay's settlement (**Big Cottonwood**)
- Peter McCue, **1st Ward**
- Joseph C. Kingsbury, **2nd Ward**
- And Joseph Harker is president of the stake priests quorum, even though he lives in West Jordan. In his journal he recorded that he "was Ordained President of the Priests quorum for Salt Lake County."⁶¹ He has actually been called as Priest Quorum President back on 25 March 1849 (Bishop's Quorum minutes p.82) This shows both that the wards in the county were definitely thought to be part of the stake, and that at least in Harker's mind the stake covered only the county.

April 22: PB Edward Hunter writes to outlying bishops, about "your ward or district", including "A.O. Smoot [South Cottonwood], Reuben Miller [Mill Creek], Silas Richards [Little Cottonwood], Ezekiel Lee [Big Cottonwood]"⁶²

May: Rebaptism report for "Settlement west of Jordan and South of the City," "**West Jordan Branch**"⁶³ H.J. Herriman [resident Presidency of the Seventy] appears to be the leader, Wm Fawcett clerk. *Fawcett later claims that his congregation included the Welsh settlement (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/KWJF-SVJ>), but the only Welsh person on this list is future bishop Samuel Bennion. The rest are from a variety of locations.*

June 24: Bishops Meeting.⁶⁴ presiding Bishop Edward Hunter clearly lays out responsibilities of bishops in the [ward-lite] system; regular meetings not mentioned other than a monthly meeting to bless children. President Young: bishops ought to hold monthly meetings for the blessing of children; mentions his plan for traveling bishops, and calls on bishops to begin raising funds to build their own buildings; not sure if this the first such call. Several Bishops are ordained by Edward Hunter and Daniel Spencer "By the direction of Brigham Young", including:

- Peter McCue, bishop of 1st Ward
- Joseph Kingsberry, bishop of 2nd Ward

⁵⁹ Minutes, *Deseret News*, V.1 p.31 (April 19, 1851) p.242, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2569431>

⁶⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.1, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/14>

⁶¹ <https://eadview.lds.org/findingaid/000124687/>, 43

⁶² Edward Hunter, letter to bishops, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, Copybook 1844-1853*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/23928a06-210d-4ec0-96c2-909bcbcbdb6a3>

⁶³ West Jordan Branch report, 1851 May, *Historian's Office rebaptism records, 1848-1876*, Church History Library CR 100 591, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/445fe893-75cd-42a0-8b09-333c1c4b7d58/0/0>

⁶⁴ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.6, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/19>

- John Lytle, Bishop of 11th Ward
- Abraham Hoagland, bishop of 14th Ward
- Nathaniel V. Jones, bishop of 15th Ward
- Silas Richards, bishop of Little Cottonwood

September 7: Report from "Settlement west of Jordan and south the City" by William Fawcett: "This being an unorganized Branch of Settlement, the people here nearly one year ago appointed me to take Charge of their meetings. I have acted ever since under the superintendence of Henry Herriman [resident Pres. of Seventy]..." 63 members⁶⁵ Fawcett's autobiography says he moved to the 6th Ward soon after this.

October 26: Bishops meeting.⁶⁶ Bishop Hunter: "All general meetings in the wards should be convened by the bishops or by his consent. In regard to administering the sacrament...the bishops and counselors may do what they please"

Nov 5 (Wednesday): "14th Ward met in their school house" ⁶⁷ *They are meeting every Wednesday evening there.*

November 19: Seventh Ward dedicates its first "school & meeting house" ⁶⁸ Bishop Perkins announces plans for weekly business meetings on Wednesday evenings, and prayer meetings on Thursdays. Also plans to start a ward school.

14 November: First Presidency reports to the church that "School Houses have been erected in the Wards generally, and Schools have been in operation the present season."⁶⁹

Nov 30: Bishops Meeting.⁷⁰ President Daniel Spencer, reporting that President Young "thought it was not prudent to meet in the bowery during the winter, but to hold meetings in the wards." *So the separate ward sacrament meetings are seen as a temporary thing, which explains why mention of them disappears within a month or two.*

13 December: By this point, there are "weekly ward meetings on Sundays". Not clear how universal this was or what the nature of these meetings were.⁷¹

15 December: Bishops meeting.⁷² *More interesting tidbits than usual:*

- Bishop Brown of the 4th Ward is unsure if he is still bishop. "In his absence on a mission south his counsellors have acted in my place and is now recognized as bishop." Bishop Hunter replies "on our records he [Brown] is recognized as bishop of the 4th Ward and always has been."

⁶⁵ Reports, 1851 September, *Bishops reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/f384a527-25c9-4399-b9d9-770fcaad5caf/0/6>

⁶⁶ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.17, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/32>

⁶⁷ *Historian's Office Journal*, CR 100 1 box 2 v.14 p.362, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=bc04fe2c-dc46-4e7d-8bfe-ab1120057348&crate=0&index=192>

⁶⁸ *Seventh Ward General Minutes*, V.1s p.32, Church History Library LR 12586 11

⁶⁹ 14 November 1851 General Epistle of the First Presidency (in published version of *Frontier Guardian*), 51

⁷⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.19, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/34>

⁷¹ The News Delivery, *Deseret News*, V.2 #6 (December 13 1851) p.11, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2578993>

⁷² *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.22, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/37>

- Bishop Perkins of the 7th ward reports having “prayer meetings weekly, a preaching meeting and the administration of the sacrament on Sabbath.”
- “President D. Spencer in answer to a question from Bishop Hunter in regard to the frequency of administering the Lord’s Supper in the wards, said the brethren may be governed by their own feelings in this matter.”
- Bishop Hunter: “The Pres’t of the stake has counselled us to hold meetings in the wards,” later “requested the bishops to hold monthly blessings meetings”

[Date]: Adobe school house dedicated in the 7th Ward.⁷³

[Date]: Adobe school house dedicated in the 1st Ward immediately south of the church dedicated in 1919.⁷⁴

1852

7 January: Bishops meeting.⁷⁵ “Pres’t Harker [Priests Quorum Pres.] reported a good feeling in the precinct west of Jordan, but a lack of some person to bless the Children.” “Bishop Hunter said he would enquire of the president in relation to appointing a bishop over the River.”

9 January: **Little Cottonwood Ward** (Union) already has an adobe meetinghouse.⁷⁶

19 January: John Robinson ordained bishop over the Ward **West of Jordan** by Edward Hunter⁷⁷

28 January: **West Jordan Ward** established, Bishop Robinson and Joseph Harker his counselor.⁷⁸ *Initially, this was centered at English Fort, on the site of today’s Taylorsville Cemetery (later North Jordan, now Taylorsville, possibly the site of the earlier Welsh Branch?)*

Feb 11: Bishops meeting, Edward Hunter presiding and also representing the 13th Ward “over which he presides.”⁷⁹ 9th Ward reports having regular meetings and a school. “Counsellor Harker said Bishop Robinson has organized the ward over the River into three branches, to all meet once a month and partake of the sacrament.”

Feb 25: “Bishop Jonathan C. Wright” [South Cottonwood] reports his ward as if he just recently there.⁸⁰ Also present at this meeting is Bishop Lee of “[Big] Cottonwood Ward”

April 5: reports from wards,⁸¹ including (only those different from summary report below):

⁷³ CHL M277.9225 S6255t *Through the Years: A Brief History of the Sixth-Seventh Ward*, 9

⁷⁴ https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE937302&from=fhd, 31

⁷⁵ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.26, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/41>

⁷⁶ Local Correspondence, *Deseret News*, V.2 #6 (January 24 1852), p.21

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2579126>

⁷⁷ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.27, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/42>

⁷⁸ Joseph Harker reminiscences and journal 1855-1895, Church History Library MS 9131, p.43. <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/a062efe6-35e2-4ad5-871d-1db64960f46f/0/0>

⁷⁹ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.30, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/45>

⁸⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.34, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/49>

⁸¹ *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/5f8beaef-033c-4b71-98f2-1b5e439f6ac8/0/0>

- “5th & 6th Wards, William Hickenlooper Bishop”
- “East Branch, Mill Creek Ward, Reuben Miller Bishop,” “Archibald Gardner, President,” 172 total members
- “Western Branch of Mill Creek Ward,” “John Borrowman President,” John Borrowman President, 84 members.
- “South Willow Creek Branch or Ward,” “Wm Draper, Jun, Presiding Elder & Bishop,” 65 members

April 6: First comprehensive membership report of the Church, listing “wards” and “bishops,”⁸² including “Great Salt Lake City Stake”:

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| • 1, Peter McCue, 159 members | • 17, Joseph L. Heywood, 224 |
| • 2, Joseph C. Kingsbury, 58 | • 18, Lorenzo D. Young, 176 |
| • 3, Christopher Williams, 82 | • Mill Creek, Reuben Miller, 296 |
| • 6, William Hickenlooper, 135 | • [South] Cottonwood, Jonathan C. Wright, 313 |
| • 7, William G. Perkins, 185 | • South Willow Creek, William Draper, 65 |
| • 8, Addison Everett, 137 | • Little Cottonwood, Silas Richards, 88 |
| • 9, Seth Taft, 212 | • Western Jordan, John Robinson, 95 |
| • 11, John Lytle, 74 | • 4, 5, 10, 19 listed but no report; squiggly line might attach 5 to 6? |
| • 12, Benjamin Covey, 198 | • Big Cottonwood not listed |
| • 13, Edward Hunter, 418 | • Total 3930 members |
| • 14, Abraham Hoagland, 311 | |
| • 15, Nathaniel V. Jones, 421 | |
| • 16, Shadrach Roundy, 283 | |

April 11: Edward Hunter is ordained as Presiding Bishop of the Church [has been acting for some time] by Heber C. Kimball.⁸³ Initially, he chooses Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball as his counselors. *What does this mean for the 13th Ward? Woolley is attending bishops meetings right after this*

Aug 29: Stake President Daniel Spencer leaves on a mission to Great Britain.⁸⁴

September: South Willow Creek branch (Draper) is established [MH].⁸⁵ *William Draper was appointed presiding elder, although because he had been a bishop before, he is often called “bishop.” Their first schoolhouse was also built during the year inside the north wall of the fort.*⁸⁶

Fall: ~~Abraham O. Smoot appointed bishop of South Cottonwood.~~[MH] *primary sources have him as bishop in 1851.*

October 1-5: Statistical Reports from wards.⁸⁷ Same as summary report below, except:

⁸² 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>

⁸³ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.36, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/51>

⁸⁴ Eighth General Epistle, *Deseret News*, V.2 #25 (16 Oct 1852) p.98 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2578918>

⁸⁵ Epperson, David H., *Peace like a river: the historical and spiritual journey of the Isaac M. Stewart family*, 2007. Family History Library, 929.273 St49, P.47; *Tales of a Triumphant People*, p.231, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS9B-SBVL?i=129&cat=206345>

⁸⁶ *A Review of Draper History* (HBLL BX 8677.9225.C47d), 3

⁸⁷ Bishops Reports, 1852 October, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/c47d8506-ae8d-408d-b6bc-d27014067521/0/0>

- 4: John Gailey, Clerk. No presiding authority listed
- 11: Bishop John Lytle, 88 members
- South Willow Creek Ward, Bishop Wm Draper Jun. *no uncertainty as in April*

October 6: Statistical Report.⁸⁸ Same leadership as the April report, except:

- 4: John Gailey acting, 96 members
- 5 clearly attached to 6
- 10: David Pettegruew, 160 members
- 11 & 13: no report
- 19: James Hendrix, 403 members
- Big Cottonwood: Ezekiel Lee, 186 members

October 7: At general conference, counselor David Fullmer is present but Daniel Spencer (gone to England) is still sustained as the stake president.⁸⁹

Big Cottonwood Ward, Bishop Ezekiel Lee, President Dudley L. Merrill [L58W-WJ7? Only 19 years old] not mentioned in MH. The October statistical report lists “Prest: Dudley L. Merrill 1, Teachers Wm Lang 1” This is the most likely source for this statement, but given the context, it is much more likely saying that Merrill is a priest, not president.

21 December: Bishops meeting in Salt Lake City includes reports from 6th Ward (Bp. Hickenlooper), 10th Ward (Bp. Tyler), 14th Ward (Bp. Hoagland, who reports on weekly Thursday and Sunday meetings), and West Jordan Ward (Bp. Harker, who reports that “he had organized two branches lately in his ward [prob. Herriman, Jordan Mill]).⁹⁰ *These biweekly presiding bishops meetings, which continue into the 1870s, almost always include just the numbered city wards, and often Sugar House and Brighton Wards when they are organized. The “country wards” of Salt Lake and Davis counties are not present any more often than bishops from other wards in the territory. Is this just a matter of convenience, or does this say something about the jurisdiction of the stake? This council is not really a stake activity, being under the direction of the presiding bishop; the stake president is occasionally present, but so are members of the First Presidency and the Twelve. It would seem that Edward Hunter is simply acting as the de facto presiding bishop over the city wards (a role often divorced from the stake) in addition to his general authority role.*

25 December: 14th Ward dedicates a new schoolhouse.⁹¹

28 December: List of wards in Utah made by bishops sent to Brigham Young. All of the Salt Lake City wards were included (5th “not organized,” reported by 6th Ward bishop), as well as “West of Jordan Ward,” Mill Creek Ward, South Cottonwood Ward, Big Cottonwood Ward, Little Cottonwood Ward, and South Willow Creek Ward.⁹²

⁸⁸ 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/0/0>

⁸⁹ Minutes of the General Conference, *Deseret News*, V.2 #25 (16 Oct 1852) p.98, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2578905>

⁹⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.45, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/60>

⁹¹ <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2579934>

⁹² 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/f6a446c9-db6e-4f99-8da4-8ca12227b2b5/0/0>

December 31: Bishops' statistical report lists the following "wards" with "bishops" (possibly including branches as well): 1st: PL McCue, 2nd: J Kingsbury, 3rd: C Williams, 4th: J Calley (acting), 5th (no report), 6th: W Hickenlooper, 7th: WG Perkins, 8th: A Everett, 9th: S Taft, 10th: D Pettegrew, 11th (no report), 12th: B Covey, 13th (no report), 14th: A Hoagland, 15th: NV Jones, 16th: S Roundy, 17th: JL Heywood, 18th: LD Young, 19th: J Hendrix, Mill Creek: R Miller, Big Cottonwood: E Lee, Little Cottonwood: S Richards, Willow Creek: W Draper Jr., West of Jordan: J Robinson, South Cottonwood: JC Wright.⁹³

Adobe schoolhouse built in the 6th Ward "on Third West between Fourth and Fifth South on the west side of the street."⁹⁴

Adobe schoolhouse built in the 15th Ward "on 1st South between 3rd and 4th West."⁹⁵

No date given, so this is just a guess. [investigate] 2nd Ward dedicates a small adobe school house "on the north side of Seventh South between Fourth and Fifth East, on the vacant lot owned by James E. Trowbridge."⁹⁶

Schoolhouse dedicated in the 8th Ward "in 1851 or 1852, immediately east of the present [1921] site of our old meeting house."⁹⁷

19th Ward schoolhouse built on southwest corner of 2nd West and 4th North.⁹⁸

Julian Moses appointed to preside over the "Upper District of Mill Creek Ward" (East Mill Creek) [MH, EH] *This conflicts with Julian Moses autobiography which says 1855*

Small log schoolhouse built in the Canyon Creek/Sugar House branch "on the north side of the creek, a few rods below, or northwesterly from where the sugar mill was built. The property was owned by William C. A. Smoot."⁹⁹ Apparently, until they had their own schoolhouse they attended meetings in the city and alternated between the jurisdiction of the 1st Ward and the Millcreek Ward. Around the time they built their schoolhouse, they were considered a branch of the Millcreek Ward and had their own presiding elder.¹⁰⁰

1853

[Date]: 4th Ward bishop [Benjamin Brown] called on a mission, counselor [John Preece] presides until he returns in 1855. Acting bishop? President?¹⁰¹

Jan 4: Bishops meeting: **8th Ward** reports a school house nearly finished, and regular meetings; 15th Ward represents two schools and weekly prayer meetings.

April 6: Church Statistical Report.¹⁰² No change from October 1852, except:

- 3rd and 18th ward not reported
- 15: Bishop Andrew Cunningham

⁹³ JHC 31 December 1852 p.2 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE289298

⁹⁴ CHL M277.9225 S6255t *Through the Years: A Brief History of the Sixth-Seventh Ward*, 7

⁹⁵ *15th Ward Memories 1849-1960* (HBLL BX 8677.9225.B27f), 9

⁹⁶ FHL 979.2258 K2wb *A Brief Historical Sketch of the 2nd Ward*, 12

⁹⁷ FHL 979.2258 K2sh *History of the Eighth Ward, Liberty Stake*, 1

⁹⁸ FHL 979.2258 K2cae *The 1st 100 years of the 19th Ward*, 7

⁹⁹ FHL 979.2258 K2mo *150 Years of History of the LDS Sugar House Ward, 1854 to 2004*, 3

¹⁰⁰ FHL 979.2258 K2mo *150 Years of History of the LDS Sugar House Ward, 1854 to 2004*, 1-2

¹⁰¹ *Fourth Ward Manuscript History*

¹⁰² List of bishops' reports, 1853 April, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/48a21447-79a1-49ab-8d82-df19138a5f74/0/0>

- South Cottonwood: Bishop A.O. Smoot
- West of Jordan: Bishop Joseph Harker

April 7: General Conference.¹⁰³ “David Fullmer was voted to be the President of this Stake of Zion in room of Daniel Spencer, absent on a mission”

April 9: General Bishops meeting includes Bishop Silas Richards of Little Cotton Wood Ward, Bishop A.O. Smoot of South Cottonwood Ward¹⁰⁴

April 11: **5th Ward** organized with a bishop, the last of the original 19 wards to be fully organized.¹⁰⁵ [CC]

April 24: Orson Hyde, P.P. Pratt, and Wilford Woodruff ordain Thomas W. Winters a bishop [of **5th Ward**]^{106 107}

August 2: At bishops meetings around this time,¹⁰⁸ the city wards report holding their own meetings, including fast meetings, baby blessing meetings, prayer meetings, schools, sunday school, and Aaronic Priesthood quorums. No mention of sacrament meetings; in fact, several wards list all their meetings and none mention sacrament meeting.

September: When Joseph Harker becomes (acting?) bishop of West Jordan Ward (Bishop Robinson having left on a mission) he notes in his journal that the ward has two dependent branches: **Herriman** (Thos Butterfield Pres't) and “Mill Branch” [West Jordan] (George Berkett [KWJB-J7K] Pres).¹⁰⁹ Harker's journal describes him visiting both of these branches fairly regularly. At this time, Harker and the ward was centered in the Taylorsville area (English Fort), and Gardner's Mill was a branch; later, when Archibald Gardner becomes Bishop, the roles are reversed.

October 6: Report of General Conference includes President David Fullmer, and the following “wards” with “bishops” (this may be a generalization and could include some branches with presidents):¹¹⁰ mp:800205 1st-PL McCue, 2nd-I Hill, 3rd-C Williams, 4th-J Preece, 5th-T Winter, 6th-W Hickenlooper, 7th-WG Perkins, 8th-A Everett, 9th-S Taft, 10th-D Pettegrew, 11th-J Lytle, 12th-B Covey, 13th-E Hunter, 14th-A Hoagland, 15th-A Cunningham, 16th-S Roundy, 17th-JL Heywood, 18th-LD Young, 19th-J Hendricks, Butterfield Settlement [Herriman] and West of Jordan-J Harker, Mill Creek-R Miller, Big Cottonwood [Holladay]-E Lee, South Cottonwood [Murray]-AO Smoot, Little Cottonwood [Union]-S Richard, South Willow Creek [Draper]-W Draper Jr.

¹⁰³ Minutes of General Conference, *Deseret News*, V.3 #12 (30 Apr 1853) p.47/151, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2579339>

¹⁰⁴ *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>

¹⁰⁵ *Fifth Ward Manuscript History*, CHL LR 2850 2

¹⁰⁶ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1847-1853*, p.433, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0c76d480-00aa-4210-9334-12a578908f1f/0/441>

¹⁰⁷ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.95, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/112>; this source does not give a date.

¹⁰⁸ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.66, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/83>

¹⁰⁹ Harker, p.44

¹¹⁰ Report of General Conference, *Deseret News* V.3 #19 (October 15 1853) p.74-75 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2579576>

Oct 8: General bishops meeting includes representatives from:¹¹¹

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, South Cottonwood, Little Cottonwood

October: In a directory of ecclesiastical and civic leaders in each county:

- 1st, Peter L. McCue; 2nd Isaac Hill; 3rd Christopher Williams; 4th John Preece; 5th Thomas W. Winter; 6th William Hickenlooper; 7th Wm G Perkins; 8th Addison Everett; 9th Seth Taft; 10th David Pettigrew; 11th John Lytle; 12th Benj'n Covey; 13th Edward Hunter; 14th Abraham Hoagland; 15th Andrew Cunningham; 16th Shadrach Roundy; 17th Joseph L. Heywood; 18th Lorenzo D. Young; 19th James Hendricks
- President of Stake, David S. Fullmer, counselors, High Council
- **Mill Creek Ward**, Reuben Miller, **East Branch** (Pr. Alexander Hill [KWJC-KHN also 1st counselor]), **West Branch** (Pr. John G. Smith [John A., LKVY-12T, later a bp counselor?]); **Little Cottonwood Ward**, Silas Richards; **South Willow Creek Ward**, William Draper Jr. as "Bishop and Presiding Elder;" **South Cottonwood Ward**, Abraham O. Smoot; **West Jordan Ward**, Joseph Harker, Thomas Butterfield as "President of Branch" [Herriman]. *Doesn't list Big Cottonwood or Mill Branch of West Jordan.*¹¹²

November: mention of George "Burget" Burkett as president of Jordan Mills branch in West Jordan.¹¹³

1 December: 12th Ward dedicates a new schoolhouse.¹¹⁴

8 Dec: 17th Ward record starts with a Thursday prayer meeting.¹¹⁵ *Sunday evening services also seem to be regular around this time.*

[Date]: Millcreek Ward dedicates a small schoolhouse at what is now 228 Gordon Lane. Around the same time there was also a schoolhouse built at what is now 4011 South Highland Drive, though it wasn't used for religious purposes for very long.¹¹⁶

First settlers in Pleasant Green (Magna) area

1854

Edwin D. Wooley made bishop of 13th Ward, when Edward Hunter officially becomes general presiding bishop¹¹⁷

Feb 1: City wards are holding weekday evening meetings for the children¹¹⁸

¹¹¹ *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>

¹¹² 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/0ddc178b-8238-4ee7-aca4-b0dce74a6659/0/84> It is not clear why this leadership list is appended to this record book; possibly the same clerk?

¹¹³ James Kilfoyle, *Journal*, p.7, Church History Library MS 2597

¹¹⁴ <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2579779>

¹¹⁵ *Seventeenth Ward general minutes*, V.11 p.44

¹¹⁶ *Millcreek Ward 1849-1956*, p. 3, Family History Library 979.2258 K2wm

¹¹⁷ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.633, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/633>

¹¹⁸ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1854-1859*, p.8, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ed47e448-2936-4a1d-a4d8-4b5f96a8d1ac/0/9>

March 7: Beginning of **13th Ward** minutes includes Tuesday business meetings, Thursday prayer meetings, Sunday evening “worship meeting,” and monthly “Blessing meetings,” all held at their school house and presided by Bishop E. D. Woolley.¹¹⁹ *It is functioning as much like a normal ward as possible, although weekly Sunday meetings aren’t consistently mentioned until October 29 and thereafter. Woolley must be brand new.*

March 14: Bishop A.O. Smoot is leaving the South Cottonwood Ward [to become bishop of the new Sugar House Ward], Andrew Cahoon ordained “Bishop of the **South Cottonwood Ward**” by Edward Hunter¹²⁰

Feb 2: 14th Ward holding Thursday fast and prayer meetings¹²¹

April 1: in statistical report, “South Willow Ward,” “Bishop Wm Draper”¹²²

April 6: Church statistical report.¹²³ Same wards/leaders as previous October, except:

- 13th Ward, Bishop Edwin D. Woolley
- South Cottonwood, Bishop Andrew Cahoon

April 8: At a general bishops meeting, attendance included:¹²⁴

- City wards (ex 18th)
- West Jordan Ward
- Big Cottonwood Ward
- Little Cottonwood Ward
- South Willow Creek Ward

23 April: **Sugar House Ward** established, bishop Abraham O. Smoot [moved from South Cottonwood Ward].¹²⁵ *The boundaries of the ward were described as “comprising the whole of the Five Acre Survey and all the land laying between the River Jordan to the mountains having for its south boundary the south side of the Church Farm [27th South] to its east and west lines.”¹²⁶ [MH] [investigate]*

June: James Kilfoyle [KWJ5-GRX] “took the place of President Burget in his absence.” (Jordan Mills Branch of West Jordan Ward)¹²⁷

6 June: First stake bishops meeting at which Sugar House Ward is represented¹²⁸

¹¹⁹ *Thirteenth Ward general minutes*, V.1 p.1, Church History Library LR 6133 11

¹²⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.87, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/104>

¹²¹ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1854-1859*, p.9, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ed47e448-2936-4a1d-a4d8-4b5f96a8d1ac/0/10>

¹²² Bishops Reports, 1854 April, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/2f5e9b59-f791-46c9-8893-4ee9fe20201d/0/44>

¹²³ Statistics of Utah Territory, 1854 April, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/de72ac25-66a4-403f-a2fb-356c65fa78bf/0/0>

¹²⁴ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.88, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/105>

¹²⁵ *Historian’s Office history of the Church, 1854*, p.34, Church History Library CR 100 102, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/6a47361b-74c0-4ac0-9240-e932db904ded/0/44>; this is a note added later, source and date unknown.

¹²⁶ FHL 979.2258 K2mo *150 Years of History of the LDS Sugar House Ward, 1854 to 2004*, 3 This is likely quoting the same text in the Sugar House Manuscript History, which is a copy of an April 16 public notice to the members, citing “Original on file”

¹²⁷ James Kilfoyle, *Journal*, p.???, Church History Library MS 2597

¹²⁸ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.92, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/109>

16 July: Jordan Mill had a schoolhouse by this date.¹²⁹ James Kilfoyle is appointed as 2nd Counselor to President Burkett

17 July: By this date Wight's Fort was included as part of Jordan Mills branch.¹³⁰

August 26: BY writes to "Bishop Harker and Brethren of Taylorsville, Gardner's Mill & Herriman's Fort & all west of Jordan"¹³¹ Another letter to "Bishop E. Lee & brethren of the Ward" [Big Cottonwood]

Summer: 16th Ward builds a new adobe schoolhouse "on the south-west corner of 1st North and 4th West Streets."¹³²

2 September: Thomas Bullock crosses the new Jordan Bridge to tour the west side of the valley, including visiting Reece Williams at "the old Welsh Settlement"¹³³

October 6: conference statistical report is very incomplete, but in addition to West Jordan Ward, includes "Fort Herriman, Thos Butterfield"¹³⁴ *Probably as a branch, not a ward*

October 1: Meeting of Jordan Mill Branch; President Burkett resigns, James Kilfoyle is chosen to preside.¹³⁵

24 Oct: "Bishop Harker represented the ward west of Jordan...As the rightful bishop of that ward [J Robinson] had now returned from his mission, he expected now to resign his books to him."
Not clear, but Robinson appears to resume the bishopric

24 December: Wight's Fort (now western West Jordan) dedicated its own schoolhouse for meetings.¹³⁶ James Kilfoyle, president of the Jordan Mills branch records in his journal regularly attending meetings in both Jordan Mills and Wight's Fort (both are part of the same branch) and administering the sacrament in both places. The two locations he described as "both ends of the branch."¹³⁷

December: Several new post offices announced, including "Union (Little Cottonwood)" and "Drapersville (South Willow Creek)," the first use of these names.¹³⁸ It also mentions the "Home" P.O. at Harker's Settlement, West Jordan, but this name did not persist.

28 Dec: Isaac Hill ordained bishop of 2nd Ward by Edward Hunter¹³⁹

Union (Little Cottonwood) builds a larger schoolhouse/meetinghouse.¹⁴⁰

¹²⁹ James Kilfoyle, *Journal*, p.9, Church History Library MS 2597

¹³⁰ James Kilfoyle, *Journal*, p.9, Church History Library MS 2597

¹³¹ Brigham Young, letter to Joseph Harker et al 26 Aug 1854, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.1, p.645, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=f7d18c09-51a0-42c6-8c73-10960c772d45>; letter to Ezekiel Lee 26 Aug 1854, p. 652

¹³² *Sixteenth Ward Book of Remembrance* (HBLL BX 8677.9225.C47b), 11

¹³³ *Historical Department Office Journal*, Vol. 17 (1854-1855) p.149, Church History Library CR 100 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/7cb8bc39-94ab-4793-afcc-bde215b3dd57/0/167>

¹³⁴ Bishops reports, 1854 October, *Bishops' reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ccf776cf-1d51-4cd3-badf-b3ce7a7ea03f/0/0>

¹³⁵ James Kilfoyle, *Journal*, p.10, Church History Library MS 2597

¹³⁶ James Kilfoyle, *Journal*, p.10, Church History Library MS 2597

¹³⁷ James Kilfoyle, *Journal*, p.11, Church History Library MS 2597

¹³⁸ New Mail Routes and Post Offices, *Deseret News*, V.5 #41 (21 December 1854) p.152, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2581542>

¹³⁹ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.4 p.509, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi04jens/page/509>

¹⁴⁰ https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE5797908&from=fhd, 4

West Jordan Ward builds a meetinghouse.¹⁴¹

First school/meetinghouse built in South Willow Creek (Draper).¹⁴²

1855

Thomas Callister appointed bishop of 17th Ward¹⁴³

Jan 10: Beginning of "18th Ward Record No. 1, Lorenzo Dow Young Bishop"¹⁴⁴ First few entries are only business meetings

Jan 16: At the bishops meeting, Edward Hunter "recommended the keeping up of Fast Meetings [first Thursdays] and meetings for the blessing of children"¹⁴⁵ *other meetings not mentioned, but it is more common for bishops to report that they were "holding meetings" this year than it had been previously.*

February 10: George A. Smith and Ezra T. Benson visit "Mt. Pleasant" at Wight's Fort in West Jordan (around 3500 W 9000 S). They have a branch "in connection with the people at Jordan Mills, under the presidency of James Kilfoyle [KWJ5-GRX]"¹⁴⁶

February 11: Smith and Benson meet with the saints at Herriman; sustaining of Thomas Butterfield as president is not unanimous, he resigns, and McGee Harris is unanimously chosen as president. Then they meet at Jordan Mill Schoolhouse, then at Taylorsville, Bishop Joseph Harker.

March 17: First record of a worship service (a prayer meeting in Brigham Young's schoolhouse) in the 18th Ward¹⁴⁷ Subsequent minutes for First Thursday fast meetings through 1855

Spring: Julian Moses appointed "to preside over the branch of the Church in the eastern part or district of Mill Creek Ward."¹⁴⁸ *This conflicts with EH & MH which say 1852*

April 6: Church statistical report.¹⁴⁹ Same wards/leaders as previous April, except:

- Sugar House Ward, Bishop Abram O. Smoot

7 Apr: General bishops meeting has bishops from the 20 City wards, and Mill Creek, Willow Creek, West Jordan Wards.¹⁵⁰

26 May: High Council of Salt Lake Stake made a decision over water rights in the West Jordan Ward, showing that they had jurisdiction over wards outside of the city in Salt Lake County.¹⁵¹

¹⁴¹ <https://eadview.lds.org/findingaid/000124687/>, 45

¹⁴² https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE62246&from=fhd, 47

¹⁴³ Thomas Callister, LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, V.1 p.527, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/47bb0381-58f2-4c7d-aacf-985ba2262122/0/541>

¹⁴⁴ Eighteenth Ward General Minutes, V.5 p.1, Church History Library LR 2523 11

¹⁴⁵ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.99, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/119>

¹⁴⁶ Tour in the Country, *Deseret News*, V.4 #50 (22 Feb 1855) p.189, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2581994>

¹⁴⁷ *Eighteenth Ward general minutes*, V.5 p.5

¹⁴⁸ Julian Moses, *Autobiography*, ed. Christopher Hugh Cummings, <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/832001>

¹⁴⁹ 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>

¹⁵⁰ *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>

¹⁵¹ John Bennion journal, 8

7 June: First mention of a Thursday “Fast Day” meeting in the **Seventh Ward** at which children are blessed.¹⁵² *Are the earlier prayer meetings and children blessing meetings coming together?*

Sep 17: “Thomas Callister was ordained bishop and set apart to preside over the Seventeenth Ward, succeeding Bishop Heywood” (gone to Carson Valley).¹⁵³

Sep 30: Joseph Harker [West Jordan]: “Bishop Robinson got home”¹⁵⁴ *So Robinson has resumed the bishopric.*

6 October: Church statistical report.¹⁵⁵ Same units/leaders as previous April, except:

- 17: Thomas Callister
- West Jordan (216 members)/Fort Herriman (138)/Jordan Mills (182): John Robinson

8 Oct: General bishops meeting has representatives from wards including the 20 City wards, Sugar House, South Willow Creek, Big Cottonwood, West Jordan, and South Mill Creek.¹⁵⁶

October 28: minutes begin of 5th Ward “Fellowship Meetings” on Wednesdays and Sundays.¹⁵⁷ *Tone of meetings sound like they are already a regular occurrence (no explanations)*

Dec 4: 18th Ward resolves to hold meetings every Sunday and Wednesday evening.¹⁵⁸ *So by this point they are functioning as a full ward.*

7 Dec: Joseph Harker [West Jordan], “Bishop Robinson has moved north and gave up the Bishoprick. Bishop Hunter sent word for me to fetch the desk and ward books.”¹⁵⁹

9 December: Harker mentions that when he visited the Mill Branch that he went to their schoolhouse.¹⁶⁰ he states that “I had been reappointed as bishop or the ward,” but someone says they only accept Bishop Robinson. *This is the earliest mention of a school or meetinghouse there I’ve found so far. The dispute over Harker’s bishopric continues into 1856*

[Date]: Adobe schoolhouse built in 5th Ward on corner of 7th South and 3rd West.¹⁶¹

[Date]: Millcreek Ward builds a new meetinghouse at what is now 3946 South West Temple. It was known as the “Carlisle School.”¹⁶²

[Date]: By 1855 the **18th Ward was fully organized** with a bishop and counselors and other ward offices. It had existed previously, but since all its inhabitants were originally general authorities they did not construct a meetinghouse or hold ward meetings, and Newel K. Whitney, the presiding bishop of the church, doubled as bishop of the ward. By 1855 there were more residents of the ward, and so they needed a regular ward structure set up.¹⁶³ [ward-lite]

¹⁵² *Seventh Ward General Minutes*, V.1s, Church History Library LR 12586 11

¹⁵³ *Seventeenth Ward general minutes*, V.12 p.6; *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>

¹⁵⁴ Harker, p.45

¹⁵⁵ Bishops’ reports, 1855 October, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/4fafdf12-abf1-4bd3-8cbc-21f4dcf98f05/0/0>

¹⁵⁶ *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>

¹⁵⁷ *Fifth Ward general minutes*, V.1 p.? (middle of book), Church History Library LR 2850 11

¹⁵⁸ *Eighteenth Ward general minutes*, V.5 p.13

¹⁵⁹ Harker, p.48

¹⁶⁰ Harker, p.48

¹⁶¹ CHL M277.9225 F4694c f *Spiritual Guidance*, 8

¹⁶² FHL 979.2258 K2wm *Millcreek Ward 1849-1956*, 3

¹⁶³ FHL 979.2258 K2o *100 Years in the Heart of Zion: A Narrative History of the 18th Ward*, 9, 15-16, 20

1856

7 January: The “Cottonwood Organization” was established by the stake president consisting of “the High priests of the Mill creek, Big Cottonwood, South Cottonwood, and Union fort wards... to have the High Priests residing in the district of the country, organized into a branch Quorum, so as to be in a suitable condition to hold regular meetings.” Ordinations would have to take place in the quorum meetings in the city.¹⁶⁵ Already by 1855 the journals of leaders in the West Jordan Ward seem to indicate that the ward and its branches also had their own high priests meetings as a branch of the stake quorum in the city.¹⁶⁶ This shows how the stake was conceived as consisting of different geographical parts.

20 January: James Kilfoyle (Jordan Mills Pres.) mentions “Mt. Pleasant” as a part of his branch, probably Wight’s Settlement (40th W/90th S)¹⁶⁷

27 January: In Woodruff’s journal, first mention of regular ward worship meetings on Sunday evenings, at least in his own 14th Ward.¹⁶⁸

28 Jan: Bishop Harker gives instruction to “James Kilfoyle as Presiding Elder of the [Mill] Branch.”¹⁶⁹

6 April: Leonard W. Hardy ordained bishop of 12th Ward by Brigham Young¹⁷⁰

7 April: At general conference, several new bishops in Salt Lake City are sustained:¹⁷¹

- Henry Moon, **1st Ward**
- Jacob Wellar, **3rd Ward**
- Leonard W. Hardy, **12th Ward**
- Frederick Kesler, **16th Ward**
- Alonzo H. Raleigh, **19th Ward**

14 April: Joseph Harker [West Jordan Bishop] leaves for a mission to the Salmon River¹⁷²
Apparently his counselor John Bennion becomes acting bishop.

16 April: Latest newspaper reference I could find to the New Wales settlement was in a Deseret News article on this date. The newspapers never refer to it as New Wales, but rather the “Welsh Settlement,” or sometimes the “Welsh Camp” or “Welsh Field.”¹⁷³ Thomas Jeremy’s journal describes him alternating between being at his lot in the city and his lot in the “Welch field” or the “field near the Welsh Settlement” in 1851, and mentions owning a lot across the Jordan in

¹⁶⁴ FHL 979.2258 K2mo 150 Years of History of the LDS Sugar House Ward, 1854 to 2004, 4

¹⁶⁵ LR 604 13 reel #2, “Genealogy of the High Priests of the Cottonwood Organization,” 1

¹⁶⁶ CHL MS 2597, James Kilfoyle journal, 23 June 1855.

¹⁶⁷ James Kilfoyle, *Journal*, p.14, Church History Library MS 2597

¹⁶⁸ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1854-1859*, p.113, Church History Library MS 1352,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ed47e448-2936-4a1d-a4d8-4b5f96a8d1ac/0/114>

¹⁶⁹ Harker, p.49

¹⁷⁰ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.227, Church History Library CR 4 2,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/248>

¹⁷¹ Minutes of the General Conference, *Deseret News*, V.6 #5 (9 April 1856) p.40,
<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2575378>

¹⁷² Harker, p.51

¹⁷³ <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2575425>

May 1859.¹⁷⁴ There is an 1858 map with the plat for the “**Welsh settlement**” overlaid on it by Edward Weller, but I don’t think that is strong evidence for it still existing as a functioning branch by that point. ~~As best I can tell from the map, the Welsh settlement was located in the area of Decker Lake/Chesterfield (3000 S Redwood Rd).~~¹⁷⁵

6 May: Alonzo H. Raleigh ordained a bishop by Edward Hunter “having been appointed to preside in the **19th Ward**”¹⁷⁶

11 May: Elijah Funk Sheets ordained “bishop to **preside** over the **8th Ward** in Salt Lake City” by Edward Hunter¹⁷⁷

11 May: beginning of 8th Ward General Minutes.¹⁷⁸ “There has been meetings held in the school house from the above date regularly every Sunday Evenings, also fast meetings regularly on the first Thursday in each month. Minutes of the meetings were omitted until Sept 27th”

15 May: William Athol McMaster appointed by Edward Hunter to act as Bishop of the **11th Ward**¹⁷⁹

1 June 1856: Bishop Bennion of West Jordan Ward went to Bingham Canyon to settle a dispute between members. It isn’t said if they had a branch there or not.¹⁸⁰

June 12: BY writes the southern bishops, including “Silas Richards, Unionville; William Draper, Willow Creek.”¹⁸¹

June 14: Beginning of record of 5th Ward with a business meeting, Bishop Thomas W. Winter.¹⁸² *Only records 2 meetings before 5th Ward is eliminated in 1860, record continues in 1862.*

21 June: BY appoints Leonard W Hardy [12th Ward Bishop] to act as Bishop pro tem of 11th Ward¹⁸³ *So 11th Ward is dependent on 12th Ward*

~~October: **Draperville (Draper) branch** is said to have become a ward and branch president William Draper made its bishop.~~¹⁸⁴

¹⁷⁴ MS 1249/b0007, image 5, 17, 28

¹⁷⁵ Edward Weller, *Map of the Great Salt Lake and adjacent country in the Territory of Utah*, Church History Library 917.9225 W448m 1858? no. 3. Pictures of this map are online, but all the ones I found were low resolution

¹⁷⁶ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.143, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/162>

¹⁷⁷ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.189, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/210>

¹⁷⁸ *Eighth Ward General Minutes, Volume 5, 1856-1875*, Church History Library LR 2525 11, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/75b2f755-5533-4e7c-8948-a909e888946b/0/5>

¹⁷⁹ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.96, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/113>

¹⁸⁰ John Bennion journal, Church History Library MS 1121, 32

¹⁸¹ Brigham Young, letter to southern Bishops 12 June 1856, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, Miscellaneous Letterbook 1855-1877*, p.61, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 15, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/1732c22d-2937-4365-a1af-efc782ca1769>

¹⁸² *Sixth Ward general minutes*, V.1, Church History Library LR 8337 11

¹⁸³ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.227, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/248>

¹⁸⁴ Epperson, p.47

October: Isaac M. Stewart ordained bishop of Draper, replacing PE Wm. Draper Jr. [MH];¹⁸⁵ is this when it was first officially a ward?

October 4: Daniel Spencer returns from his mission

October 6: At general conference, several Salt Lake ward changes:¹⁸⁶

- Daniel Spencer sustained as stake president
- The 18th Ward is divided by 2nd East Temple Street [Walnut, now A] to form the **20th Ward**, Bishop John Sharp
- Bishop Seth Taft [9th Ward] is released, John Woolley sustained as bishop of the **9th Ward**

“The 20th Ward boundaries were from ‘A’ Street (Walnut Street) east and from South Temple Street north to the mountains... For some time after the organization of the new Ward, the general meetings were held in what was known as President Young’s old school house.”¹⁸⁷ [ward] So few people are left in the 18th ward, it largely becomes dysfunctional beyond a bishop [ward-lite], meeting with the 20th Ward.¹⁸⁸

7 Oct: General bishops meeting has representatives from wards including the 20 City wards, Mill Creek, and Willow Creek.¹⁸⁹

8-9 October: Edward Hunter and counselors rebaptize and reconfirm several bishops,¹⁹⁰ including:

- Henry Moon, bishop of 1st Ward (not yet ordained)
- Jacob Weiler, bishop of 3rd Ward (not yet ordained)
- Benjamin Brown, bishop of 4th Ward
- William Hickenlooper, bishop of 6th Ward
- William G. Perkins, bishop of 7th Ward
- Elijah F. Sheets, bishop of 8th Ward
- John Mills Woolley, bishop of 9th Ward (not yet ordained)
- David Pettigrew, bishop of 10th Ward
- Abraham Hoagland, bishop of 14th Ward
- Nathaniel V. Jones, bishop of 15th Ward
- Frederick Kesler, bishop of 16th Ward
- Thomas Callister, bishop of 17th Ward
- John Sharp, bishop of 20th Ward (not yet ordained)
- Reuben Miller, bishop of Mill Creek
- Ezekiel Lee, bishop of Holladay’s Settlement
- Silas Richards, bishop of Union Ward
- William Draper, acting as bishop at South Willow Creek

¹⁸⁵ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.794, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/794>

¹⁸⁶ Minutes of the Semi-Annual Conference, *Deseret News*, V.6 #32 (15 Oct 1856) p.256, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2574168>

¹⁸⁷ *Twentieth Ward History* (HBLL BX 8677.9225.M365t), 1

¹⁸⁸ *Eighteenth Ward Manuscript History*, Church History Library LR 2523 2

¹⁸⁹ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.163, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/183>

¹⁹⁰ *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>

10 October: **3rd Ward** Begins records of teachers quorum meetings under new bishop Weiler¹⁹¹

13 October: John Sharp ordained bishop of **20th Ward** by Edward Hunter¹⁹²

13 October: Last meeting of **15th Ward** mentioning Bishop Jones.¹⁹³

15-16 October: Two Days' Meeting at "Jordan Mill Branch".¹⁹⁴ Mostly run by visiting authorities (home missionaries?), but does mention "the bishop and his council:" "Br. J. Bennion, McGee Harris, and James Kilfoyle." *So Harris and Kilfoyle are the branch presidents and the bishopric counselors—that makes sense with Kilfoyle's journal.*

19 October: Edward Hunter ordains Frederick Kesler as bishop of **16th Ward**¹⁹⁵

21 October: Edward Hunter ordains Jacob Weiler as bishop of **3rd Ward**, Henry Moon as bishop of **1st Ward**, John M. Woolley as bishop of **9th Ward**¹⁹⁶

26 October: Jedediah M. Grant gave a talk where he tells the stake president to do better at keeping tabs over the stake. "The First Presidency, by their sanction, have ceded the local branch of this church in Great Salt Lake City to Daniel Spencer and his counsel, and he should understand whether the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth ward is in order; and if his jurisdiction extends beyond this city, he should ascertain whether every man is doing right within the bounds of that jurisdiction." Grant apparently thought that the stake basically covered the city, and maybe some places beyond it.¹⁹⁷

Nov 15: David Brinton ordained bishop of **Big Cottonwood Ward** in place of Ezekiel Lee¹⁹⁸

Nov 16: 14th Ward (Bishop Hoagland) dedicates its meetinghouse (Ballo's Hall?),¹⁹⁹ so it is clearly functioning as a regular ward by this point. Holding Thursday fast and prayer meetings and Sunday evening Sacrament meetings.

Nov 25: At bishops meeting, President Fullmer says, "there are too many high priests in the wards, who like the car of 'Juggernaut,' neither move himself, nor lets others move that would, but stand right in the way, such men we want to see the bishops roll out of the way, it is time this should be attended to, and **the bishops preside over everything in his ward.**"²⁰⁰

¹⁹¹ Teachers quorum minutes, *Third Ward general minutes*, V.5 p.1, Church History Library LR 9113 11

¹⁹² Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.166, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/187>

¹⁹³ *Fifteenth Ward General Minutes*, V.20 p.16, Church History Library LR 2848 11

¹⁹⁴ Minutes, *Deseret News*, V.6 #34 (29 October 1856) p.266, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2574254>

¹⁹⁵ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.167, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/188>

¹⁹⁶ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.169, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/190>

¹⁹⁷ Jedediah M. Grant, A Discourse, *Journal of Discourses*, V.4 p.124, <https://archive.org/details/JoDV04/page/n131>

¹⁹⁸ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.196, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/217>

¹⁹⁹ *Fourteenth Ward general minutes*, V.8 p.3, Church History Library LR 2972 11

²⁰⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.178, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/199>

Dec 24: Wilford Woodruff and F.D. Richards attend the 7th Ward, remove bishop Perkins, “and put James G. Willie in his place.”²⁰¹

Dec 24: Beginning of 15th Ward record with a teachers meeting, conducted by the home missionaries (looks like they had been running things for the past few weeks).²⁰² They discuss needing a new bishop, choose “Bro. [Benjamin T.] Mitchell as bishop pro tem”

Dec 27: James G Willey ordained bishop of **7th Ward** by Edward Hunter²⁰³

1857

19 January: Alexander McRae ordained a bishop [11th Ward] by Edward Hunter²⁰⁴

Spring: Abraham O. Smoot, bishop of Sugar House, elected mayor of Salt Lake City [MH]. *MH says he continued to serve as bishop until 1863, Ira Eldredge descendents say he became bishop in 1857.*

7 March: Salt Lake Stake Aaronic priesthood meetings quote teachers quorum president: “remarked that this quorum should not be one whit behind any other quorum in the city.”²⁰⁵ The minutes have a list of members during the late 1850s and 1860s, and almost all of them are from city wards, though there were a few from other wards in the county. The impression is that the stake quorums extended throughout the county, but often the focus was on the city wards.

5 March: BY writes to “Bishops Brinton & Lee, Halliday’s Settlement” **[Big Cottonwood]**²⁰⁶

20 March: BY writes to “Bishop Richards, Union Fort”²⁰⁷

April 7: General Bishops meeting includes representation from all city wards, and West Jordan, Sugar House, Union, South Willow Creek & South Cottonwood Wards²⁰⁸

3 May: Alexander McRae becomes bishop of **11th Ward**²⁰⁹

September 30: Br. Harris (Herriman PE) asks James Kilfoyle (Jordan Mill PE) “to assist him in some business in the [Herriman] branch”²¹⁰

²⁰¹ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1854-1859*, p.186, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ed47e448-2936-4a1d-a4d8-4b5f96a8d1ac/0/187>

²⁰² *Fifteenth Ward general minutes*, V.19, Church History Library LR 2848 11

²⁰³ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.173,187, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/194>

²⁰⁴ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.193, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/214>

²⁰⁵ *Salt Lake Stake Aaronic Priesthood Quorum minutes*, V.1 p.8, Church History Library LR 604 12, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/de41e9b7-a2df-460e-898d-105d4a2b88d8/0/9>

²⁰⁶ Brigham Young, letter to David Brinton and Ezekiel Lee 5 March 1857, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.3, p.467, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=99279f54-9c69-41a1-ac5d-e6069f9a2920>

²⁰⁷ Brigham Young, letter to Silas Richards 20 March 1857, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.3, p.491, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=99279f54-9c69-41a1-ac5d-e6069f9a2920>

²⁰⁸ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.199, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/220>

²⁰⁹ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.96, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/113>

²¹⁰ James Kilfoyle, *Journal*, p.37, Church History Library MS 2597

29 December: Presiding Bishop Hunter visits the Fifteenth Ward to dedicate their new “store house” building.²¹¹ *It is only after this that Sunday meetings are recorded; before this is only teachers meetings and business meetings.* “[A] two-story adobe building known as the ‘Granary’ was erected adjacent to [the school] in 1857. The upper part of this building was used for a chapel and the lower part for storing grain.”²¹²

[Date]: A new 20th Ward schoolhouse built.²¹³

Ben T. Mitchell made bishop of 15th Ward

1858

January 15: James Kilfoyle (Jordan Mill Pres.) mentions “Bishop Harker” (West Jordan Ward)²¹⁴ *So is back in charge by now.*

April: BT Mitchell resigns as bishop of 15th Ward, but First Presidency does not accept it.²¹⁵

June 17: Jordan Mills Branch (of West Jordan Ward) reorganized by Bishop Harker after the return from the Move South, James Kilfoyle retained as president.²¹⁶

Herriman organized as a ward (Bishop Alexander F. Barron)

After returning from the move, Joseph Harker presided over the **West Jordan Ward**. [MH]

[Date]: ~~Around this time, Archibald Gardner becomes bishop of West Jordan Ward, and the area around his mill (7800 S Jordan River) becomes the center of the Ward; it contained branches where “meetings were held at Mill Settlement, Fort Herriman, Bennion, Taylorsville, and West Jordan.”~~²¹⁷ This is the description of a closed record in CHL. I don’t think I’ve seen anywhere else where it says that there were meetings held at Bennion. [dependent branch]

1859

7 Jan: HC Kimball writes to B.T. Mitchell, accepting his earlier resignation as bishop of **15th Ward**.²¹⁸

10 Jan: First Presidency calls Andrew Cunningham as [acting?] bishop of **15th Ward**.²¹⁹

March 1: First settlers in South Jordan area [MH]

²¹¹ *Fifteenth Ward general minutes*, V.20, Church History Library LR 2848 11

²¹² *15th Ward Memories 1849-1960* (HBLL BX 8677.9225.B27f), 9

²¹³ *Twentieth Ward History* (HBLL BX 8677.9225.M365t), 4

²¹⁴ James Kilfoyle, *Journal*, p.44, Church History Library MS 2597

²¹⁵ Brigham Young, letter to B.F. Mitchell 7 January 1859, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.25, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

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

²¹⁶ James Kilfoyle, *Journal*, p.56, Church History Library MS 2597

²¹⁷ LR 10051 27

²¹⁸ Brigham Young, letter to B.T. Mitchell 7 January 1859, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.25, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

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

²¹⁹ First Presidency, letter to Andrew Cunningham 10 Jan 1859, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.26, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123/0/108>

7 Mar: BY “ordained and set apart Archibald Gardner as Bishop of West Jordan Ward, in place of Bro. Harker removed.”²²⁰

7 Mar: BY writes the members of **West Jordan Ward**:²²¹ “We have this day ordained bro. Archibald Gardner to the High Priesthood and set him apart to the office of Bishop to preside over your ward.” *note the language about a bishop presiding over a ward.*

Mar 13: “At meeting Br. Archy Gardner received as our Bishop” [West Jordan Ward] ²²² *3 days later, James Kilfoyle says “Returned from the Presidency.” Does this mean he was released? He does not appear to be presiding thereafter.*

Archibald Gardner moves the center of the ward to the Mills area (7800 S), with North Jordan becoming a dependent branch, Pres. John Bennion.²²³

Aug 16: Silas Richards is still Bishop at Union/Little Cottonwood²²⁴

30 Aug: BY writes “Elder Daniel Tyler, Willow Creek South,” about a matter that seems as if he is presiding, along with Bishop Isaac Stewart.²²⁵ *A few days later he is called on a mission (p.233), then released on account of ill health (p.234)*

October 8: “The High Council of this stake was dropped (see minutes)”²²⁶

1860

24 March: BY writes “Bishop Benjamin Brown, **4th Ward**; Bishop Wm. Hickenlooper, **6th Ward**, Bishop T.W. Winters, **5th Ward**”²²⁷

6 April: General bishops meeting includes representatives from the 20 city wards, and Sugar House, Cotton Wood, South Willow Creek, and West Jordan Wards.²²⁸

9 July: BY writes Bishop T.W. Winters, **5th Ward**:²²⁹ “There are but few inhabitants in the 5th & 6th wards of this city; and since several of the few in your ward feel a little dissatisfied with their

²²⁰ *Brigham Young Office Journal D (1858-1863)*, p.23, Church History Library CR 1234 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/59c492be-a813-4f8b-bc88-7cd952c95cdf/0/0>

²²¹ Brigham Young, letter to members of West Jordan Ward 7 March 1859, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.52, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

²²² James Kilfoyle, *Journal*, p.69, Church History Library MS 2597

²²³ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.3 p.596, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi03jens/page/596>

²²⁴ Brigham Young, letter to Silas Richards 1859, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.207, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

²²⁵ Brigham Young, letter to Daniel Tyler 30 Aug 1859, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.228, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

²²⁶ *Historian's Office Journal*, Church History Library CR 100 1 box 2 v.23 p.262, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/436e0e99-3fbf-45f6-8035-5cfa3a682fd0/0/265>

²²⁷ Brigham Young, letters to Benjamin Brown et al 24 March 1860, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.436, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

²²⁸ *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>

²²⁹ Brigham Young, letter to T.W. Winters, 9 July 1860, *Brigham Young Office Files, Outgoing Correspondence, 1860 July-August*, Church History Library CR 1234 1,

bishop, I have thought it best to suggest that you resign your bishoprick, and we will attach the 5th to the 6th Ward.”

9 July: BY writes Bishop William Hickenlooper [**6th Ward**]:²³⁰ “Bishop Winters [5th Ward] has deemed it best to resign his bishopric...for which reason I wish you to take the oversight of that ward, as Bishop, in addition to your own, until wisdom shall dictate some other arrangement.” *This suggests that the wards were not fully combined, just two wards sharing one bishop, or with the 5th as a dependent ward. Did they meet together or separately?*

~~9 July: 5th and 6th Wards joined together into the **Fifth-Sixth Ward**.~~²³¹

6 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representatives from the 20 city wards, Sugar House, and “Country Wards,” including “S.W. Creek” [Draper].²³²

26 December: Brigham Young’s schoolhouse (18th Ward) is dedicated.²³³ The 18th Ward used it occasionally for ward meetings.²³⁴

[Date]: Draper builds a new schoolhouse which they call the “Vestry.”²³⁵

1861

1 January: 13th Ward Assembly Rooms dedicated.²³⁶

Feb 4: Alexander Franklin Baron ordained bishop of “Herriman’s Fort, West of Jordan” by Brigham Young²³⁷

Herriman bishop called on a mission, apparently demoted to a branch with a presiding elder?

Spring: Thomas Calliister, Bishop of 17th Ward, called to be bishop of Fillmore²³⁸

April 6: Presiding Bishops meeting, a rare one with a large number of statewide bishops, including the 20 GSLC wards, Sugar House, South Willow Creek, Union Fort, Mill Creek, West Jordan²³⁹

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=e075d080-0f07-4eef-b5d4-026b12c1d0cb&crate=0&index=7>

²³⁰ Brigham Young, letter to William Hickenlooper 9 July 1860, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.564, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

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

²³¹ CHL M277.9225 F4694c *Fifth Ward: A Century of Spiritual Guidance*, 9, CHL M277.9225 S6255t *Through the Years: A Brief History of the Sixth-Seventh Ward*, 7

²³² *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>

²³³ <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2585887>

²³⁴ FHL 979.2258 K2o *100 Years in the Heart of Zion: A Narrative History of the 18th Ward*, 25

²³⁵ *A Review of Draper History* (HBLL BX 8677.9225.C47d), 12

²³⁶ <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2585926>,

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2585983>

²³⁷ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.328, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/354>

²³⁸ Thomas Callister, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.527, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/47bb0381-58f2-4c7d-aacf-985ba2262122/0/541>

²³⁹ 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>

7 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representatives from the 20 City wards, Sugar House and "Country wards" in Union Fort, West Jordan.²⁴⁰

Nov 2: At stake Aaronic Priesthood meeting, representation is asked for, but only from city numbered wards and Sugar House.²⁴¹ Same through 1864. *Are the country wards not part of the stake, or just not part of this quorum, or just not expected to travel to attend?*

Dec 15: "Nathan Davis was ordained and set apart to preside as bishop of the Seventeenth Ward" (Callister called as "presiding bishop of Millard County")²⁴²

Dec 15: Jonathan Pugmire Jun'r ordained bishop of 7th Ward; Nathan Davis bishop of 17th Ward by PB Edward Hunter²⁴³

Meetings being held in South Jordan, but apparently not a branch yet

John Neff replaces Julian Moses as PE of upper district of Mill Creek Ward [East Mill Creek] [MH]

1862

April 7: General bishops meeting includes city wards (including Sugar House) and most "country wards:" Mill Creek, Union Fort, South Cottonwood, West Jordan, Big Cottonwood"²⁴⁴

June 24: BY's office writes "Bishop A.O. Smoot, Sugar House Ward"²⁴⁵

Aug 15: BY writes Bishop Andrew Cahoon [South Cottonwood], mentioning "your ward," and Bishop Reuben Miller [Millcreek]²⁴⁶

October 6: General Bishops Meeting includes representatives from the 20 city wards, and Sugar House, Mill Creek, Union Fort, South Willow Creek, West Jordan, and Ft. Herriman Wards²⁴⁷

Meetings are held in the South Jordan area as a teachers district of the West Jordan Ward [MH]

1863

April 23: City Bishops meeting includes the bishop of Ft. Herriman²⁴⁸

²⁴⁰ 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>

²⁴¹ *Salt Lake Stake Aaronic Priesthood Quorum minutes*, V.1 p.30, Church History Library LR 604 12, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/de41e9b7-a2df-460e-898d-105d4a2b88d8/0/29>

²⁴² *Seventeenth Ward general minutes*, V.12 p.12

²⁴³ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.356, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/382>

²⁴⁴ *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>

²⁴⁵ John T. Caine, letter to A.O. Smoot 24 June 1862, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.6, p.302, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=0c8e23c5-4d6a-446f-8d81-108a52bd39c4>

²⁴⁶ Brigham Young, letter to Andrew Cahoon 15 Aug 1862, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.6, p.359, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=0c8e23c5-4d6a-446f-8d81-108a52bd39c4>

²⁴⁷ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.16

²⁴⁸ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.25

Sep 27: Samuel Bennion replaces his brother John Bennion as presiding Elder of North Jordan Branch of West Jordan Ward.²⁴⁹

Nov 19: At City Bishops meetings for several months after this, 10th Ward is only represented by a counselor²⁵⁰

Dec 31: Bishop David Pettegrew of the Tenth Ward dies²⁵¹

Branch of West Jordan established at the future site of South Jordan, president James Woods.

[EH] May have been called the "Upper Branch." [Indirect references:

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23156125>].²⁵²

Second school/meetinghouse built in Draperville (Draper).²⁵³

Ira Eldridge made bishop of Sugar House Ward [MH], as Abraham O. Smoot has moved into SLC to be the mayor.

Upper [East] Mill Creek district transferred from Mill Creek Ward to Big Cottonwood, the latter being much smaller [East Mill Creek MH, Mill Creek MH]

1864

[Date]: Adobe schoolhouse built in South Jordan about a quarter mile south of the cemetery.²⁵⁴

21 Dec: At presiding bishopric meeting, Edward Hunter ordains Phineas Howe Young as bishop of the **2nd Ward**²⁵⁵

Samuel A. Woolley made bishop of 9th Ward

1865

Jan 24 [this letter is out of order; is the date correct?]: BY sends A. Milton Musser to consolidate several wards, including "blending" **Union Fort** into **South Cottonwood Ward** (Bishop Andrew Cahoon), and **Herriman Fort** into **West Jordan Ward** (Bishop A. Gardner).²⁵⁶ They will continue as branches with presidents. Also suggests that the boundary between South Cottonwood and Big Cottonwood should be "the county road running south by Huffaker's and Tanner's, leaving Union Fort on the Right." [Highland Drive?? 13th East??] *Musser is a "traveling bishop" who does various ecclesiastical jobs for Brigham Young.*

²⁴⁹ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.3 p.597,
<https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi03jens/page/597>

²⁵⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.36

²⁵¹ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.618,
<https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/618>

²⁵² Bernice H. Simpson, *South Jordan Heritage*, V. 3, 6, 28

²⁵³ https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE62246&from=fhd, 47

²⁵⁴ FHL 979.225/S3 H2h *History of the Jordan Area: South Jordan*, 2

²⁵⁵ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.55

²⁵⁶ Brigham Young, letter to A. Milton Musser January 24 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.762, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a&crate=0&index=1556>

Jan 27: A. Milton Musser reports,²⁵⁷ “we at the instance or by direction of Prest Young we attached Union Ward to South Cottonwood Ward & suggested a change in the dividing line between the wards of Big & South Cottonwood.” *This would likely have been done on the 25th.* “The same letter of authority directed us to blend Herriman Fort with West Jordan but owing to the poor sleighing we returned to the city direct & will attend to that matter some other time.” When bishop Silas Richards of Little Cottonwood Ward was called to St. George, it became a dependent branch under South Cottonwood Ward and now named **Union**. Richard Taylor, Presiding Elder [MH] Later in the year, Ishmael Phillips, Presiding Teacher²⁵⁸ *Richards apparently did not move permanently to St. George, and returned to Union often; did he resume his duties as Bishop?*

February 12: A. Milton Musser “visited West Jordan & Herriman Wards, met in meeting with saints of Herriman & blended the Ward with West Jordan.”²⁵⁹ Henry Arnold made president of Herriman Branch²⁶⁰ *Maybe as early as 1861*

March 12: Thomas McLelland ordained bishop of the **7th Ward** by Edward Hunter.²⁶¹

Oct 19: Presiding Bishops meeting includes ward reps “9th Act’g B. S.A. Woolley, 10th Act’g B. Proctor”²⁶² *Again listed in several subsequent meetings into 1866, although in some Proctor is listed as a counselor.*

1866

Jan 8: BY writes “Bishop F. Kesler”²⁶³ [16th Ward?]

Jan 17: BY writes “Bishop Silas Richards, Union”²⁶⁴ *Is Union a ward again? This is a personal matter, so “Bishop” could easily have just been a title of honor with no implication of ecclesiastical status. Richards is going back and forth between Union and St. George*

Feb 6: Bishop Ira Eldredge of Sugar House Ward dies, William CA Smoot (1st Counselor) becomes acting bishop.²⁶⁵

²⁵⁷ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Jan-Jun*, p.1, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b1eb0af6-2c7f-4a7a-ab5a-83e99437ffee/0/2>

²⁵⁸ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.2 p.692, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi02jens/page/692>

²⁵⁹ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Jan-Jun*, p.10, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b1eb0af6-2c7f-4a7a-ab5a-83e99437ffee/0/13>

²⁶⁰ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.3 p.590, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi03jens/page/590>

²⁶¹ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.59

²⁶² *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.74, 75

²⁶³ Brigham Young, letter to F. Kesler 8 Jan 1866, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.889, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a&crate=0&index=0>

²⁶⁴ Brigham Young, letter to Silas Richards 17 Jan 1866, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.8, p.11, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=b3c72fee-6f44-4ce6-8a9f-5cf38b6153d1>

²⁶⁵ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.2 p.711, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi02jens/page/711>

Feb 8: Thomas Jenkins ordained bishop of the 4th Ward by Edward Hunter²⁶⁶ Bishop Brown had asked to be released due to his advanced age.

Feb 26: BY writes President Daniel Spencer about a matter in Weber Ward.²⁶⁷ **The letter suggests that the high council of Salt Lake Stake has appellate status over the high councils in other stakes; in years past, all high council decisions were appealed to the first presidency, or occasionally to general conference (why not the Twelve?)**

April-May: Reports to Edward Hunter from Bishop Henry Moon 1st Ward, Bishop P.H. Young 2nd Ward, Bishop Wm Hickenlooper "5th & 6th Wards," Thomas McLelland 7th Ward, Bishop E.F. Sheets 8th Ward, "Acting Bishop S.A. Woolley" Ninth Ward, "Acting Bishop John Procter" Tenth Ward, Bishop Alexander McRae 11th Ward, Bishop Edwin D. Woolley 13th Ward, Bishop Abraham Hoagland 14th Ward, A Cunningham Bishop 15th Ward, Bishop F. Kesler 16th Ward, Bishop Nathan Davis 17th Ward, 18th Ward, A.H. Raleigh 19th Ward, Bishop John Sharp 20th Ward, "Acting Bishop" W.C.A. Smoot Sugar House Ward, David Brinton Big Cottonwood Ward, Bishop Reuben Miller Mill Creek Ward, Andrew Cahoon South Cottonwood, Bishop Archibald Gardner West Jordan Ward, Bishop I.M. Stewart South Willow Creek Ward at Draper. *No reports from 3rd, 12th Wards*²⁶⁸

July 15: "Previous to July 15, 1866, South Jordan Branch of West Jordan Ward was presided over by Gordon S. Beckstead, James Wood, and others, placed there by Bishop A. Gardner."

On this date, "Wm A. Bills was appointed by Bishop A. Gardner as president of said branch"²⁶⁹

August 8: BY writes "Bishop A. Cahoon, Little Cottonwood Ward"²⁷⁰ *So Little Cottonwood is still dependent on South Cottonwood, but it is still called a ward.*

Fall: **Herriman** is a ward again, Bishop Thomas Butterfield, Sr. or/then Ensign I. Stocking

Nov 29: Presiding Bishop's meeting, S.A. Woolley is first called Bishop of 9th Ward instead of Acting Bishop²⁷¹ *Repeated Dec 13, but later meetings still say Acting Bishop of 9th.*

[Date]: 19th Ward constructs a new schoolhouse on the site of the previous one on the southwest corner of 2nd West and 4th North.²⁷²

PE Henry Arnold leaves Herriman, Ensign I. Stocking presiding elder of Herriman Branch of West Jordan Ward.²⁷³

²⁶⁶ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.85

²⁶⁷ Brigham Young, letter to Daniel Spencer 26 Feb 1866, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.8*, p.135, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=b3c72fee-6f44-4ce6-8a9f-5cf38b6153d1>

²⁶⁸ *Perpetual Emigrating Fund Company outfitting reports, 1866*, Church History Library CR 376 13 box 1 folder 5, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/26878191-6240-4f30-8ce2-06b0d60c954c/0/0>

²⁶⁹ *South Jordan Ward Historical Record*, South Jordan Ward General Minutes, V.9 p.1, Church History Library LR 8513 11. This page is a later reminiscence, written about 1890.

²⁷⁰ Brigham Young, letter to Andrew Cahoon, 8 Aug 1866, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.9*, p.91, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=954ebbd5-0620-40f5-86f3-97fa7dbab8f6>

²⁷¹ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.110

²⁷² FHL 979.2258 K2cae *The 1st 100 years of the 19th Ward*, 7

²⁷³ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.2 p.718, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi02jens/page/718>

1867

January: John Proctor ordained bishop of the 10th Ward²⁷⁴

23 January: 8th Ward dedicates a new schoolhouse on the site of the old one. It was later known as the "Old Meeting House."²⁷⁵

24 February: **Brighton Ward** established. *Before this it was known as the west branch of the 16th Ward?* The ward boundaries described thus: "would comprehend all the settlers & country on the west side of Jordan River north of the present West Jordan Ward, extending north to Salt Lake & west to the boundary line of Tooele Ward." Elder Andrew W. Cooley sustained as "presiding officer" (but not called a bishop).^{276 277}

When Brighton Ward is created, Pleasant Green is moved from the 19th Ward and attached to Brighton.²⁷⁸

7 Mar: Andrew W. Cooley ordained bishop of Brighton Ward²⁷⁹ *Subsequently, Cooley regularly attends bishops meetings with other city wards.*

March: A branch of the 12th Ward organized at Hardy's Station in Parley's Canyon [Mountain Dell], Presiding Elder Josiah G. Hardy [Mountain Dell MH]

May 30: For the first time in a while, attendance at Bishops meetings is marked as "9 B 10 B"²⁸⁰ *Repeated consistently hereafter, although "9 Act B" is also common. So is J Proctor now ordained?*

22 June: BY writes "Bishop A.W. Cooley, **Brighton Ward**"²⁸¹

20 July: BY writes "Bishop Hickenlooper, 5th and 6th Wards," then later writes Edward Hunter about Hickenlooper, using the phrase "those two wards."²⁸² *This phrasing is consistent throughout this period. This is not one merged ward, as happens later (e.g. 12th-13th Ward), but two wards that share a single bishopric; basically, the 5th Ward is dependent on the 6th. South & Little Cottonwood appear to be the same arrangement.*

²⁷⁴ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.4 p.510, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi04jens/page/510>

²⁷⁵ FHL 979.2258 K2sh *History of the Eighth Ward, Liberty Stake*, 3

²⁷⁶ Brighton Ward Organization Conference, *Historian's Office Local Minutes and Records*, Church History Library: CR 100 589 box 1 folder 36.

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ea7896-2aca-4dde-92a2-f1f0d5c11d/0/0>

²⁷⁷ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Sep-1868 Jan*, p.86, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 12, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/a769d501-cc29-4d8d-a6bf-6e42a09eb3a5/0/89>

²⁷⁸ *Pleasant Green Ward General Minutes*, V.11 p.1, Church History Library LR 6996 11. This is a later history written in 1882.

²⁷⁹ *Ordination, Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.122

²⁸⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.127

²⁸¹ Brigham Young, letter to A.W. Cooley, 22 June 1867, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.10, p.257, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 7, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=873e43de-f5b9-4a8a-bfaa-be07a5fdf18f>

²⁸² Brigham Young, letter to William Hickenlooper, 20 July 1867, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.10, p.314, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 7, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=873e43de-f5b9-4a8a-bfaa-be07a5fdf18f>; letter to Edward Hunter, July 30 1867, p.332

11 August: Brigham Young and other church leaders dedicate the new meeting house in "Gardners Ward" [West Jordan].²⁸³ At this time, the West Jordan Ward consisted of 4 districts: West Jordan, South Jordan, North Jordan, and Herriman, which meet separately except one joint Sunday meeting each month [MH]

23 Sep: BY writes "Bishop Proctor, 10th Ward"²⁸⁴

October 6: William C.A. Smoot, bishop of Sugar House, called on a mission.²⁸⁵ Charles Innes Robson appointed acting bishop in his stead [MH]

12 Oct: A list of wards lists the 1st-20th (inc. "5 & 6"), Sugar House, Mill Creek, Big Cottonwood, South Cottonwood, South Willow Creek, West Jordan, Brighton. Does not mention Herriman, Little Cottonwood, North Jordan, South Jordan

29 December: George Q. Cannon dedicates a new meetinghouse for Millcreek Ward at 600 E 3900 S.²⁸⁶²⁸⁷

Robert T. Burton becomes (acting?) bishop of Fifteenth Ward²⁸⁸

1868

January 30: Presiding Bishops meeting includes "Acting Bishop" of Sugar House²⁸⁹

Occasionally thereafter, the roll is marked "Sugar House B"

March 2: 15th Ward Bishop Andrew Cunningham dies, Robert T. Burton (counselor?) acts in his stead.

April 25: In first of a series of published Church directories, the following are listed:²⁹⁰

- Daniel Spencer, Stake President (counselors and high council also listed); this is the only stake listed as such
- First Ward: Henry Moon
- Second Ward: Phineas H Young
- Third Ward: Jacob Weiler
- Fourth Ward: Thomas Jenkins
- Fifth and Sixth Wards: William Hickenlooper
- Seventh Ward: Thomas McLelland
- Eighth Ward: Elijah F Sheets
- Ninth Ward: Samuel A Woolley

²⁸³ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1865-1872*, p.82, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0c76d480-00aa-4210-9334-12a578908f1f/0/88>

²⁸⁴ Brigham Young, letter to J Proctor 24 Sep 1867, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.10*, p.382, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 7, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=873e43de-f5b9-4a8a-bfaa-be07a5fdf18f>

²⁸⁵ Thirty-Seventh Semi-Annual Conference, *Deseret News*, V.16 #40 (9 Oct 1867) p.313, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2600260>

²⁸⁶ FHL 979.2258 K2wm *Millcreek Ward 1849-1956*, 6

²⁸⁷ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1865-1872*, p.105, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0c76d480-00aa-4210-9334-12a578908f1f/0/113>; *Mill Creek Ward General Minutes*, V.9 p.1, Church History Library LR 5570 11

²⁸⁸ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.241, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/241>

²⁸⁹ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.146

²⁹⁰ Church Directory, *Salt Lake Daily Telegraph*, V.4 #253 (25 April 1868) p.4

- Tenth Ward: John Proctor
- Eleventh Ward: Alexander McRae
- Twelfth Ward: Leonard W Hardy
- Thirteenth Ward: Edwin D Woolley
- Fourteenth Ward: Abraham Hoagland
- Fifteenth Ward: Robert T Burton
- Sixteenth Ward: Frederick Kesler
- Seventeenth Ward: Nathan Davis
- Eighteenth Ward: Lorenzo D Young
- Nineteenth Ward: Alonzo H Raleigh
- Twentieth Ward: John Sharp
- Sugar House Ward: C J Robison
- Big Cottonwood: David Brinton
- Mill Creek: Reuben Miller
- South Cottonwood & Union: Andrew Cahoon
- West Jordan & Harriman: Archibald Gardner
- South Willow Creek: Isaac M Stewart

June 25: BY writes to "Bro. Charles I. Robson, Acting Bishop, Sugar House Ward"²⁹¹

August 4: Last of a series of published Church directories, same as April 25.²⁹²

November 8: Wilford Woodruff meets with the saints at Fort Harriman. "Ensign Stocking is appointed Bishop of the place."²⁹³ *new or existing appointment?? Acting Bishop? Is Herriman still a dependent branch of West Jordan?*

December: Daniel Spencer dies, John W. Young becomes acting stake president

Great Salt Lake City renamed to Salt Lake City

1869

April 8: General Conference. John W. Young sustained as stake president.²⁹⁴

April 15: "Acting Bishop Smoot of **Sugar House Ward**"²⁹⁵ 9th Ward still often listed as "Actg Bishop SA Woolley"

April 16: Teachers minutes of **15th Ward** mentions "Bishop Burton" and "Bro. Burton"²⁹⁶

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 Bishops Jacob Weiler (3rd), E F Sheets (8th), S A Woolley (9th), Alex

²⁹¹ Brigham Young, letter to Charles I. Robson, June 25 1868, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.10*, p.909, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 7,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=873e43de-f5b9-4a8a-bfaa-be07a5fdf18f>

²⁹² Church Directory, *Salt Lake Daily Telegraph*, V.5 #25 (4 Aug 1868) p.4

²⁹³ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1865-1872*, p.152, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0c76d480-00aa-4210-9334-12a578908f1f/0/158>

²⁹⁴ Fortieth Annual Conference, *Deseret News*, V.18 #10 (14 April 1869) p.115, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2602717>

²⁹⁵ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.181

²⁹⁶ *Fifteenth Ward General Minutes*, V.21 p.2, Church History Library LR 2848 11

McRae (11th), L W Hardy (12th), R.T. Burton (15th), A.H. Raleigh (19th), Reuben Miller (Mill Creek).²⁹⁷ *Counselors will likely be serving as “acting bishops” in their place.*

October 28: Mention of “Gardner Ward”²⁹⁸ *Is West Jordan not the official name?*

November 27: 3rd Ward Teachers Quorum mentions “Acting Bishop William Wagstaff” (one of Bp. Weiler’s counselors); Bp. Weiler had been there October 30.²⁹⁹

December 9: mention of “Acting Bishop of the 15th Ward”³⁰⁰ Attendance also includes “a.B.” for 3rd, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, and 19th Wards. Nov 25: 12 & 19; Dec 23: 3, 8 (“Acting Bishop JDT McAllister”), 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 19; same Jan 6, Jan 20, but most bishops seem to have returned by March 1870. The 15th Ward doesn’t mention a bishop (and very rarely an acting bishop, usually just a counselor) through at least 1874

John Laird replaces Josiah G. Hardy as PE of Parley’s Canyon [Mountain Dell], attached to Sugar House Ward [MH]

1870

January 23: “South Branch” or “Gardnersville Branch” [EH,MH] (**Riverton**) of West Jordan Ward organized³⁰¹ Presiding Elder Nicholas Thomas Silcock³⁰²

March 6: W Woodruff and GQ Cannon meet in “Bishop Brinton’s Ward on Cottonwood” to settle a complaint against him.³⁰³

March 26: 3rd Ward Bishop Weiler has returned, since February 26.³⁰⁴

Big Cottonwood Ward Bishop called on a mission, 1st counselor takes charge (but not ordained a bishop) until he returns in 1872. *Acting bishop or president?*³⁰⁵

Nov 14: 1st Ward Bishop Henry Moon has moved to Farmington, Joseph Warburton appointed by Brigham Young as acting bishop.³⁰⁶ *He would hold this office until being ordained in 1877.*

Nov 17: Thomas McLellan resigns as bishop of 7th Ward³⁰⁷

Dec 23: “Acting Bishop Thorne” presiding at teachers meeting of 7th Ward³⁰⁸

Dec 24: William Thorn appointed acting bishop of 7th Ward³⁰⁹ *He would hold this office until being ordained in 1877.*

²⁹⁷ Thirty-Ninth Semi-Annual Conference, *Deseret News*, V.18 #36 (13 Oct 1869) p.426, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2604075>

²⁹⁸ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.196

²⁹⁹ Teachers quorum minutes, *Third Ward general minutes*, V.5 p.?, Church History Library LR 9113 11

³⁰⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.199

³⁰¹ *Riverton: the Story of a Utah Country Town*

³⁰² Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.4 p.668, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi04jens/page/668>

³⁰³ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1865-1872*, p.231, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0c76d480-00aa-4210-9334-12a578908f1f/0/239>

³⁰⁴ Teachers quorum minutes, *Third Ward general minutes*, V.5 p.?, Church History Library LR 9113 11

³⁰⁵ *Big Cottonwood Ward Manuscript History*

³⁰⁶ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.595, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/595>

³⁰⁷ Resignation, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.235

³⁰⁸ *Seventh Ward general minutes*, V.9, Church History Library LR 12586 11

³⁰⁹ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.611, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/611>

1871

Jan 5: At bishops meeting, 7th & 10th Wards are represented by acting Bishops (unnamed).³¹⁰
This continues through November

Feb 2: John D.T. McAllister is still Acting Bishop of the 8th Ward.³¹¹ *Mentioned several times during 1870, so this is continuous since Bishop Sheets and others left on their mission at the end of 1869.*

2 March: 1st Ward represented by an acting bishop (unnamed)³¹² *For most of 1870, it had been represented by a counselor if at all*

20 March: BY writes "Elder Joseph Warburton, Acting Bishop 1st Ward"³¹³

30 March: Bishops of 8th and 10th wards have returned, JDT McAllister is addressed as counselor after over a year as acting bishop.³¹⁴ *Both wards still occasionally have "a B." listed in the attendance for several months afterward.*

14 April: Pres. John W. Young stops attending high council meetings until Feb 1872; his counselors (GB Wallace, John F. Caine) still attend.³¹⁵

July 16: Brighton Ward is made dependent on the 19th Ward. It isn't called a branch per se in this source, but it has a presiding elder.³¹⁶ Pleasant Green is reattached to the 19th Ward with it.[Pleasant Green MH]

31 Aug: First mention of "Acting Bishop Thorn" (7th Ward).³¹⁷

Fall: Parley's Canyon [Mountain Dell] PE James Laird moves away, and the branch essentially died [MH]

15 Sep: Salt Lake HC hears a case from Ogden.³¹⁸ *So is this an appeal from Ogden HC to Salt Lake HC?*

14 Oct: BY writes "Bishop Smoot, Sugar House Ward."³¹⁹

9 Nov: 2nd Ward represented by an acting bishop (unnamed).³²⁰ *It had been represented by a counselor for most of 1870 and 1871. Now the 1st, 2nd, and 7th wards (and possibly 10th) have acting bishops.*

³¹⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.237

³¹¹ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.240

³¹² *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.242

³¹³ Brigham Young, letter to Joseph Warburton 20 March 1871, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.12, p.607, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 8, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/c91a2db1-a2f0-470d-ac3a-324c44e06cd1>

³¹⁴ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.244

³¹⁵ High Council Roll, *Salt Lake Stake General Minutes*, V.1 p.11, Church History Library LR 604 11, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/9960bb6c-eeb3-4708-a549-6c38ec09c543/0/11>

³¹⁶ *Brighton Ward Manuscript History*, Church History Library LR 1123 2

³¹⁷ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.256

³¹⁸ Richards, *Journal*, V.19 p.284, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0e85f984-0c03-4385-a367-91431b6c0a30/0/283>

³¹⁹ Brigham Young, letter to WCA Smoot 14 Oct 1871, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.12, p.876, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 8, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/c91a2db1-a2f0-470d-ac3a-324c44e06cd1>

³²⁰ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.261

1872

6 Jan: Joseph Sharp Rawlins ordained bishop for the South Cottonwood Ward by Brigham Young³²² *This is apparently a mistake, corrected on June 6*

14 February: Bishop Abram Hoagland (14th Ward) dies.³²³

3 Mar: Thomas Taylor sustained as new bishop of 14th Ward³²⁴

4 Mar: Thomas Taylor ordained bishop of 14th Ward by Brigham Young³²⁵

3 April: BY writes "Mr. Silas Richards, South Cottonwood,"³²⁶ asking him to mediate a local dispute, suggesting that he has some presiding authority.

24 May: BY writes "Bishop Andrew Cahoon, South Cottonwood:"³²⁷ "It has been decided by us that you be relieved of your bishopric and of the presidency over the South Cottonwood District." A ward meeting is called for the 25th to decide the matter.

5 June: BY writes "Elders Wm. Boyce and Richard Maxfield, South Cottonwood."³²⁸ They are asked to "take charge of the meetings, and attend to the business of South Cottonwood District."

6 June: BY ordained Joseph Sharp Rawlins as bishop of South Cottonwood Ward³²⁹ Bishop Andrew Cahoon had apostatized [MH]

6 June: BY writes the "South Cottonwood Ward," announcing that Joseph S. Rawlins has been ordained the bishop of **South Cottonwood Ward**.³³⁰

August: Pres. John W. Young leaves Salt Lake for the East. His Counselors (GB Wallace) acting in his stead.³³¹

³²¹ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.4 p.509, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi04jens/page/509>

³²² Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.265

³²³ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1865-1872*, p.323, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0c76d480-00aa-4210-9334-12a578908f1f/0/331>

³²⁴ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1865-1872*, p.324, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0c76d480-00aa-4210-9334-12a578908f1f/0/332>

³²⁵ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.270

³²⁶ Brigham Young, letter to Silas Richards 3 April 1872, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.13*, p.26, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559>

³²⁷ Brigham Young, letter to Andrew Cahoon, 24 May 1872, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.13*, p.78, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559>

³²⁸ Brigham Young, letter to William Boyce and Richard Maxfield, 5 June 1872, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.13*, p.94, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559>

³²⁹ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.277

³³⁰ Brigham Young, letter to South Cottonwood Ward 6 June 1872, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.13*, p.96, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559>

³³¹ High Council Roll, p.19, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/9960bb6c-eeb3-4708-a549-6c38ec09c543/0/19>

6 November: City-wide meetings suspended temporarily for the winter. Sacrament meetings to be held in the individual wards instead.³³² Since about 1849 many wards had held their own Sunday morning meetings during the winter months, though some still chose to go to the meetings on Temple Square, and as far as I'm aware this was the first time that holding winter meetings in the wards was officially mandated. It's also not clear if these winter ward meetings held the sacrament like they did after this date.³³³

21 Nov: Samuel A. Woolley ordained bishop of 9th Ward³³⁴ (he has been "acting bishop for over eight years")

5 Dec: Mention of "Acting Bp. Warburton 1st Ward" and "James Leach, Act'g Bishop" (2nd Ward).³³⁵

31 December: Meetings first held in new 10th Ward meetinghouse.³³⁶

Sandy settled around station at the end of the railroad; Isaac Harrison, "self-appointed"

Presiding Elder of Sandy Branch of South Cottonwood Ward [MH]³³⁷

Upper [East] Mill Creek PE John Neff leaves on a mission, Julian Moses presides for a year [MH]

John Hirst appointed presiding elder of Pleasant Green District of 19th Ward by Bishop Raleigh [Pleasant Green EH, MH]

1873

Spring: James Laird returns to Parley's Canyon [Mountain Dell] and begins to hold meetings again, but branch is not really organized until 1877 [MH]

12 March: Brigham Young writes to "Bishop Frederick Kesler, Point of Mountain, West"³³⁸ *Did the 16th Ward have jurisdiction over the Magna area after the Brighton Ward was formed?*

19 March: List of bishops and presiding bishops in the church:³³⁹

- **1st Ward**, Jos. Warburton
- **2nd**, James Leach
- **3rd**, Jacob Weller
- 4th, Harrison Sperry
- 5th & 6th, W.H. Hickenlooper
- 7th, Wm Thorn
- 8th, E.F. Sheets
- 9th, S.A. Woolley

³³² <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2617070>

³³³ "Going to Meeting," *New Views of Mormon History* (1987), 141-143

³³⁴ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.290

³³⁵ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.291

³³⁶ <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=11565402>

³³⁷ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.2 p.370, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi02jens/page/370>

³³⁸ Brigham Young, letter to Frederick Kesler 12 March 1873, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.13, p.299, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559>

³³⁹ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.22 #7 (March 19 1873) p.103, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2622070>

- 10th, A. Speirs
- 11th, Alex. McRae
- 12th, L.W. Hardy
- 13th, E.D. Woolley
- 14th, Thomas Taylor
- 15th, R.T. Burton
- 16th, Frederick Kesler
- 17th, John Henry Smith
- 18th, L.D. Young
- 19th, A.H. Raleigh
- 20th, John Sharp
- Sugar House Ward, W.C. A. Smoot
- Brighton, A.H. Raleigh [same as 19th??]
- Big Cottonwood [Holladay], Wm G. Young
- Mill Creek, Reuben Miller
- South Cottonwood [Murray], J.S. Rawlins
- West Jordan, Archibald Gardner
- South Willow Creek [Draper], I.M. Stewart

30 March: 16th Ward dedicates a new stone schoolhouse.³⁴⁰

April 7: General Conference. Stake President John W. Young is sustained (but not present?), also as a new counselor in the First Presidency.³⁴¹ Robert T. Burton (15th Ward AB) called to England on a mission.

May: 15th Ward Acting? Bishop Robert T. Burton leaves on a mission to Europe, until 1875³⁴²

6 May: citywide Deacons quorum organized.³⁴³ It only includes the city, but this does not seem intended to match the jurisdiction of the stake.

9 May: Pres. John W. Young is in Salt Lake again from the East³⁴⁴

11 May: Appointments for home missionaries in the “country wards” are made: Draperville, Sandy, West Jordan, Big Cottonwood (Brinton’s), South Cottonwood (Rollin’s), Mill Creek, Sugar House. This shows that the concept of the stake being divided into city and country wards was still around at this time, and that the country wards weren’t in other stakes.³⁴⁵

May 14: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as March, except:³⁴⁶

- **4th Ward**, Thomas Jenkins

³⁴⁰ *Sixteenth Ward Book of Remembrance* (HBLL BX 8677.9225.C47b), 11

³⁴¹ General Conference, *Deseret News*, April 16 1873, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2618354>

³⁴² Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.241, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/241>

³⁴³ *Salt Lake Stake Aaronic Priesthood minutes*, V.2 p.2, Church History Library LR 604 12, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/05b86097-69a9-48e5-bfb8-c9e3d4a113d5/0/0>

³⁴⁴ High Council Roll, p.23, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/9960bb6c-eeb3-4708-a549-6c38ec09c543/0/23>

³⁴⁵ Home Missionary Appointments, *Salt Lake Daily Herald*, V.3 #283 (May 7 1873) p.3 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=11553121>

³⁴⁶ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.6 #147 (May 14 1873) p.4, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23160976>

- **10th Ward**, John Proctor
- **17th Ward**, Nathan Davis
- **Big Cottonwood**, David Brinton

July 31: Apparently there has been a conflict between Big Cottonwood Ward members and Bishop David Brinton. In deciding the case appealed from the stake, the first presidency decides that Bishop Brinton should be forgiven but released as bishop.³⁴⁷

August: Pres. John W. Young leaves Salt Lake for business in England³⁴⁸

Fall: **Sandy** is established as a dependent branch in South Cottonwood Ward.³⁴⁹

Fall: Big Cottonwood Ward bishop is released, 2nd counselor “takes charge” until a new bishop is ordained August 2 1874

Oct 6: General Conference. Pres. John W. Young absent, counselors present.³⁵⁰

Dec 17: Pres. John W. Young returns briefly, then departs to be St. George Stake President.³⁵¹

He is still listed as president through April 1874

Still-standing 10th Ward meetinghouse dedicated. (Website)

Original school house of 1st Ward torn down in order to build a new brick school.³⁵²

William G. Young made bishop of Big Cottonwood Ward

John Neff, PE of East Mill Creek Branch of Big Cottonwood Ward is called on a mission, replaced by Henry B. Skidmore³⁵³

John Neff returns from his mission to preside over Upper Mill Creek, but is soon called into the bishopric of Big Cottonwood Ward [East Mill Creek MH]

1874

Wooden chapel built in Sandy on same location as a later chapel.³⁵⁴

Jan 29: “Elder Geo. B. Wallace, Pres’t of the Stake” speaks to bishops³⁵⁵

Feb 12: “Bp John Proctor of the 10th ward died early this a.m.”³⁵⁶ He was the successor of “Father Pettigrew.” Subsequent presiding bishop’s meetings show an acting bishop (now 1st, 2nd, 7th, 10th Wards have acting bishops)

³⁴⁷ First Presidency, letter to Edward Hunter 31 July 1873, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.13, p.432, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559>

³⁴⁸ High Council Roll, p.26, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/9960bb6c-eeb3-4708-a549-6c38ec09c543/0/26>

³⁴⁹ *The History and People of Early Sandy*, p.216, FHL 979.225/S2 H2r

³⁵⁰ General Conference, *Deseret News* Oct 8 1873, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2620403>

³⁵¹ High Council Roll, p.30, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/9960bb6c-eeb3-4708-a549-6c38ec09c543/0/30>

³⁵² https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE937302&from=fhd, 31

³⁵³ East Mill Creek Historical Record, *East Mill Creek Ward General Minutes*, V.12 p.23, Church History Library LR 2454 11

³⁵⁴ *The History and People of Early Sandy*, p.216, FHL 979.225/S2 H2r

³⁵⁵ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.320

³⁵⁶ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.321

May 9: General Conference. George B. Wallace sustained as stake president.³⁵⁷ “The United Order of **this Chief Stake of Zion** was Organized with President Brigham Young President of this whole order throughout the world” and no local president.³⁵⁸ Apostles are called to go around the territory organizing “the different **Branches** into the Order of Zion”

May 27: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as May 1873, except:³⁵⁹

- **10th Ward**, A. Speirs [again?]
- **Big Cottonwood**, B.B. Bitner

August 2: William Goodall Young chosen as bishop of Big Cottonwood Ward³⁶⁰

Sept 2: George B. Wallace set apart as president of **Salt Lake Stake** by Brigham Young³⁶¹

Oct 21: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as May, except.³⁶²

- **Big Cottonwood**, Wm G. Young [again?]

Dec 3: mention of “Bp. Adam Spears” (actually acting bishop of 10th Ward)³⁶³

Henry B. Skidmore appointed PE of Upper [East] Mill Creek [MH]

Sandy Branch builds a small meetinghouse, new PE William Newell appointed by the bishop of South Cottonwood [MH]

1875

Jan 6: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as October 1874.³⁶⁴

27 April: **4th Ward** bishop Jenkins resigns, and it is joined to the 7th Ward under one bishop [W Thorn] (intended to be permanent).³⁶⁵

8 May: BY writes Bishop Edward Hunter: “Since many residents of the 4th Ward have petitioned you to have their Ward organization continued...it has been deemed proper to grant said petition, and you are hereby authorized to ordain Bro. Harrison Sperry bishop of said ward.”³⁶⁶

³⁵⁷ Forty-fourth Annual Conference, *Deseret News* V.23 #15 (May 13 1874) p.225, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2635050>

³⁵⁸ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1873-80*, p.69, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/eb07ddd8-d258-43b3-82fd-1b0bc186b269/0/79>. The *Deseret News* report does not use this language, so this may be Woodruff's interpretation

³⁵⁹ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #17 (May 27 1874) p.267, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2635244>

³⁶⁰ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.4 p.446, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi04jens/page/446>

³⁶¹ *Historian's Office Journal*, V.33 p.244 (4 Sep 1875, but later note says “this should be under Sept 2”), Church History Library CR 100 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/957df05d-0ff3-44c8-95b3-50a5cead594e/0/248>

³⁶² Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #38 (October 21 1874) p.603, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2613752>

³⁶³ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.340

³⁶⁴ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #49 (January 6 1875) p.782, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2614880>

³⁶⁵ CHL M277.9225 S6255t *Through the Years: A Brief History of the Sixth-Seventh Ward*, 10

³⁶⁶ Brigham Young, letter to Edward Hunter 8 May 1875, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.13, p.738, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559>

20 May: 4th Ward votes to remain its own ward, and Harrison Sperry is ordained bishop.³⁶⁷³⁶⁸

June 5-6: Two days meeting in Mill Creek Ward with visiting apostles³⁶⁹

June 9: List of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as January.³⁷⁰

Sep 2: Robert T. Burton "ordained a high priest" and set apart as 2nd counselor to Bishop Edward Hunter.³⁷¹ *Does not mention 15th Ward. Is he still acting bishop? Is he ordained bishop at this point? He had just gotten back from a mission to England since April 1873. This ward has not been represented by a bishop or an acting bishop since early in 1869*

Sep 9: At the bishops meeting, "The clerk read over the names of 9 bishops whose ordinations are not recorded in the Bishops book, and requested them to find out the time, place, and by whom, so that their names may appear in the Bishops record."³⁷² The minutes don't say which bishops...

Sep 26-27: Two days meeting at South Cottonwood Ward.³⁷³

Nov 22: "Nathan Davis resigned his position as Bishop of the Seventeenth Ward, and on Nov 22 1875 John Henry Smith was ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the ward."³⁷⁴

Nov 26: The First Presidency appoints John Henry Smith as bishop of the Seventeenth Ward succeeding Nathan Davis.³⁷⁵ The change was to go into effect January 1 1876.

Dec 16: Presiding Bishop's meeting lists an unnamed bishop for the 1st Ward (and consistently thereafter) for the first time since the beginning of 1870.³⁷⁶

Dec 29: New list of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as June, except.³⁷⁷

- **17th Ward**, John Henry Smith [again?]

30 Dec: Presiding Bishop's meeting lists an unnamed bishop of the 15th Ward (and consistently thereafter) for the first time since early 1869.³⁷⁸

1876

January 12: List of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as December 1875.³⁷⁹

³⁶⁷ CHL M277.9225 S6255t *Through the Years: A Brief History of the Sixth-Seventh Ward*, 10

³⁶⁸ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.350

³⁶⁹ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1873-80*, p.117, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/eb07ddd8-d258-43b3-82fd-1b0bc186b269/0/127>

³⁷⁰ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #19 (June 9 1875) p.295, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2640773>

³⁷¹ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.362

³⁷² *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.358

³⁷³ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1873 Jan - 1880 Feb*, p.136, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/eb07ddd8-d258-43b3-82fd-1b0bc186b269/0/146>

³⁷⁴ *Seventeenth Ward general minutes*, V.12 p.26

³⁷⁵ First Presidency, letter to John Henry Smith, 26 Nov 1875, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.14, p.23, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/8ee2bf6f-8a90-4bd6-943d-532c27f3aae2>

³⁷⁶ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.366

³⁷⁷ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #48 (December 29 1875) p.755, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2643418>

³⁷⁸ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.367

³⁷⁹ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #50 (January 12 1876) p.795, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2643628>

February: after 20 years, **Eighteenth Ward**, is fully organized again.³⁸⁰

20 February: New stone meetinghouse dedicated in the 6th Ward on the same site as the previous building.³⁸¹

April 9: General Conference. Angus M. Cannon sustained as the new stake president.³⁸²

21 May: Millcreek Ward's meetinghouse was rededicated after additions were made to it.³⁸³

December 22: Final published list of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as 1875.³⁸⁴

- **1st Ward**, Jos. Warburton
- **2nd**, James Leach
- **3rd**, Jacob Weller
- 4th, Harrison Sperry
- 5th & 6th, W.H. Hickenlooper
- 7th, Wm Thorn
- 8th, E.F. Sheets
- 9th, S.A. Woolley
- 10th, A. Speirs
- 11th, Alex. McRae
- 12th, L.W. Hardy
- 13th, E.D. Woolley
- 14th, Thomas Taylor
- 15th, R.T. Burton
- 16th, Frederick Kesler
- 17th, John Henry Smith
- 18th, L.D. Young
- 19th, A.H. Raleigh
- 20th, John Sharp
- Sugar House Ward, W.C. A. Smoot
- Brighton, A.H. Raleigh
- Big Cottonwood [Holladay], Wm G. Young
- Mill Creek, Reuben Miller
- South Cottonwood [Murray], J.S. Rawlins
- West Jordan, Archibald Gardner
- South Willow Creek [Draper], I.M. Stewart

Herriman Pres. Ensign I. Stocking moves away, new Presiding Priest James S. Crane³⁸⁵

West Jordan Ward begins holding Swedish language meetings, but it is not a separate branch [MH]

³⁸⁰ *Eighteenth Ward Manuscript History*, Church History Library LR 2523 2

³⁸¹ CHL M277.9225 S6255t *Through the Years: A Brief History of the Sixth-Seventh Ward*, 8

³⁸² General Conference, *Deseret News*, V.25 #11 (April 12 1876) p.169

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2622366>

³⁸³ FHL 979.2258 K2wm *Millcreek Ward 1849-1956*, 6

³⁸⁴ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 #27 (December 22, 1876) p.4,

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23166497>

³⁸⁵ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.580,

<https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/580>

1877

Early: Isaac Harrison becomes PE of Sandy Branch, only there for a few months [MH]

Spring: Mountain Dell Branch of Sugar House Ward organized, President James Laird [MH]

May 12-13: Special conference of Salt Lake Stake.³⁸⁶ This is essentially the Reorganization conference for this stake, but nothing in the stake organization appears to change. The wards were reorganized later.

May 17: "Pres't Angus M. Cannon said he called on Bp Hunter and asked him if he would have letters sent to the Bishops of this county to obtain information respecting their present organization, the boundaries of their wards, &c, so that the twelve apostles can be facilitated in their labors."³⁸⁷ *This indicates that Cannon assumed the jurisdiction of the stake was Salt Lake County, and that the wards should have clear boundaries*

7 June: First Ward reorganized, Joseph Warburton ordained bishop by John Taylor.³⁸⁸ *Had been acting bishop since 1870.*

8 June: Samuel Peterson ordained bishop of Second Ward by John Taylor³⁸⁹

12 June: Fifth-Sixth Ward split back into **5th and 6th Wards**.³⁹⁰ Richard Brimley Bishop of the new 5th Ward

14 June: 21st Ward organized, John Taylor ordains Andrew Burt as bishop³⁹¹

June 15: Seventh Ward reorganized, William Thorn ordained bishop by Daniel H. Wells³⁹² *Had been acting bishop since 1870.*

June 17: Conference to reorganize wards in the southwestern valley by Daniel H. Wells.

"Heretofore the four settlements in that locality have been under the supervision of one bishopric, located in the West Jordan District." North Jordan Ward: Bp. Samuel Bennion; West Jordan Ward: Bp. Archibald Gardner; Fort Herriman Ward: Bp. James Crane; South Jordan Ward: Bp. William A. Bills.³⁹³ Riverton/South Branch/Gardnersville absorbed into South Jordan Ward [Riverton MH]

June 20: Adam Speirs ordained and set apart as bishop of Tenth Ward.³⁹⁴ *He had been acting bishop since 1874*

³⁸⁶ Special Conference, *Deseret News*, V.26 #15 (May 16 1877) p.286, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2626737>

³⁸⁷ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.412

³⁸⁸ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.595, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/595>

³⁸⁹ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.4 p.510, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi04jens/page/510>

³⁹⁰ CHL M277.9225 F4694c *Fifth Ward: A Century of Spiritual Guidance*, 9, CHL M277.9225 S6255t *Through the Years: A Brief History of the Sixth-Seventh Ward*, 7

³⁹¹ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.416

³⁹² Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.611, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/611>

³⁹³ Jordan Wards, *Deseret News* V.26 #20 (June 20 1877) p.816 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2627187>; *South Jordan Ward Historical Record*, South Jordan Ward General Minutes, V.9 p.1, Church History Library LR 8513 11

³⁹⁴ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.618, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/618>

June 21: A[lexander] C. Pyper sustained as bishop of the Twelfth Ward.³⁹⁵ “The reason of the change was the connection with other quorums of the former incumbents of the office” (probably LW Hardy being a counselor in the presiding bishopric).

June 24: organizing meeting for Draper Ward; no changes are made [MH], but a counselor is ordained for the South Jordan bishop.³⁹⁶

June 27: Joseph Pollard ordained and set apart as bishop of Fifteenth Ward.³⁹⁷

28 June: At presiding bishop’s meeting, all city wards appear to be fully organized with bishops, including 2nd, 5th, 7th, 10th, which had not had ordained bishops for many years.³⁹⁸

July: Richard V. Morris ordained and set apart as bishop of Nineteenth Ward.³⁹⁹

July 1: South Cottonwood Ward is divided into three wards: South Cottonwood Ward, Bp. Joseph S. Rawlins; Union Ward: Bp. Ishmael Phillips; Sandy Branch of Union Ward: Pres. John W. Sharp; Granite Ward: Bp. Solomon J. Despaine.⁴⁰⁰ Sharp is away on a mission and not set apart until July 7 1878, Thomas Smart takes temporary charge until then [MH]

July 3: *Deseret Evening News* reprints its bishop/presiding bishop directory, same as in 1876, which is out of date given that most of the stakes have been reorganized into a different structure.⁴⁰¹ Salt Lake same as in 1876 except:

- 2d Ward, Fredrich Peterson

July 5: City wards reorganized:⁴⁰²

- 2nd Ward, Bishop Samuel Peterson
- 3rd Ward, Bishop Jacob Weiler temporarily suspended, no successor
- 5th Ward, Bishop Richard Brindley
- 12th Ward, Bishop Alexander C. Pyper
- 15th Ward, Bishop Joseph Pollard
- 19th Ward, Bishop Bishop Richard Reed Morris
- 21st Ward organized, Bishop Andrew Burt

July 8: stake presidency visited Mill Creek Ward. Bishop Reuben Miller and his counselors were retained.⁴⁰³

³⁹⁵ Twelfth Ward, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 #180 (22 June 1877) p.3, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23167261>

³⁹⁶ *South Jordan Ward Historical Record*, South Jordan Ward General Minutes, V.9 p.1, Church History Library LR 8513 11

³⁹⁷ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.636, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/636>

³⁹⁸ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.416

³⁹⁹ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.676, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/676>

⁴⁰⁰ Organizations, *Deseret News* V.26 #23 (July 11 1877) p.364 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2627390>

⁴⁰¹ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 #189 (July 3, 1877) p.4, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23167307>

⁴⁰² *Historical Department office journal*, V.36 (1877-1879) p.9, Church History Library CR 100 1, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/46b8a754-6a47-46ca-959e-a6557045f182/0/14>

⁴⁰³ Organizations, *Deseret News* V.26 #23 (July 11 1877) p.364 <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2627390>

July 11: Summary of city ward reorganizations so far, with their bishoprics:⁴⁰⁴

- **First: Joseph Warburton [was acting bishop]**
- **Second: Samuel Peterson [new]** *“Elder” Peterson returned from a mission to Minnesota on June 6 [DN 26:296]*
- **Third: no bishop appointed yet** *but Jacob Weiler would eventually continue as bishop*
- Fourth: Harrison Sperry [existing]
- **Fifth: Richard Brimley [new]**⁴⁰⁵
- Sixth: William Hickenlooper [existing]
- **Seventh: William Thorn [was acting bishop]**
- Eighth: Elijah F. Sheets [existing]
- Ninth: Samuel A. Woolley [existing]
- **Tenth: Adam Spiers [was acting bishop]**
- Eleventh: Alexander McRae [existing]
- **Twelfth: Alexander C. Pyper [new]**
- Thirteenth: Edwin D. Woolley [existing]
- Fourteenth: Thomas Taylor [existing]
- **Fifteenth: Joseph Pollard [new?]**
- Sixteenth: Frederick Kesler [existing]
- Seventeenth: John Henry Smith [existing]
- Eighteenth: Lorenzo D. Young [existing]
- **Nineteenth: Richard V. Morris [new]**
- Twentieth: John Sharp [existing]
- **Twenty-first: Andrew Burt [new]**
- Clarification of some boundaries: “The south boundary line of the 18th, 20th, and 21st Bishop’s Wards is South Temple Street and the north one as far as the City extends in that direction. The 18th extends from East Temple Street to Pine Street, the 20th from the last named street to Maple Street, and the 21st from the last mentioned street as far as the city extends in that direction.”

~~July 15: East Mill Creek Ward organized from the north part of Big Cottonwood Ward, Bishop John Neff. [CC]~~

July 17: Big Cottonwood Ward reorganized, Bishop David B. Brinton.⁴⁰⁶ “East Mill Creek Ward, formerly the north part of Big Cottonwood Ward, was also organized by the appointment of John Neff as Bishop”. Mentions Bishop Solomon J. Despaine of Granite Ward, but unclear if this was organized at this time.

July 22: Sugar House reorganized, Bishop Apollus G. Driggs [MH]

⁴⁰⁴ Organized, *Deseret News* V.26 #23 (July 11 1877) p.360, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2627377>

⁴⁰⁵ Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.606, <https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/606>

⁴⁰⁶ Organized, *Deseret News* V.26 #24 (July 18 1877) p.380, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2627469>

July 24: Sugar House Ward is divided “on the line, running north and south, between the 29th and 40th School Districts. The western part will be known hereafter as Farmer’s Ward.”⁴⁰⁷ Sugar House Ward Bishop Apolis G. Driggs, Farmers Ward bishop Lewis H. Mousley.

29 July: Brighton Ward reorganized.⁴⁰⁸ Bishop Frederick S. Schoenfeld. John Hurst, presiding priest of Pleasant Green District of Brighton Ward. Pleasant Green MH says Hurst was ordained a high priest and appointed Presiding Elder of Pleasant Green Branch of Brighton Ward.

September 9: Stake Priesthood Meeting.⁴⁰⁹ Reports from “all wards” in the stake: 21 city wards, plus Sugar House, Farmer’s, East Mill Creek, Big Cottonwood, South Cottonwood, Granite, Union, South Willow Creek (Draper), West Jordan, South Jordan, Herriman, North Jordan, Brighton.

2 December: Although this is after the reorganization of the stakes, a newspaper article describing religious services available in the Salt Lake area says that there are meetings held in each of the wards in the city and in each of the “country wards.”⁴¹⁰ This shows this terminology continued all the way from 1849 through 1877. I found references to “country wards” to refer to wards in Salt Lake county up through the early 1900s when the county was divided into several different stakes.

Dec 16: When the new South Jordan Ward is organized into 4 teacher’s districts,⁴¹¹ it indicates that the ward runs from the “Sandy & Bingham Road” [90th South] on the north to the county line on the south. *So it included Riverton and Bluffdale, and the southern part of what is now West Jordan.*

December 25: John Taylor, stake counselors meet with **Third Ward**, reappointed Jacob Weiler as bishop with counselors.⁴¹²

1878

15 Jan: List of wards and bishops, including Salt Lake Stake⁴¹³ mp:700350

- Joseph Warburton, 1st ward, Salt Lake City
- Samuel Peterson, 2nd ward, “
- Jacob Weller, 3rd ward, “
- Harrison Sperry, 4th ward, “
- Richard Brimley, 5th ward, “
- Wm H Hickenlooper, 6th ward, “
- William Thorne, 7th ward, “

⁴⁰⁷ Organization, *Deseret News* V.26 #25 (July 25 1877) p.392, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2627530>

⁴⁰⁸ Brighton, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 p.210 (30 July 1877) p.3, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23167411>

⁴⁰⁹ Priesthood Meeting, *Deseret News*, V.26 #33 (September 19, 1877) p.520, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2628276>

⁴¹⁰ <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=11708900>

⁴¹¹ South Jordan Ward Historical Record, V.11 p.2

⁴¹² Reorganization, *Deseret News*, V.26 #47 (December 26, 1877) p.748, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2629460>

⁴¹³ 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>

- Elijah F Sheets, 8th ward, “
- Samuel A Woolley, 9th ward, “
- Adam Spiers, 10th ward, “
- Alexander McRae, 11th ward, “
- Alexander C Pyper, 12th ward, “
- Edwin D Woolley, 13th ward, “
- Thomas Taylor, 14th ward, “
- Joseph Pollard, 15th ward, “
- Frederick Kesler, 16th ward, “
- John Henry Smith, 17th ward, “
- Lorenzo D Young, 18th ward, “
- Richard V Morris, 19th ward, “
- John Sharp, 20th ward, “
- Andrew Burt, 21st ward, “
- A G Driggs, Sugar House
- Lewis H Mouseley, Farmers’ ward
- Reuben Miller, Mill Creek
- John Neff, East Mill Creek
- D B Brinton, Big Cottonwood
- J B Rawlins, South Cottonwood
- Ismael Phillips, Union
- Solomon J Despain, Granite
- I M Stewart, South Willow Creek (Draper)
- William A Bills, South Jordan
- James Crane, Herriman
- Archibald Gardner, West Jordan
- Samuel Bennion, North Jordan
- Frederick Schoenfield, Brighton
- James Laid, President, Mountain Dell
- Angus M. Cannon, President of Stake

1886

Andrew Jenson claimed: "For a number of years, previous to the general reorganization of the various Stakes of Zion, in 1877, the Salt Lake Stake embraced Salt Lake, Tooele, Davis, Morgan, Summit and Wasatch Counties." This is the earliest source for this claim that I have found so far.⁴¹⁴

1906

Angus M. Cannon, who became stake president in 1876, testified in the Reed Smoot case: "Mr. TAYLER. How many are there [patriarchs] in the stake of Zion?

⁴¹⁴ <https://books.google.com/books?id=dLgUAAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA281>

Mr. CANNON. The Salt Lake Stake of Zion is limited now. It once included 6 counties. Now there are 11 stakes in those 6 counties. The Salt Lake Stake of Zion now is only one-eleventh part the size that it was twenty-eight years ago...

Mr. TAYLER. Prior to your being designated as patriarch, what official position did you occupy in the church?

Mr. CANNON. President of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion.

Mr. TAYLER. The Salt Lake Stake of Zion, as presided over by you, had a different boundary, as I gather, from what it has now?

Mr. CANNON. In 1876 it embraced the counties of Salt Lake, Tooele, Davis, Morgan, Summit, and Wasatch."

The use of the word "embrace" and listing the counties in the same order suggests he was influenced by Jenson's history or a common source.⁴¹⁵

YEAR???

East Mill Creek Ward History, written about 1884:⁴¹⁶ "The early history of our ward is identified with Mill Creek Ward. It was first distinguished as the Upper Branch of the Mill Creek Ward. A school house was erected in an early day and regular meetings were held every sabbath. Later when the Mill Creek Ward had grown quite large, that part of it which is now East Mill Creek Ward was attached to Big Cottonwood Ward, the latter at that time being quite small. Thus it continued until the reorganization in 1877.

While East Mill Creek existed as a mere branch or part of other wards, it had a presiding Elder who took charge of meetings and affairs generally, under the direction of the respective bishoprics. The first of these presiding elders was Julian Moses who presided a number of years. He was succeeded by John Haslam and then John Neff who presided until called upon a mission to England in 1873. After this Henry B. Skidmore presided until July 15 1877 when East Mill Creek was organized into a ward with John Neff as Bishop."

YEAR???

Pleasant Green [Magna] History, written 1882:⁴¹⁷ "Pleasant Green or Millstone Point as it was formerly called was under the jurisdiction of the bishopric of the Nineteenth Ward of Salt Lake City, Bishop A.H. Raleigh." Until Brighton Ward was created

⁴¹⁵ <https://books.google.com/books?id=QyY2AQAAIAAJ&pg=PA777&lpg=PA777>

⁴¹⁶ East Mill Creek Historical Record, *East Mill Creek Ward General Minutes*, V.12 p.23, Church History Library LR 2454 11

⁴¹⁷ *Pleasant Green Ward General Minutes*, V.11 p.1, Church History Library LR 6996 11. This is a later history written in 1882.