# **Tooele County Timeline**

# 1849

24 Nov: Apostle Ezra Taft Benson granted rights to timber in Tooele County, and to erect a sawmill. It appears he was assigned to oversee settlement of the valley, but did not live there. Settlers arrive in Tooele City area soon after, including John Rowberry

#### 1850

24 April: E.T. Benson organizes the **Tooele City branch**; John Rowberry as president, along with counselors and teachers.<sup>2</sup>

[Date]: Log schoolhouse built in Tooele City to meet in.<sup>3</sup> October: first settlers in Willow Creek (Grantsville)<sup>4</sup> First settlers in Pine Canyon area [EH]

#### 1851

[**Date**]: Tooele City schoolhouse moved to different location. "The school house built the year before was moved into the center of the new location [the fort they built that year], which was just outside the present Tooele City survey." 5

Grantsville first settled, PE Benjamin Baker [MH]

November: Peter Maughan, Rowberry, and Ormus Bates try to find a site of new town [Richville/E.T. City] near Benson's Mill<sup>6</sup>

# 1852

January 7: At a bishops meeting,<sup>7</sup> "Bishop Roberry of Toele Valley" reports. *But he isn't ordained a bishop for another year!* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tripp, George W. *Early Tooele: A Documented Chronology 1849-1866 V. 1*, p.5 https://collections.lib.utah.edu/details?id=1041980

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> John Rowberry letter to Willard Richards, Dec 1 1851. *Willard Richards Journal and Papers*, *Incoming correspondence*, Church History Library MS 1490 box 4 folder 8, p.13 https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/46bf78d8-85ff-49cc-b21b-deb620d2743d/0/0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Tripp, p.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Tripp, p.8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Tripp, p.10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Tripp, p.12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 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

25 March: Rowberry mentions their new meetinghouse "twenty four feet square," Grantsville, and that "we have had no bishop's courts to contend with."8

March 30: Statistical Report from "Tooele Branch," "John Rowberry Pres't," 117 members. <sup>9</sup> April: First comprehensive membership report of the Church, listing "wards" and "bishops," <sup>10</sup> including "Tooele Co.":

- Tooele, John Rowberry, 117 members
- Unnamed listing [Grantsville?], 27 members

3 April: Saints in "Grantsville" "remain not fully organized on account of our number being small," and still haven't built a schoolhouse. No mention of a branch, but signed "Benjamin Baker - Presid."<sup>11</sup>

August 30: Letter from "Tooele County, Willow Creek Precinct" to Brigham Young, reporting on the state of their new settlement and asking for more families to settle. Signed "Benjamin Baker, president." <sup>12</sup>

Fall: Ormus E. Bates settles south of Benson's Mill, builds a fort called the Rose Spring Fort, what would later become Batesville/Erda [EH]

Fall: Ezra T. Benson appoints Thomas H. Clark as bishop of Grantsville [MH]

21 December: "J. Rowberry" attended the Bishops meeting in Salt Lake City to report to the presiding bishop the state of his "ward". <sup>13</sup> This was a general meeting, not the Salt Lake Stake. Bishops from Salt Lake, Davis, Utah, and Tooele Counties are mentioned.

28 December: List of members and wards in Utah includes "Tooele City Ward," which includes known residents of Grantsville (Ben Baker, Thomas Clark) and Richville (Peter Maughan).<sup>14</sup> December 31: Bishops' statistical report lists only Tooele (led by John Rowberry)<sup>15</sup>

### 1853

18 Jan: John Rowberry ordained a bishop "to preside over the settlements in Tooele County, known as Tooele Ward." <sup>16</sup> So he has a regional jurisdiction from the beginning

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Deseret News, April 17 1852 https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2578320

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Bishops Reports 1848-1866, Church History Library CR 100 592,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Letter from Benjamin Baker (Grantsville Tooele Valley) to Brigham Young, April 8 1852, *Brigham Young Office Files, Incoming Correspondence*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 22 folder 12 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps\_pid=IE3949187

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Letter from Benjamin Baker to Brigham Young, April 30, 1852, *Brigham Young Office Files, Incoming Correspondence*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 22 folder 12,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> JHC 21 Dec 1852, citing "original minutes on file"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 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 image 95. <a href="https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=f6a446c9-db6e-4f99-8da4-8ca12227b2b5&crate=0&index=94">https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=f6a446c9-db6e-4f99-8da4-8ca12227b2b5&crate=0&index=94</a>

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 Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862, p.50, Church History Library CR 4 2, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/65

27 March: Conference held in "Grantsville Branch." "Motioned & Seconded that Thomas H Clark be upheld and sustained as President of the Branch." <sup>17</sup>

April 6: Church Statistical Report. 18

- Tooele City, Bishop John Rowberry, 308 members
- Grantsville, Bishop Thomas H. Clark, 106 members

April 9: General Bishops meeting includes Bishop Rowberry from Tooele<sup>19</sup>

May 14: Deseret News editorial mentions "Bishop Clark of Grantsville" 20

October 6: Report of General Conference includes a list of "wards" with "bishops" (this may be a generalization and could include some branches with presidents), including Grantsville with Thomas H. Clark, and Tooele ("no report"). <sup>21</sup><sub>mp:800205</sub>

October: directory of local leaders includes the following in Tooele County: Tooele, Mayor & "Bishop and President of Stake" John Rowberry, "Grantsville Ward", Thomas H. Clark, "Bishop" (no counselors) and "President of the Branch" (2 counselors). <sup>22</sup> mp:700323 Only reference I have seen to Tooele being a stake. Looks like Grantsville is called both a branch and a ward November 20-22: Wilford Woodruff and E.T. Benson meet with the Saints at Tooele City, Bishop Rowberry, and "Willow Creek Settlement," [Grantsville] Bishop Thomas Clark, advising them to build forts. On the way back, they "appointed a site for a new fort and city" [E.T. City]<sup>23</sup> Is Clark acting bishop?

#### 1854

March 18-20: Wilford Woodruff holds meetings with saints at **Grantsville** (Bishop Clark) and **Tooele** (Bishop Rowberry). Then he and [Peter] Maughan rode "to the new city near Benson's Mill [Richvile/**E.T. City**] & held a meeting with the people."

Spring: E.T. City established, led by Peter Maughan [KWJ6-XQC] under the direction of Elder Benson (who has a home in Richville), branch organized [EH]

April 1: Unit Statistical reports includes:<sup>25</sup>

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• "Grantsville Ward," "Bishop Thomas H. Clark"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Minutes of a conference held in Grantsville Branch, Historian's Office minutes and reports (local units) 1840-1886, Church History Library CR 100 589 box 1 folder 25, <a href="https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=914e4cbd-7e34-4ca7-8b24-6d7d1128eb42">https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=914e4cbd-7e34-4ca7-8b24-6d7d1128eb42</a>
<sup>18</sup> List of bishops' reports, 1853 April, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <a href="https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/48a21447-79a1-49ab-8d82-df19138a5f74/0/0">https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/48a21447-79a1-49ab-8d82-df19138a5f74/0/0</a>
<sup>19</sup> *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.60, Church History Library CR 4 2, <a href="https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/75">https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/75</a>
<sup>20</sup> To the Saints, *Deseret News*, May 14 1853, <a href="https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2579386">https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2579386</a>
<sup>21</sup> Report of General Conference, *Deseret News* V.3 #19 (October 15 1853) p.74-75 <a href="https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2579576">https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2579576</a>
<sup>22</sup> Utah Territory Officers Oct 1853, *Winter Quarters Municipal High Council Records 1846-1848*. Church

Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1847-1853*, p.439, Church History Library MS 1352, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0c76d480-00aa-4210-9334-12a578908f1f/0/446
 Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1854-1859*, p.18, Church History Library MS 1352, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ed47e448-2936-4a1d-a4d8-4b5f96a8d1ac/0/19
 Bishops Reports, 1854 April, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0bcb9b1d-852e-4296-aaa5-4ac8d5756941/0/29

"Tooele City Ward," "Bishop John Rowberry"

April 11: Thomas Henry Clarke ordained a bishop to preside over **Grantsville** Ward by Edward Hunter<sup>26</sup>

20 June: BY visits. Members in Tooele City are meeting in a "log tabernacle," presumably the same building as the original schoolhouse built in 1850.<sup>27</sup> From there they visit "Shambip Valley" [Rush Valley] and Cedar Fort.

August 26: BY writes to "Bishops Rowberry and Clark" 28

October: Peter Maughan appointed presiding Elder of E.T. City.<sup>29</sup>

December 11: Letter from Tooele mentions "Pres. Kelsey" 30

Winter: Rush Valley first settled by Bill Hickman and Luke S. Johnson

[**Date**]: Tooele City is laid out and people start moving into lots. The schoolhouse is also moved onto the center of the plat. "The cherished old building was moved on to the southwest corner of the intersection of Main and Vine streets." <sup>31</sup>

#### 1855

16 January: John Rowberry moved to Richville, the new county seat. Eli Kelsey [KWVQ-HKK] called to replace him as "President of Tooele City Branch," though Rowberry continued to function as the presiding bishop over the county.<sup>32</sup>

April 1: Wilford Woodruff and E.T. Benson meet with the saints of Tooele Valley at "the City of E.T." "Brother Maughan" is mentioned, but not a branch, ward, or leader.

April 6: Church statistical report.<sup>34</sup>

- Grantsville, Thomas H. Clark, 308 members
- E.T. City, John Rowberry, 112 members
- Tooele City, ", 232 members

7 Apr: General bishops meeting includes the bishop of Grantsville Ward. 35

<sup>33</sup> Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1854-185*9, p.59, Church History Library MS 1352,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.91, Church History Library CR 4 2, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/108

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Journal, 1854 June 19-23, *Brigham Young Office Files*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 73 folder 7 p.2, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=89c61e65-ac90-486d-9361-59566bb4da0a/0/3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Brigham Young, letter to John Rowberry and Thomas Clark 26 Aug 1854, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.1*, p.649, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=f7d18c09-51a0-42c6-8c73-10960c772d45

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Peter Maughan, *L.D.S. Biographical Encyclopedia*, V.1 p.759, https://archive.org/details/latterdaysaintbi01bjens/page/759

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Tooele County, *Deseret News*, V.4 #43 (January 4, 1855) p.160 https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2581661

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Tripp, p.41

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Tripp, p.56

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> 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

7-14 August: David Pettigrew (prez. HP Quorum, Salt Lake Stake?) visits Tooele Valley: Grantsville, Bishop Clarke; Tooele City, Prest. E.B. Kelsey; E.T. City, Bishop Rowberry, Bishop Maughan.<sup>36</sup>

October 6: Statistical report lists "wards" with "bishops," including Tooele: Jno Rowberry, E.T. City (also Jno Rowberry), Grantsville: TH Clark.<sup>37</sup>

8 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representation from Tooele and Grantsville Wards.<sup>38</sup> November 10-11: Conference at Tooele City, with Wilford Woodruff.<sup>39</sup> Home missionaries are appointed to "the various settlements in the Sixth Missionary District." [SL & Tooele Counties] Speakers include "Bishop Rowberry," also mentions "Brother Kelsey."

#### 1856

E.T. Benson called to Europe

Feb 2-3: Quarterly conference at Tooele City.<sup>40</sup> Mentions "Bishop John Rowberry," "Elder Peter Maughan," and "President Eli B. Kelsey."

February 24: Eli Kelsey called on a mission to the Green River. <sup>41</sup> Rowberry moved back to Tooele City when he left, retaining Kelsey's counselors. [MH]

3 March: Grantsville holds conference presided over by Thomas Clark, who is referred to as "Bishop Clark" throughout. A speaker "represented the Bishop as a father in Grantsville," and he is referred to as bishop throughout. No reference to Grantsville being a ward or a branch.<sup>42</sup> July 21: Peter Maughan leaves E.T. City to settle in Cache Valley, new PE George W. Bryan [KWJC-LXG] [EH]

4 July: The members of Grantsville on their own volition oust Bishop Clark from his position. "At Grantsville, Tooele Co., on the 4th July, they voted to be free from British oppression (alluding to Bishop Clark who is an Englishman); then that they be independent of the tyranny of the Salt Lakers &c &c. They then reorganized the branch by voting in John W. Cooley as President, and Wilford Hudson and Urich[?] C. Brower as his Counselors; and they carried their points."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Missionary Visit, *Deseret News*, V. 5 #33 (Oct 24 1855) p.261, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2571352

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Journal History, October 6 1855, p.7 https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ba458d58-0eca-4a84-8b03-d4e203eaa1f4/0/34

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> 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 <sup>39</sup> Home Missions, *Deseret News*, V.5 #42 (26 Dec 1855) p.336,

https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2571815; Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1854-1859*, p.88, Church History Library MS 1352, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ed47e448-2936-4a1d-a4d8-4b5f96a8d1ac/0/87

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Minutes of a Quarterly Conference held in Tooele City, *Deseret News*, V.5 #50 (20 Feb 1856) p.400, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2572216

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Missionaries, *Deseret News*, V.5 #51 (27 February 1856) p.405,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Minutes of Quarterly Conference of Grantsville, *Historian's Office minutes and reports (local units)* 1840-1886, Church History Library CR 100 589 box 1 folder 25, <a href="https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=7ab7503d-ca76-4cb5-a42c-e3581b8acc58">https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=7ab7503d-ca76-4cb5-a42c-e3581b8acc58</a>; *Grantsville Ward general minutes*, p.1, Church History Library LR 3407 11

Despite having a bishop, the congregation is still described as a branch.<sup>43</sup> They later sent a petition to the First Presidency to justify their actions. They petitioned "for an organization in this place, by giving them a Bishop and President, that they may have some one to look up to for counsel and advice. The organization heretofore, on account of bad management and many missteps, the people have entirely lost confidence in them."<sup>44</sup> The fact that they wanted to have both a bishop and a president is interesting, but I haven't seen any evidence that that was ever the case in Grantsville. Later, Jedediah M. Grant says he rejected their petition.

19 July: Branch organized in Rush Valley by Wilford Woodruff, president Luke Johnson.<sup>45</sup> Name not given. *Johnson and others were settled at Clover Creek, so this would be Clover, not St. John.* 

Autumn: Sunday School organized at Tooele under the direction of Bishop John Rowberry. 46 7 Oct: General bishops meeting includes a representative from Tooele Ward. 47

8 October: Edward Hunter and counselors rebaptize and reconfirm several bishops,<sup>48</sup> including John Rowberry, "Bishop of Tooele"

#### 1857

March: Several mentions in the *Deseret News* suggest Eli Kelsey is still in Tooele with some leadership role.

April 8: General Bishops meeting includes representation from wards in Tooele and Grantsville<sup>49</sup> They are being treated as, and indirectly called, wards

April 16: BY writes to "Bishop Clarke, Grantsville" 50

9 May: Wilford Woodruff meets with Bishop Rowberry and Bishop Clarke at Grantsville about some Indian troubles.<sup>51</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Thomas Bullock, letter to George A. Smith 29 July 1856, *Historian's Office Letterpress copybooks*, Vol 1 image 759, Church History Library CR 100 38, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/2734fde5-65fa-431a-b347-ca6a784f4d8b/0/0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> John W. Cooley, letter to Wilford Woodruff 17 July 1856, *Historian's Office Incoming Correspondence*, Church History Library CR 100 394 box 1 folder 1, image 1

Wilford Woodruff Journal, 1854 Jan-1859 Dec, p.135, Church History Library MS 1352,
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 Sunday School Record of Tooele, p.1, copy in John Alexander Bevan, An Early History of Tooele,
 1922, Family History Library film 27378 item 2, https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSPR-G3CL-4?i=274&cat=426106

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> 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
 <sup>48</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> *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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Brigham Young, letter to Thomas Clark 16 Apr 1857, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.3*, p.550, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Wilford Woodruff Journal, 1854 Jan-1859 Dec, p.217, Church History Library MS 1352, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ed47e448-2936-4a1d-a4d8-4b5f96a8d1ac/0/218

# 1858

Jan 12: William Goodall Young set apart as bishop of Grantsville by Brigham Young<sup>52</sup>

Jan 14: BY writes Heman Hyde, president of the Salt Lake High Council, with a charge against Bishop Thomas H. Clark and other members for "strife and disunion." So Tooele is under the jurisdiction of the Salt Lake Stake when absolutely necessary.

Mar 10: BY writes "Bishop Wm. G. Young" [Grantsville] about his desire to settle the "Ivin Park Valley" (Ibapah) among the indians, tentatively approving.<sup>54</sup>

Mar 15: After hearing about some trouble with the Goshutes, BY suggests that William G. Young redirect his settlement plans to "the valleys west of Fillmore" 55 Young never leaves

April 7: Move South begins, most Tooele residents are asked to move to Dry Creek (Lehi). <sup>56</sup> July: settlers begin to return to Tooele

"Brigham Young obtained the water and land rights to the Ibapah [Deep Creek] valley in 1858 and that same year called James Worthington to teach the Indians there." No records of a branch existing there at this time have been found.<sup>57</sup>

#### 1859

Feb 4: BY writes Bishop William G. Young [Grantsville], mentioning "your settlement" but not a ward per se.<sup>58</sup>

Feb 15: Luke Johnson writes Wilford Woodruff from "Shambip."<sup>59</sup> Bishop John Rowberry visited on the 12th to try to quell a dispute. Johnson resigns in an attempt at peace; Rowberry says that Elder Benson will come and straighten things out.

David H. Caldwell becomes PE of Shambip (Clover), then Robert Miller later in the year [EH]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1851-1862*, p.221, Church History Library CR 4 2, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/d6ef2526-92a6-45f5-9906-6879ac3353b3/0/242

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Brigham Young, letter to Heman Hyde 14 Jan 1858, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.4*, p.27, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Brigham Young, letter to Wm. G. Young 10 Mar 1858, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.4*, p.87, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Brigham Young, letter to W.G. Young 15 March 1858, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.4*, p.96, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Historian's Office, *History of the Church*, Church History Library CR 100 102, 1858 p.335, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/1dae1892-af40-4477-b3d3-f0276e6ea4cf/0/353 <sup>57</sup> CHL M277.9243 B328d 1984 *Deep Creek Reflections*, 175

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Brigham Young, letter to William G. Young 4 Feb 1859, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.5*, p.41, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Luke Johnson, letter to Wilford Woodruff, *Wilford Woodruff Collection*, Church History Library MS 19509, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/c8d66259-7a10-4038-affb-9ce3069ae0ba/0/1

Mar 3: BY writes Harrison Sevier:<sup>60</sup> James Worthington has recently approached him about settling "I-van-pah Valley." He tentatively approves if they are careful with the Indians.

May 21: George A. Smith and E.T. Benson visit the valley. In Richville, they "put up at Bishop Rowberry's, Bishop of Tooele." The next day, they visit Tooele and report "Tooele Ward contains about 150 families, including Tooele City, Richville, and E.T. City" <sup>61</sup> Rowberry is still living in Richville?

George W. Burridge was clerk of the branch in Rush Valley<sup>62</sup> (Clover)

#### 1860

March: E.T. Benson sells his property in Tooele Valley to Brigham Young, ending his part-time leadership there as he is called to lead in Cache Valley.

6 April: General bishops meeting includes representatives from the Tooele and Grantsville Wards.<sup>63</sup>

6 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representatives from "Country Wards," including Grantsville and Tooele.<sup>64</sup>

William McIntosh PE of Shambip (Clover) [EH]

# 1861

April 5: Luke S. Johnson writes Pres. Bishop Edward Hunter, seems like he is still presiding<sup>65</sup> 7 Oct: General bishops meeting includes representatives from Grantsville and Tooele "Wards."

Dec 9: Luke S. Johnson dies in SLC; was he still Branch President in Rush Valley? Who replaced him? Possibly Robert Miller (LL9W-QHF)

[Date]: Grantsville schoolhouse built. (Website)

Fall: Pine Canyon Branch organized, PE Robert Shields, under Bishop Rowberry [regional or city?] [EH, MH]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Brigham Young, letter to Harrison Sevier 3 Mar 1859, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.5*, p.50, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <a href="https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123">https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Sunday May 22, 1859, *Historian's Office Journal*, Church History Library CR 100 1 box 2 v. 22 p.353-355, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=d824e940-ef09-4475-8802-d4e9920109a2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> George W. Burridge, *Journal* 1867-1891 (typescript), p.8, Church History Library MS 31125, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/84a01942-b327-4342-9bbe-408fabd878e5/0/16

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Luke Johnson, letter to Edward Hunter 5 April 1861, *Edward Hunter Collection*, Church History Library MS 9392, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/a1dc3245-a7fc-4da5-bc37-3090bdde77b9/0/14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> 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

#### 1862

March 30: "Branch Conference held at Tooele City". Inconsistency over whether Tooele City congregation is a ward or branch in minutes. "sustain... the Bishop, Presidents of Quorums, and other Officers of the branch. The Total amount of members in this ward considered in good standing (836) including 21 High Priests, 86 Seventies [etc.]... During the conference it was agreed to unanimously to build a new School house... John Rowberry Bishp." 67

April 7: General bishops meeting includes bishop of Tooele Ward<sup>68</sup>
October 6: General Bishops Meeting includes the bishops of Tooele and Grantsville Wards<sup>69</sup>

#### 1863

April: first settlers in Vernon [MH]

Vernon Branch organized, PE Lars Larsen, appointed by John Rowberry [MH][EH]

#### 1864

Spring: Bishop William G. Young leaves Grantsville for Bear Lake Valley. Is he replaced?

June 15: Brigham Young writes to Bishop John Rowberry: "You will please take charge of the different settlements of Tooele and Shambip counties for the time being and see to the collecting and forwarding of all the Tithing paid in by the people. You will have to appoint your counselors for the different places and have a general supervision over the two counties yourself." If it was not a super-ward before, it definitely is now.

June 19: At a conference in Grantsville, A. Milton Musser (traveling bishop?) says that President Young is lessening the number of bishops where he can find good presiding bishops, like Rowberry. Thomas H. Clark is appointed to preside at Grantsville, which is essentially demoted to a dependent branch.[MH] FIND BETTER SOURCE—THIS IS IMPORTANT!

July 23: Brigham Young and other leaders hold meetings in E.T. City (mentions Peter Maughan, visiting from Cache County) and Tooele (Bishop Rowberry).<sup>71</sup> Wilford Woodruff also mentions "Brother E.B. Kelsey" with no indication of leadership.<sup>72</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Tooele Branch Conference Report, *Historian's Office minutes and reports (local units) 1840-1886*, Church History Library CR 100 589 box 1 folder 25, https://catalog.churchofiesuschrist.org/assets?id=10e29767-80ad-49d8-bd67-8495f90faffa

<sup>68</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879, p.16, Church History Library CR 4 2, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Brigham Young, letter to John Rowberry 15 June 1864, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.7*, p.216, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a/0/456 <sup>71</sup> Trip to Tooele, *Deseret News*, July 27 1864, <a href="https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2595882">https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2595882</a>; E.T. City and Tooele, 1864 July 22-24, *General Church Minutes*, Church History Library CR 100 318 box 3 folder 38, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=e3b6eb66-85b6-4da5-a92f-479960ae9f4f/0/0 <sup>72</sup> Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1860-1865*, p.313, Church History Library MS 1352,

https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/801702bf-e607-4f0d-82d0-e0f84b8c2406/0/319

# Dec 12: new presidency of Elders Quorum at Grantsville has been appointed by Bishop Rowberry<sup>73</sup>, briefly mentions "the ward"

William McIntosh (KWJC-1X1) replaces Robert Miller as president of Shambip Branch [EH] Eric Anderson PE of Vernon Branch (Lars Larsen moved away) [MH][EH]

#### 1865

[**Date**]: Grantsville schoolhouse no longer used for meetings after four years of use. (Website) [**Date**]: New Grantsville meetinghouse built. (Website)

Feb 3: BY writes to "Bishop John Rowberry, Grantsville" about members from "your ward" Feb 16: David O. Calder writes to "Bishop John Rowberry, Tooele City" This suggests that Rowberry is Bishop over the entire valley

August 26-27: Two days meeting in Tooele, with Brigham Young (DN 14:377,381) Enos Stookey becomes PE of Shambip/Clover [EH] Eric J. Pehrson PE of Vernon Branch [EH]

#### 1866

Enos Stookey made president of Shambip Branch, replacing William McIntosh 30 March: Statistical report from Shambip Branch, President Enos Stookey, 72 members<sup>76</sup>

9 April: William McIntosh (Shambip Branch President) leaves Rush Valley for Panaca

13 July: Brigham Young et al visit E.T. City, Grantsville, and Tooele. Grantsville dedicates a new adobe meetinghouse on the same location as the previous schoolhouse.<sup>77</sup>

14 July: New meetinghouse dedicated in Grantsville by GQ Cannon.<sup>78</sup> In WW's journal, only leader mentioned is Bishop Rowberry.

19 July: Brigham Young writes "Bishop John Rowberry," clarifying that the tithing clerk in Grantsville is subject to Rowberry. He also refers to Grantsville as a "Ward." So it is a dependent ward? Or is it a full ward, but Rowberry is acting as the presiding bishop? Dec 30: mention of President George W. Bryan of the **E.T. City** Branch<sup>80</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> Tooele Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Minutes, V.8 p.3, Church History Library LR 9215 13

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> Brigham Young, letter to John Rowberry 3 Feb 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.7*, p.457A, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> David O. Calder, letter to John Rowberry 16 Feb 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.7*, p.467, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Shambip Branch statistical report, 1866 March, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/eee8265a-c948-4c4c-aa82-27258910e134/0/0 <sup>77</sup> *General Church Minutes*, CR 100 318 box 3 folder 48,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1865-1872*, p.28, Church History Library MS 1352,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Brigham Young, letter to John Rowberry 19 July 1866, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.9*, p.60, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> Lake Point Ward Historical Record, p.4, Family History Library Film 026124

Year-end?: John Rowberry refers to himself as "bishop" of "Tooele County" (Clover? Shambip?) branch in Rush Valley, President Enos Stookey (KWVQ-41Q), GW Burridge 1st Couns. 82

Eric J. Pehrson appointed president of Vernon Branch [MH]

#### 1867

10 January: At presiding bishop's meeting, Bishop Rowberry reports on "his ward." 83

24 February: organization of Brighton Ward in western Salt Lake City mentions that it goes to "the boundary line of Tooele Ward." This suggests a "super-ward" structure of a single ward with branches, similar to other outlying counties (Morgan, Summit, Wasatch).

29 March: New presidency for "Tooele City Branch of the High Priests" called by Bishop John Rowberry and sustained by the branch (quorum or general?)<sup>85</sup>

August 16-18: Brigham Young et al hold a two days meeting in Tooele. 8687 Mentions "Bishop John Rowberry of Tooele Co." At conference in Tooele City, saints from Grantsville are present; 1500 members, new Tooele meetinghouse is under counstruction

Fall: George A. Smith visits Rush Valley settlement at Clover, suggests they move downstream; many move to form the town of St. John, under the direction of Bishop Rowberry (for whom it was probably named). Eventually, Shambip Branch renamed St. John Branch, President George W. Burridge. [EH][MH]

Oct 12: A list of "wards" includes one entry for "Tooele Co."88

Oct 22: BY writes "Bishop Jno Rowberry, Grantsville" 89

# 1868

March 31: Enos Stookey, presiding at Shambip Branch [MH]

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Perpetual Emigrating Fund Company outfitting reports, 1866, Church History Library CR 376 13 box 1 folder 4, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/606fdf2f-7b4a-4e28-9265-ed27cf32cd6b/0/11
 George W. Burridge, Journal 1867-1891 (typescript), p.8,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup> Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879, p.117, Church History Library CR 4 2, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> Brighton Ward Organization Conference, *Historian's Office Local Minutes and Records*, Church History Library: CR 100 589 box 1 folder 36.

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<sup>85</sup> Tooele Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Minutes, V.1 p.1, Church History Library LR 9215 13

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> President B. Young's Trip to Tooele, *Deseret News*, August 21 1867, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2600013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1865-1872*, p.83, Church History Library MS 1352, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0c76d480-00aa-4210-9334-12a578908f1f/0/89

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>88</sup> Brigham Young, Note 12 Oct 1867, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.10*, p.423, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 7, <a href="https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=873e43de-f5b9-4a8a-bfaa-be07a5fdf18f">https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=873e43de-f5b9-4a8a-bfaa-be07a5fdf18f</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> Brigham Young, letter to John Rowberry 22 Oct 1867, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.10*, p.439, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 7,

April 25: In first of a series of published Church directories, the following are listed:90

- Tooele County
  - Not in list of "County Presidents"
  - Tooele County: John Rowberry [Presiding Bishop?]
  - o Grantsville: Thomas H. Clark
  - Tooele City: John Rowberry
  - Shambip: Enos Stookey

August 4: Last of a series of published Church directories, same as April 25.91

Nov 27: BY writes "Bro. Jeffreys, Actg Bp of Grantsville" 92

George W. Burridge called on a mission to Britain; who is presiding over Shambip/St. John

## 1869

March 7: George W. Burridge replaces Enos Stookey as president of Shambip Branch [MH]

Apr 2: "Report of the E.T. City Branch...George W. Bryan, President" 93

June 8: Grantsville Relief Society organized under the direction of "President" T.H. Clark<sup>94</sup> Teachers are appointed over the 5 city wards.

Aug 17: BY writes "Bishop Rowberry, Grantsville" So he is still responsible here.

Aug 20: Social event at Grantsville mentions "President Clark and Bishop Rowberry" 96

Dec 28: Letter from Tooele, 97 "this portion of the diocese of Bishop Rowberry." 36'x56'

Meetinghouse is nearing completion. "Pine Cañon" "was commenced about five years ago, and ... contains thirteen families. The president of the settlement, Bro. Robert Shields..."

William F. Moss made president of E.T. City Branch98

Vernon PE EJ Pehrson called on a mission, replaced by PE Andrew Hokenson [MH] Samuel R. Bennion PE of Vernon Branch [EH]

#### 1870

#### Spring: Centre/Centerville/Ajax branch probably established around this time. 99 [branch]

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<sup>90</sup> Church Directory, Salt Lake Daily Telegraph, V.4 #253 (25 April 1868) p.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Church Directory, Salt Lake Daily Telegraph, V.5 #25 (4 Aug 1868) p.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Brigham Young, letter to William Jeffreys 27 Nov 1868, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.11*, p.188, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 8,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> E.T. City Branch Historical Record

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> Grantsville Relief Society Minutes, p.10, Church History Library LR 3407 14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> Brigham Young, letter to John Rowberry, 17 August 1868, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.11*, p.735, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 8,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> The Grantsville Woollen Factory, *Deseret News*, September 1 1869,

<sup>97</sup> Correspondence, Deseret Evening News, V.3 #34 (December 31, 1869) p.4,

<sup>98</sup> L.D.S. Biographical Encyclopedia, V.4 p.647,

<sup>99</sup> https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/12426471

April 5: "Relief Society in Tooele City" organized under the direction of Bishop Rowberry and his counselors. 100

April 30: Daniel H. Wells dedicates new stone meetinghouse in Tooele. 101

June 26: Samuel R. Bennion appointed president of Vernon Branch [MH]

7 August: **Quincy [Skull Valley/Knowlton] branch** organized by Thomas Clark, Willard B. Richards elected as President. <sup>102</sup> *Does Clark's oversight mean it was a dependent branch of Grantsville?* 

#### 1871

April 1: Pine Canyon Branch reports to Tooele conference, 96 members, Pres. Moses Martin<sup>103</sup> April 11: Conference at Grantsville, new counselors called for President Thomas H. Clark [MH]

### 1872

March 31: Annual conference of Tooele County, Bishop John Rowberry presiding. <sup>104</sup> Sustains "The First Presidency and Twelve Apostles, also Bishop Rowberry and counselors, with all other local organizations"

April 14: In General Conference, William Jeffries and William Lee of Grantsville (and William G. Young of "Cottonwood") are called as home missionaries (among many others). 105 It is possible that this was related to the Gosiute missionary effort.

13 November: Hyrum Bennon appointed PE of Vernon Branch [EH, MH], Samuel R. Bennion has moved to Salt Lake

26 November: Daniel H. Wells mentions a case from Lake Point which has been appealed to the High Council [of Salt Lake] then to the First Presidency. 106 Upon further inspection, the people involved appear to have been living in Salt Lake, so it is likely not unusual.

William F. Moss PE of E.T. City Branch [EH]

Tooele Ward Relief Society records, 1870-1882, p.1, Church History Library LR 9216 14, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9fde756-d64f-459a-854a-07bef3ccca44/0/10
 Wilford Woodruff, Journal 1865-1872, p.238, Church History Library MS 1352, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0c76d480-00aa-4210-9334-12a578908f1f/0/246
 Skull Valley Branch, Deseret News, V.19 #31 (7 Sep 1870) p.361, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2606446

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>103</sup> Lakeview Ward General Minutes, V.8 p.1-3, Church History Library LR 4632 11

 <sup>104</sup> Correspondence, *Deseret News*, April 10 1872, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2610681
 105 General Conference, *Deseret News*, V.21 #11 (17 April 1872) p.140, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2610770

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> Brigham Young, open letter 26 Nov 1872, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.13*, p.270, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/26ed9b79-27e6-40de-a0c3-535523b919cc/0/93

19 March: List of "Presiding Elders and Bishops," the following is for Tooele County: 107

- John Rowberry, Presiding Bishop
- E. T. City, G. W. Bryan
- Pine Kanyon, Moses Martin
- **Tooele City**, John Rowberry
- Grantsville, T. H. Clark
- St. Johns, G. W. Burridge
- Centerville [Ajax], James Jordan
- Vernon, Hyrum Bennion
- Deep Creek, Edwin Tadlock
- **Skull Valley**, B. F. Knowlton

It is not indicated whether these are wards or branches, or whether their leaders are presidents or bishops.

31 March: "annual Tooele county conference." <sup>108</sup> It reports that "a number of branch presidents were on the stand," as well as "Bishop Rowberry." "Called to order by President G[eorge] Atkin" [KW66-GQ9] 1<sup>st</sup> counselor to Rowberry, Tooele Branch President?? "The First Presidency and quorum of the Twelve and all the local authorities were sustained unanimously." "statistical and financial reports of the different branches in the county."

May 14: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as March: 109

16 September: "Bishop John Rowberry, of Tooele county, ... reports health, peace and plenty in his diocese." 110

Batesville Branch organized, PE Orson Pratt Bates [EH]

23 September: first recorded Indian baptisms in the Deep Creek area, which also had some white settlers. In a letter dated 14 February 1874 William Lee mentioned that he was called to gather the Goshutes to Deep Creek by Brigham Young when he had last visited Tooele City. 111 This is supported by his autobiography written later: "In the month of August 1873, at the time when Pres. Brigham Young and others of the apostles visited Tooele City, after the services on Sunday afternoon, I was in the vestry, Pres. Young came in and gave an appointment of a mission to the Indians. I commenced my labors among them Sept. 23rd, baptized one man and two women... I labored diligently in my mission and in the spring of 1874 I had baptized 50 men and women. I ordained some of the men to the office of an Elder and sent them west to preach to their brethren and friends, witch resulted in good. In May 17th 1874, the chief of Deep Creek, (Too-goo-bee) sent me a telegram that there were 400 Indians at that place waiting for me to go out there and baptize them... After a long talk with them, June 1st, from 10:00 A>M> until about

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>107</sup> Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.22 #7 (March 19 1873) p.103, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2622070

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>108</sup> Correspondence, *Deseret News*, V.22 #10 (9 April 1873) p.154, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2618284

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>109</sup> Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.6 #147 (May 14 1873) p.4, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23160976

<sup>110</sup> From Tooele, *Deseret Evening News*, V.6 #251 (September 16 1873) p.3,

https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23161495

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> CR 1234 1/b0035/f0008, starting on image 61

noon and being satisfied of all I had said to them, they all came forward and desired to be baptized and that afternoon 400 were baptized and by the spring conference of 1875 there baptized into the church, one thousand and five souls, in the West Indian Mission of Tooele County, Utah Territory."<sup>112</sup>

October 14: Grantsville President Thomas H. Clark dies [MH] November 9: At a meeting in Grantsville, William Jefferies is appointed president of Grantsville Branch [MH]

#### 1874

March: Conference for Tooele County. "The various branches throughout the county..." 113 not listed

1 March: Teachers meeting in "E.T. City Branch," president (of quorum? branch?) W.F. Moss<sup>114</sup> He is consistently called "Pres't Moss" until he is made bishop in 1877

17 May: Goshute chief Toobuka wrote to William Lee of Grantsville that there were 400 Indians waiting to be baptized by him at Ibapah. Toobuka afterwards went to the Grantsville meetinghouse to tell the members there of his visions leading him to the Gospel.<sup>115</sup> May 27: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as May 1873, except:<sup>116</sup>

• **Grantsville**, William Jeffries

2 June: first record of "Deep Creek Branch, Bishop Edwin Tadlock" The branch was probably organized at this time. *But see March 1873* 

2 June: Deseret News: "One hundred Goshute Indians were submerged and confirmed into the Mormon Faith here yesterday, by Indian Interpreter Lee, from Grantsville, and three others whom he deputized as assistants." <sup>118</sup>

3 June: "From June 1 to June 3, 145 Indians were baptized, according to the Ibapah Branch record." 119

27 June: Salt Lake Weekly Tribune refers to the Saints of Tooele as John Rowberry's "diocese." 120

<sup>112</sup> https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/1216008

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>113</sup> Conference in Tooele, *Salt Lake Herald-Republican*, April 1 1874, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=11599517

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>114</sup> E.T. City Ward teachers meetings, p.2-3, Church History Library LR 4623 21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> CHL M277.9243 B328d 1984 Deep Creek Reflections, 176-177

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>116</sup> Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #17 (May 27 1874) p.267, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2635244

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>117</sup> Deep Creek Branch Historical Record, p.2, Church History Library LR 2180 24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup> Indians Baptized, *Deseret News*, V.23 #18 (June 3 1874), p.285, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2635277

<sup>119</sup> CHL M277.9243 B328d 1984 Deep Creek Reflections, 176; Deep Creek Branch Historical Record, p.2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> Insurrection at Tooele, *Salt Lake Tribune*, V.7 #63 (June 26 1874) p.4, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=12954836

August 3: Edwin Tadlock writes Brigham Young to report on Deep Creek activity. 121 "William Lee, Indian interpreter from Grantsville, was here about a month ago and authorized us to baptize Indians. Since that time we have baptized a considerable number, making 450 in all, and there was a runner come in lately, and reported 400 or 500 more Indians on the way coming to be baptized from White Pine [Nevada] and esewhere...Brother Lee has not come back, nor sent us word since he left, and only staid [sic] three days when he came and we baptized about one hundred while he was here...We want to know whether we are right in doing what we are doing without authority other than we have from brother W. Lee." Signed "Edwin Tadlock, Prest, James Worthington & W.L. Ball, counselors, George F. Hendry." They don't have an interpreter, but have land on which the Gosiutes could farm. This confirms that Tadlock and others were already there as settlers without any Indian missionary efforts, and that there is an organized branch.

Oct 21: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as May. 122 Pine Canyon builds a new, more comfortable meetinghouse. 123

First "public bowery" constructed at Deep Creek on Bishop Tadlock's ranch. As far as I can tell, no actual school or meetinghouse was ever constructed. 124

#### 1875

Jan 6: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as October 1874. 125

March 16: Resident of Pine Canyon writes to the Deseret News: "...Pine Canyon for many years was a ward of Tooele City, and entirely controlled by that branch council, but now it is organized as a branch, with president and counsellors, and other helps in the government of the branch... Pine Kanyon during last year manifested unmistakable signs of progress. A good comfortable and respectable meeting house was built, large enough to accommodate all who live in Pine Kanyon and many more. Furthermore, the house is within a fraction all paid for, and has cost about \$1.000..." 126

March 18: William Lee letter to Brigham Young about his Indian mission shows that he considered Deep Creek Valley and Skull Valley to be the primary gathering dwelling place for the Indians and both branches part of his mission. He also describes interactions with a Shoshone chief from Ruby Valley, Nevada, showing that they were also considered part of the

 <sup>121</sup> Edwin Tadlock to Brigham Young, August 3rd 1874, Brigham Young office files, general correspondence, general letters, Church History Library CR 1234 1,
 https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/79221c81-a984-41bd-9577-9218d7c24a5e/0/0
 122 Presiding Elders and Bishops, Deseret News, V.23 #38 (October 21 1874) p.603,
 https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2613752

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>123</sup> Deseret News 14 April 1875

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>124</sup> CHL M277.9243 B328d 1984 *Deep Creek Reflections*, 20, 100. The location of Tadlock's field is on the BLM survey of the area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>125</sup> Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #49 (January 6 1875) p.782, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2614880

All About Pine Canyon, *Deseret News*, V.23 #11 (April 14, 1875), p. 175, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2615774

mission and expected to gather to one of these locations if they converted. <sup>127</sup> The Goshute are part of the Shoshone people, but Indians from Ruby Valley would not have been Goshutes. Also from these reports we can see that they were considered to ultimately be under the leadership of the bishop of Grantsville and Bishop Rowberry, as they are mentioned as helping out and making decisions in regards to them. Lost Valley and White Pine (Nevada) are a couple of other places that are mentioned as where Indians came from to gather at Deep Creek and be baptized.

March 20-21: Grantsville **Branch** Conference. 128 Bishop Rowberry presiding.

March 27-28: Tooele County Conference. "Almost all the branches were represented and reports therefrom presented." 129

March 27: "Report of the E.T. Branch...William F. Moss, President" 130

April 9: In General Conference, the following are called as missionaries to "Lamanites: James Worthington, Bishop Tadlock, Lafayette Ball, Howard Egan, Samuel Worthington, A.C. Worthington, A.D. Larkins, of Deep Creek; ... Wm. Lee, Grantsville." \*Some histories suggest this was calling Tadlock as a new bishop, but it he is already being called bishop and is just being called as a missionary.

14 May: Brigham Young sent William Lee an official letter to show he was authorized to preach in Deep Creek, Skull Valley, and to other Indians in the area. "This is to certify that Elder William Lee is appointed and authorized to take charge and direct in regards to the most suitable locations in Skull Valley, Deep Creek and adjacent regions for such Indians as desired to locate and labor for their support, to regulate the best adapted to each location, to council them as to their labors, and to direct their labors, and to direct the labors of such Elders as have been selected minister among Indians who are now and may hereafter be in the region here before named." 132

June 9: List of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as January. 133

July 25-26: Two Days' Meeting at Grantsville. 134 Several people, presumably including local leaders, are rebaptized (they are doing that a lot during this summer).

4 August: "TWO DAYS' MEETINGS AT GRANTSVILLE

https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2615693

William Lee, letter to Brigham Young March 18, 1875, *Brigham Young office files*, Incoming correspondence, General Letters, J-Le 1875, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 35 folder 18, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/a4ba9db2-104a-4aea-b7a5-5e8c25ceeacd/0/0

128 Correspondence, Descret News, April 7 1875, https://newspapers.lib.utab.edu/details2id=261569

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>128</sup> Correspondence, *Deseret News*, April 7 1875, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2615690 <sup>129</sup> Conference at Tooele, *Deseret News*, April 7 1875,

<sup>130</sup> E.T. City Branch Historical Record

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> Annual General Conference, *Deseret News*, V.24 #11 (14 April 1875) p.165, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2615703

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>132</sup> Brigham Young, open letter 14 May 1875, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.13*, p.739, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>133</sup> Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #19 (June 9 1875) p.295, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2640773

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>134</sup> Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1873-80*, p.123, Church History Library MS 1352, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/eb07ddd8-d258-43b3-82fd-1b0bc186b269/0/133

From Elder Wilford Woodruff we learn that meetings were held, morning and afternoon each day, on Sunday and Monday last, in the bowery at Grantsville, Tooele County, which were well attended by the people of the county generally." (86)

Dec 29: New list of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as Jun, except **E.T. City**, W.F. Moss. <sup>135</sup> Vernon PE Hyrum Bennion has moved, John C. Sharp appointed as new President [MH]

#### 1876

January 12: List of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as December 1875. 136 12 January: It isn't clear whether the white Mormon aspect of the **Skull Valley/Quincy branch** is still functioning at this point (or the Indians either for that matter).

12 January: Benjamin Franklin Knowlton is listed as bishop of Skull Valley in the Deseret News. Knowlton's journal suggests that this isn't accurate. Apparently by the time the journal starts, 1 December 1875, he was already living at his ranch Quincy in Skull Valley. He would occasionally go to Grantsville for supplies. No mentions of him being any kind of ecclesiastical leader. In fact, every Sunday he only ever talks about working on his home or ranch, except for one weekend in January 1877 where he attended meetings in Grantsville Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, so it sounds like it was some kind of conference. There are a few mentions to Indians, and he mentions interactions with William Lee, but no indication that he ever worked with the Indians who were members there. 137 The 1880 census lists several Indian families living in Skull Valley as well as white settlers, so there were presumably Indian members still there. It does raise the question of how 11 branches were apparently represented at the county conference in April.

March 12: New clerk called for Tooele Branch [MH]

1 April: Conference at Tooele at "which were represented eleven branches of the Church in this county." "Bishop Rowberry, President Jeffries of Grantsville, President Geo. Burridge of St. Johns" and "Brother William Lee, Indian Missionary from Grantsville" were among the speakers. Although only 9 branches/wards are listed as part of the county in the Deseret News lists, the other two branches were probably Batesville (Erda); maybe Clover? (Rush Valley). This is another example of places that were clearly called wards with bishops in the past are now called branches with presidents. 138

1 April: At the conference, sustainings include John Rowberry, presiding bishop of Tooele County with counselors [MH says he also presided locally, or was did its source say that?]. Also priesthood quorums and all auxilliaries, just like a regular ward.[MH]

April 2: Statistical Report from the Tooele conference: 139 mp:700862

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>135</sup> Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #48 (December 29 1875) p.755, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2643418

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>136</sup> Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #50 (January 12 1876) p.795, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2643628

<sup>137</sup> https://familysearch.org/patron/v2/TH-301-43991-96-54/dist.pdf?ctx=ArtCtxPublic

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>138</sup> Two Days' Conference, *Deseret News*, V.25 #12 (April 19 1876) p.183 https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2622429

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>139</sup> Statistical Report of Tooele County, *Historian's Office history of the Church*, 1876 p.1087, Church History Library CR 100 102, <a href="https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/1840ba9b-cbe8-4bff-8a91-410db3a412c7/0/1184">https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/1840ba9b-cbe8-4bff-8a91-410db3a412c7/0/1184</a>. Cites "Document April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1876"

- Tooele City Branch, John Rowberry, 1150 members
- Grantsville, Wm. Jeffries, 1076 members
- E T City, Wm. Moss, 165 members
- Bates Branch, O.P. Bates, 125 members
- St. John, Geo. W. Burridge, 124 members
- Center City, Jas. Jordan, membership not reported
- Vernon, John C. Sharp, 145 members
- Deep Creek, J. Tadlock, 60 members
- Pine Canyon, M. Martin, membership not reported
- Nowlenville, M. Martin??, 125 members
- Quincy Branch, M. Martin??, 100 members

April 28: It is reported that the residents of Pine Kanyon have changed their name to Lakeview. 140

October 7: At general conference, Bishop John Rowberry is called on a mission to Europe. <sup>141</sup> *He leaves within a week and is gone until July 1877.* 

10 November: William Jeffries of Grantsville writes to Edward Hunter asking to be released as president of the branch since Bishop Rowberry refused to release him before leaving on his mission, suggests the young Edward Hunter as a replacement.<sup>142</sup>

13 November: Hugh S. Gowans (counselor to Bishop Rowberry) writes Brigham Young after Rowberry has gone east on a mission. "I forward you the following appointments made by Bro. Jno. Rowberry before his departure. William Jeffries [branch president] of Grantsville City, George W. Burridge [branch president] of St. Johns and myself to attend to all Church matters in this County." 143

27 November: YMMIA organized at St. Johns by "President George W. Burridge" <sup>144</sup> 3 December: "Bishop Tadlock [of Deep Creek] laid hands on Gosiute Go Cobee's head and set him apart to go on a mission in Nevada. He was probably the first LDS missionary sent from the Deep Creek Branch. Also, Shipnus was sent from Grantsville by William Lee to serve as a missionary, maybe as Go Cobee's companion." This once again reinforces the connection between Deep Creek and Grantsville, and evidence that the "West Indian Mission of Tooele County" was thought to contain at least parts of Nevada. Other places mentioned in the branch minutes include "Clifton, Copper Glance Mine, Buckskin Bend, Indian Ranch, and Goald City." <sup>145</sup>

https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2630193

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>140</sup> Change of Name, *Deseret Evening News*, V.9 #133 (April 28, 1876) p.3, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23165496

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>141</sup> The Semi-Annual Conference, *Deseret Evening News*, V.9 #269 (October 7, 1876) p.2, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23166175

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>142</sup> William Jeffries, letter to Edward Hunter November 10, 1876, *Brigham Young office* files, General Correspondence, incoming, general letters, 1876, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 36 folder 14, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0cc186ec-3b21-4d8a-8dfa-e109d4c46830/0/0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>143</sup> Hugh S. Gowans, letter to Brigham Young November 13, 1876, *Brigham Young office* files, General Correspondence, incoming, general letters, 1876, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 36 folder 12, https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/98685841-73c6-44de-9b42-33eff46bbf31/0/0

<sup>144</sup> Y.M.M.I.A.—Sickness, *Deseret News*, V.26 #9 (4 April 1877) p.140,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>145</sup> CHL M277.9243 B328d 1984 Deep Creek Reflections, 180

December 22: Final published list of Bishops and Presiding Elders (no change in 1876). 146

- John Rowberry, Presiding Bishop
  - o E.T. City, W.F. Moss
  - Pine Kanyon, Moses Martin
  - Tooele City, John Rowberry
  - o Grantsville, William Jeffries
  - o St. Johns, G.W. Burridge
  - o Centreville, James Jordan
  - o Vernon, Hyrum Bennion
  - Deep Creek, Edwin Tadlock
  - Skull Valley, B.F. Knowlton

#### 1877

# 23 June: Organization of Tooele Stake. 147

- Stake President F.M. Lyman, counselors, high council, MP quorums
- Tooele City Ward, Bp. Norton R. Tuttle
- Grantsville Ward, Bp Edward Hunter
- E.T. City Ward: Bp. William Moss
- Lakeview Ward: Bp. Moses Martin
- St. John's Ward: Bp. George W. Burridge
- Vernon Ward: Bp. John C. Sharp

24 June: visiting apostles ordain stake leaders and Tooele bishopric. <sup>148</sup> The rest of the bishops and high council are ordained/set apart the next day. (including Lake View [MH])

July 3: *Deseret Evening News* reprints its bishop/presiding bishop directory, as in 1876, which is out of date given that most of the stakes have been reorganized into a different structure. Tooele same except "Vernon, John C. Sharp"

August 13: Orson P. Bates appointed president of the Batesville District of Tooele Ward [Tooele MH]

October 27: Stake Conference. <sup>150</sup> Wards not listed, but "William Lee, Presiding Priest over the Indian Mission in Tooele Stake of Zion"

St. John Ward includes Centre and Knowlton [Knowlen near Ophir] Branches [MH]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>146</sup> Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 #27 (December 22, 1876) p.4, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23166497

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>147</sup> Organization at Tooele, *Deseret News*, V.26 # (July 4 1877) p.339, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2627294

Franklin D. Richards, *Journal*, V.25 (1877) p.209, Church History Library MS 1215,
 https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/7ff188c1-fd52-43ca-aac6-48bfc12ab138/0/208
 Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 #189 (July 3, 1877) p.4,
 https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23167307

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>150</sup> Tooele Stake Conference, *Deseret News*, V.26 #40 (November 7, 1877) p.639, https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2628958

# 1878

15 Jan: List of wards and bishops, including Sanpete Stake<sup>151</sup> mp:700350

- Norton R Tuttle, Tooele City
- Edward Hunter, Grantsville
- William F Moss, E T City
- Moses Martin, Lake View
- George W Burridge, St John
- John C Sharp, Vernon
- F. M. Lyman, President of Stake

[**Date**]: The **Deep Creek branch** minutes stop and the Indian mission was apparently closed. The mission would be reopened and meetings resumed in 1882, once again by William Lee and members of the Grantsville Ward, but would be declared a failure and closed in 1893, and by 1901 no longer hold its own meetings. 153

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>151</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>152</sup> CHL M277.9243 B328d 1984 Deep Creek Reflections, 21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>153</sup> CHL M277.9243 B328d 1984 Deep Creek Reflections, 181-182, 186

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"It isn't known for certain when Bishop John Rowberry moved back to Tooele from Richville, but indications are that it must have been near the end of February [1856], because Eli B. Kelsey who had served during Rowberry's absence as both the ecclesiastical and political leader, was called together with Eli Lee on a mission on the 24th of February, to settle near Green River. Kelsey's

mission call opened the way for Rowberry to assume the positions that he had relenquished when he had moved to Richville.

When Eli B. Kelsey was appointed to preside over the Church in Tooele City, he had chosen Thomas Atkin, Sr., and Alfred Lee as his counselors. When he returned to Tooele Bishop Rowberry retained both men in the positions to which they had been called.

When Alfred Lee moved from Tooele, he was replaced by William C. Gollaher (who was the father in law of both Ezra T. Benson and John Rowberry) Hugh S. Gowans succeeded Gollaher...

In 1856 the foundation was laid for a new chapel on the south west corner of Main and Vine Streets.(11) [citation: Myrtle Allsop, Early History of Tooele LDS Stake, Tooele County Duaghters of the Utah Pioneers, 175]" (image 70)

Vol. 2 (https://collections.lib.utah.edu/details?id=1042026):

31 October 1874 The Weekly Tribune: "The pious Saints of Tooele had a visit on Wednesday from their great expounder, Orson Pratt, and when he addressed them in the evening in the Tabernacle, a large crowd turned out to see him... Brother Rowberry then arose and informed the brethren that their distinguished visitor had come amongst them on business..." (90)

Vol. 4 (<a href="https://collections.lib.utah.edu/details?id=1042062">https://collections.lib.utah.edu/details?id=1042062</a>)

28 March 1877 Deseret News: "THE INDIANS WEST.

Today we met with Mr. William Lee, Indian interpreter for the western part of the Territory. We learn from him that the baptized Indians who have been engaged for some time in cultivating a farm in Skull Valley, are doing as well as could be reasonably expected...

Last summer meetings were held regularly every Sunday, in a bowery constructed by the Indians for the purpose, and they maintained the strictest order during the services, and generally assembled clean in their persons and clothing." (23)

MS 1322/b0008/f0016, images 32-34:

"S L City Nov 8 74 Dear friend G. A. Smith... They [the Goshutes] are ingage in the work all over, nothing but mormonism. The work of the gathering is talked of Deep creek is the place. The Nephites tell them not to fight steel, not do nothing rong but go to work raise grain...

It appears that the work has commenced among the poorest of the Lamanites as it did with us... the Nephites told them not to have any chinymen, Negroes, soldiers nor americans among them, unite with the mormons they must be one...

If thars is any thing the President will council me about in relation to the Indians will you please rite me, it will be thankfully received. yours as ever D. B. Huntington"

CR 1234 1/b0035/f0008, starting on image 61:

"Part 1 Grantsville Tooele Co. Utah Feb 13th 1874 Pres. B. Young, Dear Brother,

For some time past I had thought to of adressed a few lines to you. But lately visiting Bp. Hunter in Salt Lake City. And talking on Indian matters. He advised me to write you, giving you a report of my doings, among our Red Brethren. When you where last at Tooele City, I will here remark, you gave me a Mission to them, and I can say that I have been much blessed with the spirit of council to them, and they seem to realize its importance so much so that it is manifest in them works... [page 1] Last year they raised about 500 Bus. of wheat... They have in Skull Valley a farm of about 90 acres. And after I saw you at Tooele City, I advised them to cut more fencing timber... [page 2] I have Baptized 36 of them and have Ordained 6 of the most influential men Elders I sent out to other portions of the Tribe missionarys who were absent about 6 weeks. On their return they visited me and gave in their report: Which was very favorable indeed. And which resulted in bringing over two of their most influential Chiefs from Deep Creek. Their names are pee-ha-namp (Big foot) and Too-goo-bee (Sand) and they wished to be Baptized. So I Baptized them and Ordained them Elders, and giving them good and proper council, sent them home. While they were here Too-goo-be related a great Dream which he had previous to my sending those [page 3] missionaries, of which I gave the interpretations from their own lips to Bp. J. Rowberry at his house. One of those remarkable manifestations perhaps, would be well to name. As I have no doubt you would 'like' to hear

Too-goo-bee Dreamt that he was in a Beautiful Kanyon, where there was very beautiful green trees, on each side of a very beautiful larg clean stream of water, and he thought he saw me, in his Dream, telling him that he must Arise, with all his Band, and work themselves very clean in this creek, or beatiful stream of water. Which he said that when he awoke he stood up in the camp and told his dream. Which resulted in the whole band having a general washing. And Too-goo-bee proclamed a Dance after words. And they kept up the Dance that day, and all night untill next morning [page 4]

Part 2 Dear Brother

I am very pleased to say that the Indians have the most implicit confidence in you. And it is well understood among them. That you talk with the Great Spirit. Which seems to create in them a great Reverance towards you... I feel in myself humble and open for your correction and Rebuke

Your affectionate Brother, Wm. Lee"

CR 1234 1/b0037/f0009, images 58-59:

"Salt Lake City Feb 2d. 1877 Pres. J. W. Young & D. H. Wells Dear Brethren

we desire to make a report of the Deep Creek Indian Mission the acting superintendent did not attend to his duties at the Farm the last season he is old & feeble

Bro W. G. Ball had to take the oversight of the Farm last summer, and spent all his time there, and we would respectfully suggest that Bro. Ball be placed in charge of the Indian Farm the comming seasen, in conection with Bishop Tadlock... [page 1]

yours Respectfully

D.B. Huntington"

CR 1234 1/b0035/f0011, images 2-3:

"Deep Creek Station Utah August 3d 1874 President Brigham Young, Brother Young,

William Lee Indian interpreter from Grantsvill was here about a month ago and authorized us to baptise Indians, since that time we have baptised a considerable number making 450 in all, and there was a runner come in lately, and reports: 400, or 500 hundred more indians on the way coming to be baptised from White Pine and else where We are doing the best we can to instruct them in the gospel holding meetings every sunday. The most of them have very little provisions not enought to subsist them while they are attending an to administration of the gospel ordinances and the instructions that is necessary in order to give them a knowledge of the first principles of the gospel

They are very anxious to learn things pertaining to the gospel The Indians have a little money and would have been willing to buy flour but there was no 'flour' in this neighborhood to be bought. The brethren here have donated some beef and flour, as far as they have been able. There are but feew soinst[?] here [page 1]

Brother Lee has not come back, nor sent us word since he left, he only staid three days when he came and we baptised about one hundre while he was here. We have no one here that can speak the indian language, but there are some indians that can speak tolerable good English so we preach throug an indian for an interpreter. We have selected a piece of land to make a farm for three or four hundred of them. We want your authority and council to know what to do in premises, as we have not been able to get any words from brother Lee since he left My principle

assistant has been W. L. Ball, occasionally brother George F. Hendry and brother James Worthington have assisted us in teaching and confirming those that we have baptised Your Brothers in the gospel

Edwin Tadlock Prest James Worthington

W L Ball Counselors

George F Hendry

N.B. We want to know whether we are right in Doing what we are doing without authority other then we have from brother W Lee."

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6 April 1875 list of missionaries called to serve in General Conference: "LAMANITES.

James Worthington, Bishop Tadlock, Lafayette Ball, Howard Egan, Samuel Worthington, A.C. Worthington, A.D. Larkins, of Deep Creek;... Wm. Lee, Grantsville."