

Wasatch County Timeline

1857

Summer: James C. Snow (Provo Stake President) considers settling Provo Valley

15 August: BY writes JC Snow, "in relation to making a settlement in Provo Valley this all, I have to inform you that I deem it altogether inadvisable, not only on account of the adverse feelings of the Indians in relation to that matter, but also on account of present movements and circumstances whose effect on future plans is as yet unknown."¹ [i.e., the approaching army and threat of war]

1858

William Wall, and others build ranches in the valley

July: James C. Snow surveys farmland in north of later Heber

1859

April: **Heber City** settled; appears to be under the direction of Provo.

May: William Meeks arrives to preside

Midway: First settlers arrive in 1859 and two settlements are founded called Midway and Mound City (Upper City) on Snake Creek (Midway MH). Mound City was the larger of the two. (Encyclopedic History: Midway)

Charleston: First settlers arrive in area. (Charleston Ward MH)

Fall: William Meeks resigns as leader of Heber

Winter: John Jordan PE Heber², 17 families

1860

Center first settled [MH]

Spring: William M. Wall called to lead Heber, with counselors

29 August: Brigham Young and party pass through Wall's Ranch near Heber City.³ "President directed Brother Wall to take charge of the tithing of that place." *Acting bishop??*

21 Sep: BY writes to "Bishop William Wall, Provo Valley"⁴

¹ Brigham Young, letter to James C. Snow August 15 1857, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.3, p.797, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=99279f54-9c69-41a1-ac5d-e6069f9a2920>

² *Heber Branch General Minutes*, Church History Library LR 11349 11. This is a later reminiscence, not a contemporary record

³ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1860-1865*, p.63, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/801702bf-e607-4f0d-82d0-e0f84b8c2406/0/68>

⁴ Brigham Young, letter to William Wall 21 Sep 1860, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.601, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

October 6: Statistical report from "Provo Valley," Bishop William M. Wall:⁵ Heber City, 146 members; Center Creek, 22 members; Snake Creek, 17 members

15 Nov: BY writes to "the Brethren in Provo Valley":⁶ "Joseph Stacey Murdock has this day been ordained a bishop,... And been set apart and instructed to act in his office of Bishop in all the settlements above the toll gate in your valley." *No indication that it was called a ward, just the valley.*

Wm M. Wall, President at Heber⁷

1861

July 8: BY writes "Br. William M. Wall, Heber City, Provo Valley," content suggests a possible presidential role, but not clearly.⁸

August 19: "A Branch of the High Priests quorum" organized by John Young, the president of the Church-wide high priests quorum. Pres. Elisha Everett. Wm Wall and John M. Murdock perform the ordinations.⁹ Heber is called a branch.

John Harvey appointed to preside over Center Creek (branch??) [MH]

Lower Snake Creek branch established. Dependent branch of Heber. President David Van Wagoner¹⁰

Mound City branch established.

1862

April 7: General bishops meeting includes bishops of "Heber City" and "Provo Valley" wards¹¹
Separate or accidentally duplicated in the list? In several subsequent meetings, a representative of Provo Valley Ward is present.

26 June: Sidney H. Epperson as presiding elder and counselors set over **Mound City**.¹²

September: **Round Valley** [Wallsburg] temporarily settled

⁵ Bishops Reports, 1860 March-April, *Bishops Reports 1848-1866*, Church History Library CR 100 592, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ced6e4c3-2d9b-4b09-8ab6-c7fc771fef6c/0/2>

⁶ Brigham Young, letter to the Brethren in Provo Valley 15 Nov 1860, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.631, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

⁷ *Heber Branch General Minutes*, Church History Library LR 11349 11

⁸ Brigham Young, letter to William Wall July 8 1861, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.5, p.823, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=adc114c8-073a-494e-98cf-c9d00a054123>

⁹ *Heber Branch Melchizedek Priesthood minutes*, p.4, Church History Library LR 11349 13. In the April 1861 general conference, Brigham Young had explained that "The High Priests' Quorum is strictly but one quorum, though many quorums of High Priests are made to accommodate members of that quorum living in different localities." (DN 11:6:44)

¹⁰ *Midway Ward High Priests quorum minutes*, p.2, Church History Library LR 5556 22. This first part is a historical sketch written later, not a primary record

¹¹ *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>

¹² Life History of Sydney H. Epperson as written by Simon S. Epperson, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/15069648>; *Midway Ward High Priests quorum minutes* p.2

October 6: General Bishops Meeting includes the bishop of Heber City Ward¹³

1863

Charleston branch established. Dependent branch of Heber. [MH]

July 4 celebration mentions "President William M. Wall" and "Bishop Murdock"¹⁴

1864

Fall: **Wallsburg** established and named, PE Enock Gurr. [EH]

August 20: Brigham Young and company visit Provo Valley and Heber City (aka Heberville).¹⁵ Meeting attendees include "President Wm. M. Wall, Bishop Joseph S. Murdock." Wall "asked to be relieved from his duties as President of that district," which is sustained. BY states that Bishop Murdock "will preside for the present." According to Wilford Woodruff,¹⁶ "Brother Wall...asked for the privilege to resign his office as President of the Stake."

David Van Wagoner PE **Lower Snake Creek Settlement**.¹⁷ Under direction of Heber bishop. Previously had just been a teachers district of the upper (Mound City) settlement [MH]
David Walker PE **Charleston?**

1865

Jan 27: A. Milton Musser (traveling bishop) leaves SLC "with Bros. Jno W. Young [his frequent companion], Wm. W. Cluff [new presiding bishop], & Willard G. Smith [Morgan Bishop] for a visit to Wasatch, Summit, & Morgan Counties...Bro. Cluff, by the President's appointment, is set apart to act as Bishop over the Cos of Wasatch, Summit, & Morgan & now he is on his way to be initiated. These 3 Cos will be represented by 3 wards bearing the names of the Co's & all the business will be done in the name of Bp. Wm Cluff."¹⁸

Feb 2: A. Milton Musser meets in Heber City,¹⁹ "spoke & introduced Wm. Cluff, appointment was ratified." Then he holds meeting at "Upper and Lower settlements of Snake Creek"

June 15: BY writes to "Bishop Joseph Murdock, Provo Valley" about a member in "your Ward."²⁰

¹³ *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>

¹⁴ At Heber City, *Deseret News* V.13 p.24

¹⁵ Visit to Wasatch County, *Deseret News*, V.13 p.382

¹⁶ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1860-1865*, p.316, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/801702bf-e607-4f0d-82d0-e0f84b8c2406/0/322>

¹⁷ Epperson

¹⁸ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Jan-Jun*, p.3, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b1eb0af6-2c7f-4a7a-ab5a-83e99437ffee/0/4>

¹⁹ A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Jan-Jun*, p.5, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 10, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/b1eb0af6-2c7f-4a7a-ab5a-83e99437ffee/0/8>

²⁰ Brigham Young, letter to Joseph Murdock 15 June 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.7*, p.664, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a/0/0>

August 12: BY writes to "Bishops W.W. Cluff and J.S. Murdock, Heber City"²¹

August 23: A. Milton Musser "visited Snake Creek Settlement, called Mound City, Midway & Centre Creek"²²

Fall: WW Cluff appoints Andrew Ross PE **Center**

George Noakes PE **Charleston [MH]**, under Heber bishop; replacing David Walker??

Edward Stock PE **Wallsburg**, replacing Enock Gurr [EH]

1866

April 5: General bishops meeting resumes after a few years hiatus.²³ Ward reps include bishop of "Wasatch."

May 2: First Presidency writes to "the Bishops and Saints in Wasatch and Summit Counties" with wartime procedures, including settlement abandonment.²⁴ *No general leader is mentioned*

May 7: Report from J.S. Murdock at Heber to Bishop Edward Hunter about available supplies for pioneer company relief.²⁵

Charleston, Center Creek, Wallsburg, Lower Settlement, Mound City abandoned during Black Hawk War

May: Upper and Lower Settlements join together at a fort and call it **Midway**. Presiding elder Sidney H. Epperson of Mound City continues to lead in Midway.²⁶ [dependent branch]

[Date]: **Lower Snake Creek branch** discontinued. (Website)

[Date]: **Mound City branch** becomes the Midway branch. Dependent branch of Heber. (Website)

1867

Charleston, Wallsburg resettled

Charleston PE John Watkins succeeds George Noakes

January or July 26: Bishop Josiah Murdock called to the south, Abram Hatch called by WW Cluff to be Bishop of **Heber City** and PB over all of Provo Valley (under Cluff)

10 Mar: **Midway** HP Quorum organized, divided from Heberville quorum, Pres. Samuel Thompson²⁷. Permission was given by Pres. John Young of Salt Lake

²¹ Brigham Young, letter to W.W. Cluff and J.S. Murdock 12 August 1865, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.7, p.706, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=867b28d5-f5ea-44bb-b228-516179bc010a/0/0>
²² A. Milton Musser, *Diary 1865 Jun-Sep*, p.32, Church History Library MS 8140 box 1 folder 11, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/945df2fe-23c4-4d53-8f21-7f745d320ee6/0/32>

²³ *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.94, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

²⁴ First Presidency, open letter 2 May 1866, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.8, p.359, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 6, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=b3c72fee-6f44-4ce6-8a9f-5cf38b6153d1&crate=0&index=762>

²⁵ *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/0/8>

²⁶ Epperson; *Midway Ward high priests quorum minutes*, p.2, Church History Library LR 5556

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²⁷ *Midway Ward High Priests Record*, p.1, Church History Library LR 5556 22

May: **Wallsburg** PE William M. Wall replaces Edward Stock [EH]

Sep 8: "Sunday W.W. Cluff here presiding. He was put to preside over Wasatch, Summit, morgan Stakes"²⁸

Oct 12: A list of "Wards" includes one entry for "Wasatch Co."²⁹

Nov 26: A. Milton Musser (traveling bishop) writes to BY from Manti, "Bp Abram Hatch was to visit Wasatch Co. Saturday & Sunday last & no doubt did so, Bp Cluff would meet him there."³⁰

December 2: Abraham Hatch ordained a bishop by Brigham Young (in Salt Lake City)³¹

December 12/28: Abram Hatch arrives in the valley

Dec 28: Bishop Abraham Hatch welcomed by Heber high priests quorum.³²

December 29: Abraham Hatch was presented to the Saints in a meeting at Midway by Bishop William W. Cluff and unanimously sustained as Presiding Bishop of Wasatch County in place of Josiah Murdock.³³

1868

March 11: **Midway**: Bishop Abraham Hatch reappointed President Epperson as the Presiding Elder for the settlement. (MH)

April 25: In first of a series of published Church directories, the following are listed:³⁴

- William W. Cluff is listed as presiding bishop of Morgan and Summit Counties, but not mentioned for Wasatch
- Wasatch County: Abram Hatch [Presiding Bishop?]
- Heberville: Abram Hatch

14 November: "Sidney Epherson is PE Midway and are under the bishop in Heber, though at least one member feels neglected by him."³⁵

1869

January: Wasatch County was taken out of Bishop Cluff's district. (Jesse Haven journal)

²⁸ *Heber Branch General Minutes*, Church History Library LR 11349 11. Later Reminiscence

²⁹ Brigham Young, Note 12 Oct 1867, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.10*, p.423, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 7, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=873e43de-f5b9-4a8a-bfaa-be07a5fdf18f>

³⁰ A. Milton Musser, letter to Brigham Young 26 November 1867, *Brigham Young office files, General correspondence, incoming, General letters 1867*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 32 folder 5, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0b1b2c7c-0ac1-486a-a012-80ebc1970cbf/0/3>

³¹ Ordination, *Presiding bishopric meetings minutes, 1862-1879*, p.142, Church History Library CR 4 2, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/e9b0c4cc-2d99-497a-b4ce-f5afe97ea098/0/0>

³² *Heber Branch Melchizedek Priesthood minutes*, p.68

³³ *Midway Ward High Priests Record*, p.2

³⁴ Church Directory, *Salt Lake Daily Telegraph*, V.4 #253 (25 April 1868) p.4

³⁵ Letter from George Wandle to George A. Smith, 1868 November 11; *George A. Smith Papers*, Church History Library MS 1322 box 7 folder 6.

<https://eadview.lds.org/findingaid/MS%201322/?componentid=31982>

July 29: BY writes "Elder Abram Hatch, Bishop Provo Valley, Heber City" about a matter in Midway.³⁶

September 18: **Wallsburg**: William M. Wall dies at Provo. John C. Parcell succeeds him as Presiding Elder Pro-tem. (MH, CC, EH)

1870

January 26: Bishop Abram Hatch of Heber City reports on "his diocese"³⁷

Wallsburg: William E. Nuttall, who had acted as Bishop of the Provo 3rd Ward, arrived and presided in Wallsburg. (EH, MH)

April 10: **Midway**: President Epperson replaced by Henry Samuel Alexander as Presiding Elder in the settlement. (MH)

Dec 20: Relief Society of "Charleston Ward of Wasatch Stake of Zion" organized under the direction of Bishop John Watkins.³⁸ *This is a later recollection (1900?) so the terms can't be trusted*

1871

2 March: Same member complains to general authorities about Midway being neglected and them needing their own bishop.³⁹

Heber East Ward Record starts with members "received into the Branch" Feb 1871⁴⁰

March 19: first minutes for "Heber Branch of the Church in Wasatch county"⁴¹ This and subsequent meetings led by Thomas H. Giles (Hatch's counselor) and T Hicken; Bishop Abram Hatch is present, sometimes conducting, consistently and repeatedly called a branch. By November 1871, Bishop Hatch is consistently noted as presiding at meetings, unless he is not there, then Giles is presiding.

20 Aug: "Wm E. Nuttall, Presiding Elder of Wallsburg" ⁴²

1 Oct: "Elder Powel from Charleston Precinct"⁴³

³⁶ Brigham Young, letter to Abram Hatch 29 July 1868, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks, V.11*, p.675, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 8,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=967db140-f060-437f-b583-794f7affa2d0>

³⁷ Correspondence, *Deseret News*, V.18 #51 (26 Jan 1870) p. 599,

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2604932>

³⁸ *Charleston Ward Relief Society minutes*, p.1, Church History Library LR 1615 14

³⁹ Letter from George Wandle to George A. Smith, 1871 March 2; *George A. Smith Papers*, Church History Library MS 1322 Box 8 folder 3.

<https://eadview.lds.org/findingaid/MS%201322/?componentid=33069>

⁴⁰ *Heber East Ward General Minutes*, p.4, Church History Library LR 3726 11. The first part of this appears to be the minutes for Heber as a whole.

⁴¹ *Heber East Ward General Minutes* p.111

⁴² *Heber East Ward General Minutes* p.125

⁴³ *Heber East Ward General Minutes* p.129

1872

July 7: "Bishop Wm Cluff from Coalville" is attending 2-day meeting at Heber, but Bishop Abram Hatch is still presiding⁴⁴

July 26: BY writes "Prest. A.O. Smoot" in Provo about a matter from Provo Valley [Heber] that has been appealed to the "High Council of Provo," confirming that they should deal with it.⁴⁵

July 31: Bishop Abram Hatch reports on "his diocese."⁴⁶

1873

March 19: List of bishops: WASATCH COUNTY. ABRAHAM HATCH, Presiding Bishop. ***Heber City**, Abraham Hatch; **Midway**, Henry S. Alexander; **Charleston**, John Watkins; **Wallsburgh**, Wm. E. Nuttall.⁴⁷

May 14: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as March.⁴⁸

May 18: In Heber minutes, first reference to itself as "Heber Ward."⁴⁹ (but just one, "Branch" still persists after that, next mention of "Ward" Oct 12) Bishop Hatch still presiding

Dec 14: "A conference of the whole Wasatch Ward assembled at the new meeting house in Heber City, A. Hatch Bp. presiding"⁵⁰

December 12: Conference of "Wasatch Ward"⁵¹

Center resettled [MH], same president??

1874

May 27: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as May 1873.⁵²

July 7: United Order organized

3 August: Finished building a new schoolhouse in Heber City.⁵³

⁴⁴ *Heber East Ward General Minutes* p.135

⁴⁵ Brigham Young, letter to Abraham O. Smoot 26 July 1872, *Brigham Young Office Files, Letterbooks*, V.13, p.152, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 9, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/93fd7376-7e4a-4d1a-a011-b5966c6fd559>

⁴⁶ Local and other Matters, *Deseret News*, V.11 #26 (July 31 1872) p.384, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2611781>

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

⁴⁸ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.6 #147 (May 14 1873) p.4, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23160976>

⁴⁹ *Heber East Ward General Minutes* p.162

⁵⁰ *Heber East Ward General Minutes* p.171

⁵¹ *Heber Branch General Minutes*, Church History Library LR 11349 11

⁵² Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #17 (May 27 1874) p.267, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2635244>

⁵³ Letter from Abraham Hatch to Brigham Young 1874 August 3; *Brigham Young Office Files: General Correspondence, Incoming; General Letters*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 35 folder 6 p. 78 <https://eadview.lds.org/findingaid/000280345/>

August 28: report of a conversation with Abram Hatch of "Provo Valley," Wasatch County, mentions "the Bishop's diocese."⁵⁴

Sep 14: Heber City, person was "cut off from this branch of the church"⁵⁵

Oct 21: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as May.⁵⁶

Nov 1: Heber still calls itself a branch, Bishop Hatch and counselors still directly presiding⁵⁷ This continues through 1875-1876

Daniel settled as an outgrowth of Center Ward

1875

Jan 6: List of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as October 1874.⁵⁸

June 9: List of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as January.⁵⁹

August 27, 28: Two days meeting in Heber City, presided by John Taylor, W Woodruff, GQ Cannon and E.F. Sheets. Main topics include Reformation (Bishop Hatch and other leaders rebaptized) and the United Order.⁶⁰ Bishops WW Cluff and Samuel Atwood from Summit County are present and speak, but apparently not in any supervisory capacity.

Dec 29: New list of Presiding Elders and Bishops, same as June.⁶¹

1876

January 12: List of Bishops and Presiding Elders, same as December 1875.⁶²

April 2: First record of "Wallsburgh Branch", Prest. William E. Nuttall⁶³

December 22: Final published list of Bishops and Presiding Elders (no change since 1873).⁶⁴

- Abraham Hatch, Presiding Bishop
 - Heber City, Abraham Hatch

⁵⁴ From Provo Valley, *Deseret Evening News*, V.7 #224 (August 27 1874) p.3, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23162951>

⁵⁵ *Heber East Ward General Minutes* p. 175

⁵⁶ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #38 (October 21 1874) p.603, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2613752>

⁵⁷ *Heber East Ward General Minutes* p.178

⁵⁸ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.23 #49 (January 6 1875) p.782, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2614880>

⁵⁹ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #19 (June 9 1875) p.295, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2640773>

⁶⁰ *Wallsburg Ward General Minutes*, V.14 p.24, Church History Library LR 9897 11; *Heber East Ward General Minutes*, p.181; Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1873-1880*, p.140, Church History Library MS 1352, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/eb07ddd8-d258-43b3-82fd-1b0bc186b269/0/139>; Home Missionary Work, *Deseret News*, V.24 #32 (September 8 1875) p.503, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2641986>

⁶¹ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #48 (December 29 1875) p.755, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2643418>

⁶² Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret News*, V.24 #50 (January 12 1876) p.795, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2643628>

⁶³ *Wallsburg Ward General Minutes*, V.14 p.72, Church History Library LR 9897 11

⁶⁴ Presiding Elders and Bishops, *Deseret Evening News*, V.10 #27 (December 22, 1876) p.4, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=23166497>

- Midway, Henry S. Alexander
- Charleston, John Watkins
- Wallsburgh, Wm. E. Nuttall

Wallsburg: "Brother Wm E. Nuttall presides over us under the direction of Bishop Abram Hatch"
(DN)

1877

July 14: Wasatch Stake Organized.⁶⁵

- President Abram Hatch, counselors, high council
- East Heber Ward: Bp. Thos. Rasband; West Heber Ward: Bp. Wm. Foreman
- Midway Ward: Bp. David Van Wagoner
- Charleston Ward: Bp. Nymphus C. Murdock
- Wallsburg Ward: Bp. Wm E Nuttall
- Center Ward: Bp. Benj. Cluff (MH: includes Lake Creek and Daniel)
- Sunrise (Bench Creek), Pres. John Moon

July 14: Most stake leaders and bishops ordained that evening⁶⁶

November 3: Stake Conference.⁶⁷ 2,207 members, wards not listed

1878

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

- Thomas Rasband, East Heber
- William Foreman, West Heber
- David Van Wagoner, Midway
- Nymphus C Murdock, Charleston
- Wm E Nuttall, Wallsburg
- Benjamin Cluff, Centre
- Abram Hatch, President of Stake

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⁶⁵ Wasatch Stake, *Deseret News*, V.26 #25 (July 25 1877) p.385, [cent](#); *Heber East Ward General Minutes*, p.203

⁶⁶ Franklin D. Richards, *Journal*, V.25 (1877) p.229, Church History Library MS 1215, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/7ff188c1-fd52-43ca-aac6-48bfc12ab138/0/228>

⁶⁷ Wasatch Stake Conference, *Deseret News*, V.26 #41 (November 14, 1877) p.649, <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=2629022>

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

President George A Smith

Dear Brother

...Dear Brother I can tell you A nother great truth that there is nether A man nor woman nor child but would gladly hail A Bishop of our own the building up of our settlement is greatly [page 5] detartded by not haveing one but I will not say any more about these matters A hint to the wise is anough but can answer any question you may ask

Dear brother I have only given you A very few hints just one more item that happened hear on Sunday, as our Bishop happened to come over to preach to us which happens about once in 5 or 6 weeks. In his usual way of teaching and exhorting his brethen and sisters it was A dig heare A dig there A slur here and A slur there. he was very much dissapointed at so few being to meeting but he had heard it was because he was here but if they did not like to come to meeting because he was here, he could not help it. [page 9] when I was took sick I missed meeting four sundays and two sundays because I had no hat and then they postponed all meetings untill our Chool house was fixt as it was not fit to meet in and it was there I took my first cold and when they commenced haveing meetings again I was still unabl to attand... then our Bishop and president branded me for the first time in my life as an apastate because I mist meeting a few times this arounded the spunk a little of Brothe David Van Wagner our presidents first counsler...

from your Brother in the Gospel

George Wardle

Midway City

Wasatch County

Provo Valley"

<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/15069648>

Biography of Sydney Epperson by his son:

"At a meeting held June 26, 1862, Sidney H. Epperson was appointed Presiding Elder (the Upper Settlement) with John Fausett, first and Samuel Thompson, second counselors. This was his first calling to labor in the ministry... In 1864 David Van Wagoner was appointed to preside over about twenty families at the lower Settlement. The Upper Settlement had now increased to thirty-six families, making a total of fifty-six families in the two settlements. Joseph S. Murdock was Bishop over the whole valley...

The settlers now saw the need of united action for the preparation and safety of their families. However, the Upper Settlement colonists did not feel like moving to the Lower Settlement and vice versa.

In the spring of 1866, under the energetic direction of their presiding leader, Elder Sidney H. Epperson, a compromise location was chosen half way between the two and the settlers Forted in. The name Fort Sidney was suggested in honor of their leader and met with unanimous approval, but Sidney said, 'No. We'll call it Midway.'

...Sidney H. Epperson presided over Midway from the beginning... The Old Fort was reserved by the town as a public square. The upper and lower settlements were never rebuilt...

George Noakes and Freeman Manning wintered stock in the south end of the valley in 1858 near Decker Ranch. They settled at Charleston the following year with Nymphus C. Murdock, Enoch Gurr and the Daybells, with David Walker first presiding Elder...

Round Valley, now Wallsburg, was settled in the spring of 1864... Enoch Gurr was the first presiding Elder there...

On March 11, 1868, Sidney H. Epperson was reappointed by Abraham Hatch, with David Van Wagoner and Ira N. Jacobs, counselors, to preside at Midway...

On April 10, 1870, Sidney H. Epperson was released as Bishop of the Midway Ward and H.S. Alexander sustained, with David Van Wagoner and John Huber as counselors... After ten years of a faithful and enjoyable service, presiding over a branch of the church, Father had magnified his calling and received a most honorable release."

I wasn't able to really find much of anything on the other branches online.