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NEW HIRF BOARD

The Hole in the Rock Foundation board of directors has recently been reorganized. President of HIRF is LaMar Helquist, (Orem, UT) and 2nd Vice President/ Treasurer is Mike Roring (Orem, UT). Retaining seats as board members are LaMar Helquist, Mike Roring, Grant Taylor, Lynn Stevens, Stephen Jensen and new members are Donna Jensen (Blanding, UT) and Stuart Matheson (Salt Lake City, UT).

HOLE IN THE ROCK FOUNDATION AND BLUFF FORT HISTORIC SITE

Preserving the Past and Sharing the Legacy

Elder Snow to Dedicate Monument October 10, 2015



Elder Steven E. Snow, LDS Church Historian and Recorder and Executive Director of the Church History Department, will travel to Bluff to dedicate the monument recently erected to honor those San Juan pioneers who came to Bluff after the original Hole in the Rock company.

Elder Snow was called to serve as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in March of 2001. Snow is a great-great-grandson of Apostle Erastus Snow who issued the



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calls from Church President John Taylor to those sent to the San Juan Mission, 1879-1883. Apostle Snow also visited Bluff in 1880 and again in 1884.

The Monument Dedication will occur Saturday, October 10, 2015, at 11:00 am at the Bluff Fort, preceded by a public chuck wagon breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast costs \$5 per plate or \$15 for family of 3 or more. The dedication ceremony is free to the public. Chairs are suggested.

Monument (continued)

ADAMS, WILLIAM MARIA BARBARA BOLANZ GEORGE ALBERT JOHN ERNEST JOSEPH FREDRICK FRANKLIN JACOB	CHRISTENSEN, ANN MARGARET JENSEN * ANNA KJERSTINE MARGARET LARS JR. MARY CAROLINE MATILDA AMELIA
ALLAN, JOHN AGNES McAUSLAN PETER ROBERT GRAY JANE FLEMING FERGUSON SHAW AGNES ELIZABETH ANNIE JANE	CRAIG, JAMES MORMON ELIZABETH REESE EMMA JANE JAMES ELLIS
ALLAN, JOHN JR. JOHANNA AMELIA "JENNY" HELSTROM WARREN EUGENE NELLIE	EDWARDS, DAVID ELIZA ANN BARTON
BAILEY, NEPHI EVA AUGUSTA MACKELPRANG NEPHI PETER WILLIAM HENRY JOSEPH MORONI	GUYMON, LAFAYETTE PHEBE MADORA PERKINS JAMES NEILS ANNA EMELINE ENOCH COUCH HEBER COLUMBUS
BUTT, ENCY CAMILLA BAYLES *	HARRISON, BRIGHAM WILLIAM JOANNA MARIA HASKELL

ROWLEY, MAGGIE ELIZABETH **
SMITH, THOMAS ALMA ELLEN ELMORA McGREGOR
WILKINSON, ROBERT
WILKINSON, JOSEPH
WILLDEN, CHARLES TURNER EMMA SMITH JOSEPH WILLIAM GEORGE HENRY ELEANOR JOHN SMITH MYRON TRYPHENA
WOOD, SAMUEL JOSEPHINE CATHERINE CHATTERLEY "AUNT JODY" JOSEPH HENRY ARTHUR STEPHEN JOHN MORTON SARAH JANE
WOOLSEY, MARY NIELSON LARSON * JOHN HENRY MARY ELVA LAVINA JANE JAMES IRA LARS WALTER

Volunteer

Bluff Fort Historic Site is staffed by volunteers, many of whom are LDS Church Service Missionaries (CSM). San Juan Co. residents can serve at their convenience, as arranged with the fort directors, while CSM staff generally serve during the tourist season. The Fort sees hundreds of visitors from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Scandanavia, as well as from Asia and, of course, from our more-nearby neighbors.

HASKELL, THALES HASTINGS MARGARET JOHANNA EDWARDS IRENE URSULA MARGARET ANN SARAH FRANCELIA THALES HASTING JR. MARY ELUAHETTA ASHBEL GREENE	KELSEY, ORREN EMERETTA AMANDA ANGELLA CHARLOTTA ABIGAIL LOUISA
HYDE, WILLIAM ANGELINE HARRIS PARTHENIA ERNEST FRANK EDNA ESTELLA MARY ANN GREEN HYDE HELEN ATHALIA MARY LUELLA CHARLES ALBERT	LYMAN, FREDERICK RICH LYMAN, ANNIE MAUDE CLARK * MESKIN, EBERHARDT MOODY, HENRY FREELAND SARAH ALCEA BARNEY HENRY FREELAND
JENSEN, LARS PETER METTE CATHRINE ANNA MARIA KATHRINE PETER OLIVER PARLEY ANDREW CAROLINE MARY ANN ORSON PARLEY	MOODY, HARRIETT DERLUNDA NIELSON, ELSIE RASMUSSEN * JULIA ANNA MARIAH OLSSON, ANNA BRITA OPENSHAW, JOB MARTHA JANE WATTS OWEN OWENS FAMILY
JONES, FREDERICK ISAAC MARY MACKELPRANG FREDERICK PETER JOHN HENRY	ROWLEY, THOMAS MARGARET TATTERSAIL THOMAS WILLIAM JAMES ALMA

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Pioneer Relics Donated

Life-long Bluff resident, Melvin Gaines, perhaps Bluff’s oldest citizen, provided the Bluff Fort with a scythe that Gaines believes came to Bluff through the Hole in the Rock. He also allowed a photo album from the 1930s to be copied into digital format for preservation. The photo album was a gift to him from his teacher at the Bluff School, Miss Flora Johnson.



Pioneer Relics (continued)



A second treasure came to the Fort from Ruth Smith Johnson of Blanding. Shown on the left is a child’s rattle, one of at least two made by Ruth’s great-grandfather, Benjamin Perkins, Hole in the Rock Pioneer, in 1888-89 while he was incarcerated in the Utah territorial prison for “being too-much married.”

The second rattle was incomplete and has been disassembled to learn how the rattle was constructed. Once a rattle is reconstructed, it will join its twin in the display.

Honoring Corinne Roring

Thursday, February 27, 2014, was a special day for us. We drove into Bluff in our motor home to begin our mission at Bluff Fort and stopped at the four-way stop by the fort. A lady in a small pickup truck was already waiting at the stop, so we motioned for her to proceed. She just sat there and stared at us. Little did we know that this was someone who would become our dear friend, Corinne Roring. She was waiting to begin her service to us!! Before we could get parked and settled she came over and invited us to lunch.

Corinne's loving kindness and generosity to all Bluff Fort Missionaries was a great blessing. She often told us that she regarded the missionaries as "special people with special talents" that would move the progress of the fort forward. She opened her heart and home to all of us. She had special apartments and RV areas built to house many of the service missionaries. She made her condo a gathering place for socials or watching conference. Everyone who knew Corinne was aware of her love and enthusiasm for Bluff Fort. We marveled as she taught us by her example some of her favorite sayings such as, “We DO hard things;” “When the time is right, it will happen.”

We witnessed Corinne not only with her involvement at the Fort but also in those choice moments as we visited with her as a friend. What a great blessing she is to us. We came with a desire to serve at the Fort and found an unexpected opportunity to serve and be served by Corinne. Though she has passed away we will always feel her influence and presence. Our lives will be forever changed.

Thank you, Corinne! Elder Bob and Sister Sylvia Healey

