Dear Daughters,

Here we are at the beginning of a new year already. Time just flies by when you’re having fun. Let me bring you up to date on our current fun projects.

**Project No. 1. Brigham’s Trees:** I have received most of the Black Locust seed packets that were given out at the convention luncheon. For those who have not sent their seeds in, it is not too late. I will be pleased to receive them soon. We may need some help from ladies in Salt Lake County to assist the nursery with the propagation of the seeds. Let me know if you would like to help. This sounds like fun. I’ve never worked in a greenhouse before, have you?

**Project No. 2. DUP/Family Search:** The contract has been signed and we are going forward. We have two missionary couples working on the digitization. They started on January 6th. There is room for some of our ladies to help with this work. If you are so inclined please call our History Department and let us know (801-532-6479 ext. 205). Public access will not be announced until we have it ready to go. Date is still to be determined. This is a big project!

How are you doing with your New Year’s resolution? I am sure that you made one by now. Now you have had time to get it working for you. Or have you given up on it again?

One of our ladies asked me after Christmas if I had gained weight, like so many, over the holidays. I told her, “No, I took care of that before Christmas.” So I do not need to make weight loss a resolution. That is just an ongoing battle. No resolve needed.

I wanted to resolve something new that I haven’t done before so that I have a sense of accomplishment and being successful. While reading the first Sunday newspaper of the year I was inspired for my New Year’s resolution. There in my favorite section, that I never miss, was my resolve. In the comic strip, “Pickles,” was the perfect idea. Earl says, “My resolution is to make mistakes, lots and lots of mistakes. If you make a mistake it means you’re doing something, trying new things, living, learning, pushing yourself in new directions.” His friend asks, “That’s why you polished your shoes with bacon grease?” “Yeah, big mistake,” says Earl. I do not have to make that mistake, Earl has already done it.

Just think of the horizons this opens up. I will not be afraid of new projects because I will not fail. I will just be keeping my resolution. Then I can try again and go forward. The old excuse, “but, this is the way we have always done it,” is not a good enough reason to keep doing the same thing the same way. Just think of where we would be if our pioneer ancestors had lived by that mantra. We remember the past but move toward the future with better ideas. This was brought to my attention last evening at Relief Society while visiting with the young mothers in my ward. One sister, who is raising four little boys, stated that her toilets get cleaned four times a week by her little boys. She has two bathrooms and each boy takes a turn once a week cleaning them. She says you have to start them early, about three years old, when they are eager to be of help. Then it is just a part of life. They use maybe four Clorox wipes and it is easy. Wow, I thought, why did I not hear that about 60 years ago when I was raising my four boys? No Clorox wipes 60 years ago! We live to learn. Have a great new year in DUP. We are getting ready for your district conventions soon. Are you?

Love and best wishes,
Maurine
Constance Huntsman was born in Circleville, Utah. She has ancestors who came on the Mayflower, but she is especially grateful for her pioneer heritage. Most of her ancestors joined the Church and immigrated to Nauvoo or Salt Lake City from England, Sweden, Denmark or Germany.

Constance is married to Wesley Huntsman. Constance graduated from SUU with a BA degree in Elementary Education. She and her husband are the parents of a son and daughter, and grandparents to four grandchildren.

Upon retiring from teaching for Jordan School District, Constance fulfilled a goal to join DUP. She is the Captain of the Jordan River Camp, volunteers as a docent at the Pioneer Memorial Museum, and is on the ISDUP board working on special projects, one of which is the Days of ‘47 Royalty Pageant.
SEVIER SOUTH COMPANY JUBILEE

The Sevier South Company held its Jubilee and Training Meeting together on August 11, 2014. The theme was “Our Pioneers Paved the Way to Make the Path Easier to Follow.” Janet Gale of Camp Belknap in Elsinore gave a very interesting Glass Collection presentation. Guest speaker, and author of two books of poems, Grace Diane Jessen of the Glen Cove Camp, Glenwood, Utah, spoke on the importance of writing our Personal History. She gave each person a notebook with the poem “Daughters of the Future, Keepers of the Past” on the cover. She said to make your project like a garden and fill it with a feeling of growth and love.

In the Training Session, Regional Representative, Marianna Taylor, spoke. Each Company officer gave a five minute presentation on assigned subjects. Each speaker had folders of information to be given to each DUP officer in their camps.

CEDAR POINT CAMP

The Cedar Point Camp, Bingham North Company, spent an informative day together visiting the Teton Valley Museum in Driggs, Idaho. Of the seven exhibits on display, one was a DUP exhibit.

COLUMBIA RIVER CAMP

On August 16, 2014, the Columbia River Camp, Benton, Washington Company, participated in the Benton County Fair and Rodeo Parade. Daughters dressed in full pioneer day regalia, played music, passed out candy and brochures about DUP.

This was the first time that this camp participated in the parade, but they hope to make it a yearly tradition.

DAYS OF ’47 QUEEN GUEST OF ANN BRIGGS CAMP

On December 11th Nicole Lindsey, the 2014 Days of ’47 Royalty Queen, was a guest speaker at the Ann Briggs Camp, Bountiful East Company in Bountiful, Utah. She spoke to the DUP members concerning her reign as Queen and then answered questions. A piano solo by Laurel Bennion was also part of the December Meeting, as were early Christmas memories from “Enchanted Christmases” material. A lovely afternoon was enjoyed at the holiday-decorated home of Beverly Merrill.

Members visiting the Teton Valley Museum were left to right: Velma Young, Rayleen Hansen, Deanna Kremin, Laural Phelps, Rochelle Campbell, Barbara Johnson, Marilyn Fielding, Marilyn Lundquist and Paula Jacobson.

Left to right: Gloria Etherington, Camp Captain; Karalee Whittington, Joyce Kerr, Laurie Corier, Jill Miller, Sharon Sharp, Ann Autrey, Company President; Rebecca Etherington and Phyllis Robertson

This interesting looking gentleman’s picture was in the “unknown” drawer at the Museum. If any one can shed any light on his name or history please contact the Photo Department at photos@isdup.org.
PORTER LANE CAMP

The Porter Lane Camp met in September 2014 at the Centerville Porter Lane Cabin.

LOG SLIDE CAMP ENJOYS CHRISTMAS AT THE HISTORIC SORENSEN HOUSE IN DRAPER, UTAH

The Log Slide Camp of the Salt Lake Far Southeast Company, enjoyed an “Enchanted Christmas” at the home of Denmark immigrants, Peter and Martina Sorensen. The home, now a pioneer museum, is located at 12597 South 900 East, Draper, Utah. The Sorensen home retains many elegant features: the brickwork includes corbelled arches above the windows and doors, fancy dogtooth designs and a unique bay window. The home is furnished and decorated in true 1890s style.

After a simple, delicious lunch, we were treated to a Christmas with the Prophets quiz, pioneer Christmas stories, music, poems and recipes of tasty treats for Christmas. We enjoyed hearing the history of the Sorensen home and ended our meeting with a Christmas cookie exchange.

MEADOWLARK CAMP

The Meadowlark Camp, Jefferson, Colorado Company, participated in a Family History Conference in November 2014. They had a booth to show others of the need to preserve our ancestral stories and histories. They put books, purchased from DUP, on the table along with old lessons people could leaf through and even take home if they wanted to do so.

The following questions were displayed in a poster made for the Conference: Do you love learning about the faith and endurance of the stalwart Saints? Are you looking for a great way to make history come alive for your children and grandchildren? Did one of your ancestors cross the plains?

Barbara George, camp member, gave two presentations at the conference on how to access Church-related resources online to assist in researching family documents, stories and photos that are available there.

PROVO MUSEUM “WORTH A SECOND LOOK”

The Provo Museum featured a particular noteworthy display this past year. Entitled “Worth a Second Look”, the items beautifully conveyed the idea that pioneers were not an illiterate lot, but were educated and took pride in penmanship and culture. The case, prepared by Kathleen Eckhard, Provo Museum Director, contained a collection of artifacts including old Bibles of significance, a hand-written script from a play, the Primary Association scroll of Utah County, spectacles, an ink well with a feather pen, and a list of people who contributed to a jubilee box.

THE DUP SISTER ACT

In the Nob Hill Camp, Weber North Center Company in Ogden, Utah, we find Re’nee Robb Gushen and Rosalie Skip Reese. In the Duck Creek Camp, Clark Nevada Legacy Meadows Company, in Henderson, Nevada we find Helen Robb Thatcher and Joyce M. Reese. Re’nee and Helen are sisters and Skip and Joyce are sisters. We just discovered this tidbit when Helen came to Ogden to attend Re’nee’s husband’s funeral.

Re’nee and Skip have been friends for many years, but they did not know their sisters were friends via DUP! What a great discovery and a marvelous time for four people to share pioneer knowledge in two different DUP camps.

LESSON ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to uncontrollable circumstances, the April lesson, “Pioneer Artists, Second Generation” has been postponed. Instead the April 2015 lesson will be “The First Handcart Family.” We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
CAMP DURFEE MONUMENT
RELOCATED AND REDEDICATED

Camp Durfee, Weber North Center Company was organized 4 March 1954 in Liberty, Utah. Marker #328 was originally dedicated 8 October 1967 by Daughters in Liberty, next to the “little red church.” Eventually, the church property was sold. A number of years later the church, which had been turned into a home, burned down. For about eighteen months, the community worked hard to erect a monument to the early Liberty Pioneers. The monument was to be placed in the northwest corner of Liberty Park behind the old church property.

Daughter’s Marker, Liberty Bicentennial Marker, and the Doug Shaw Memorial Marker, were all moved to create a new beautiful garden setting including the Pioneer monument. The monument area was dedicated on Independence Day 2014 by Elder Carl B. Cook of the First Quorum of Seventy.

Markers included Elder Marlin K. Jensen, Seventy Emeritus; Huntsville Stake President, David Wadman, major construction; International Daughters of Utah Pioneers President, Maurine P. Smith; Weber North Center Company President, Charlene Herbert; Durfee Captain, Julie Hollist; and many Camp Durfee daughters.

The garden walk is very inviting with three covered picnic tables and night lighting, making a comfortable place for families to enjoy all four monuments telling the varied stories of early Pioneers, residents, and Camp Durfee Daughters of Utah Pioneers in Liberty, Utah.

Camp Dale members again voted for the third year in a row to support the Emery County Food Bank. At each meeting all members bring a can or package of food, which is then delivered to the food bank.

SACRAMENTO COMPANY PRESENTATION

Verna Hazelbaker received the ISDUP Outstanding Service award during the Sacramento Company Christmas Program and Jubilee this last December. Presenting the award were Frances Hill, president of the company and Northern California Regional Representative Roberta Tanner.

As former company president, Verna began a three-year restoration project of the historic 1850 Sloughhouse Pioneer Cemetery. By April of 2014, over 100 tombstones and foundations stood a little taller and brighter through the generous efforts of the DUP, BSA, Sons of the Golden West, and local community. What a privilege to preserve and protect the final resting place of our honored pioneers who settled the Consumnes area of Northern California.

The Westerberg family deeded the cemetery to the DUP in 1972. In conjunction with the restoration, the company and camps got busy and organized a highly successful gala 40th Anniversary Celebration. The event brought together the community and many of the descendants of the Thomas Rhoads family. Attending the daylong celebration were prominent community figures, the Mormon Battalion Band, and keynote speaker Maurine Smith, President of ISDUP.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, VERA

Verna Kissner celebrated her 100th birthday on November 24, 2014. She was recruited by her daughter to join DUP just two years ago. She is a member of Syringa Camp of Bannock North Company in Pocatello, Idaho. Her parents were early Idaho pioneers from Manti, Utah who settled in Iona, a town near Idaho Falls. She raised three children to adulthood and enjoys the association of belonging to DUP.

AZELLA THAYN BRADLEY

Azella Thayn Bradley, member of the Log Cabin Camp, Carbon Company, recently passed away at the age of 96. She had recently received her 60 year pin. Azella was the oldest of 12 children. She loved life and loved to travel. She spent many years working for the U.S. Postal Service. She was a 30 year volunteer for the pink ladies and at the age of 36 she joined DUP. She also had served a full-time mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

NEVER TOO OLD!

Nora Ford Williamson, age 106, was active in DUP until she passed away on December 3, 2014. She joined DUP in 1962, being a member of the Huntington Camp, Emery Company until 2010. There she was active and served in many positions. When she was 103 she moved to Jamestown Assisted Living in Provo, Utah, attending DUP meetings there. She was fairly independent and her mind was alert to the end. She was never too old for DUP!

RICHMOND, UTAH FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The James and Drusilla Hendricks Camp of the Cache Far North Company participated at their community’s Family History Fair held in Richmond, Utah. They presented a table filled with DUP books and information and also examples of pioneer artifacts. The exhibit generated positive exposure for the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and the importance of preserving our pioneer heritage.

ELMA TAYLOR CLARK CAMP OUTREACH

The Elma Taylor Clark Camp, Cassia, Idaho Company, held an Outreach activity at the Almo Elementary School in a little two room school building. Daughter Cherry Mae Smith-Black told the students about the history surrounding Almo, Idaho. The students heard how Raft River acquired its name. During the time of the Mountain Men the river was spread out over the valley and rafts were the only way to cross.

After the presentation pioneer games were played such as Button, Button, Who has the Button and Thumbs Up. Each child was also given a small jar half filled with cream and they shook it until it turned to butter. They then spread their butter on a slice of homemade bread with homemade jam.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THESE ISDUP EVENTS

Museum Day at the Capital, March 3 • Days of ‘47 Royalty Pageant, April 9-11
DUP Anniversary, April 11 • ISDUP Seminar, June 13
Pioneer Day Open House, July 24 • Christmas Open House and Program, December 4
OUTREACH GUIDELINES

The following is a short list of KEY steps that will help all of us be more effective in our Outreach mission.

• **Outreach.** It is an activity of providing services or awareness to something that already exists, to those who might not otherwise have it.

• **Be an Ambassador for Outreach.** Ask yourself this question: Who heads up your Outreach effort in your company or camp? Your Second Vice is typically assigned, however, “You are an ambassador because you are a member of DUP!” That means you too!

• **Extend your influence.** Focus first on your own family. There are a large number of children (including your grand and great grandchildren) who don’t know the difference between a Pilgrim and a Pioneer. Educate. This means your 50 year old children as well!

• **Tell them Stories.** Show a picture of a family pioneer and tell a short story of how it relates to them. At a family dinner, hide a picture under each place setting and have everyone try and guess who they are. Make a matching game that includes family members. All ages from 3-103 love this. Your passion and desire will create traditions that will in turn extend down through generations.

• **Your Heritage, Your Responsibility.** When we’re gone, what legacy and information do we want our families to know and have? Our passion and our desire to participate in Outreach will be carried on if we do our job now.

Please send me what you’ve been doing in your families to carry on your legacy. We’d love to present your passion and ideas at our International Seminar, June 13th, 2015.

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