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Mission Statement of the Museum

The Mission of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers McQuarrie Memorial Museum is to collect, preserve and display artifacts, photos and histories belonging to the Utah Pioneers who settled Southern Utah prior to 1900, and those artifacts, photos and histories which represent the Washington County communities. The donor-based collection represents the early local pioneer communities and serves as an educational research facility for both descendants of those early pioneers and the community.

Board President's Message – Marilyn Fish Mac Lellan

It has been a great run for me and I have enjoyed (almost!) every minute of it. I love the Museum and consider it a privilege to serve here. It has been a pleasure to serve with so many talented and energetic people.

We were not intimidated by the COVID and followed the guidelines and kept right on doing the things that needed to be done. I am proud of all that we have accomplished.

Some of those things that were special to me are:

- We placed two silk, handmade dresses, properly secured in Plexiglas cases for all to see and to enjoy for years to come. We did the same for the 100-year-old cake that is now safe and secured.
- Changing around furniture, created a better flow for guests, especially during the COVID.
- Three uniform jackets were placed in a larger cabinet for better viewing. One of the uniform jackets was handmade of wool and worn by Erastus Snow while in the Nauvoo Legion's special unit called the Lifeguards. Because it has all of its gold buttons and is handmade, it is believed to be the only one in existence.
- Cleaning of both the inside and outside of the Museum, painting the outside trim, and stuccoing the outside has made the Museum shine! Also, redoing the office cabinets has made it more efficient for the staff.



Sadly, we had to cancel our third Saturday events from September 2020 through February 2021 in compliance with the COVID lockdown rules. It was great to restart and we so enjoy the presenters and the guests that come.

We appreciate the many handmade items donated to the Gift Shoppe by our wonderful Docents. We love and appreciate our Docents as they are a vital part of our Museum.

We are promoting the Pioneer Corner with the Museum and the Pioneer Courthouse. New displays from the Daughters of Utah Pioneers along with the Washington County Historical Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers and Arts to Zion, have helped inform all that come in to visit.

History of Daughters of Utah Pioneers and the McQuarrie Memorial Museum

Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP) was organized April 11, 1901 under the leadership of Annie Taylor Hyde with 46 women, all of Utah pioneer descent. In September 1921, Washington County, Utah pioneer descendants, under the direction of Flora B. Horne, created their first Company, and immediately began collecting relics, photos and histories of pioneers who settled Washington County. The members were faced with the handicap of having no building to house or display relics. A drive was launched to obtain one of the historic buildings, but to no avail. Priceless relics were being destroyed.

In 1936, Josephine B. Pace corresponded with a childhood friend, Hortense McQuarrie Odlum, relating the dilemma faced by DUP members. Hortense responded, stating she would be happy to help erect a pioneer hall in St. George as a gift to the city of her birth. Hortense funded the \$17,500 required to construct a beautiful edifice. She secured an architect to design the building and worked with the Washington County Commissioners to get the land donated for the project. The entire city joined in celebrating the dedication of the building on June 17, 1938.

Then in 1985, the building was expanded through the efforts of Ferol McQuarrie Kincade Moore, another descendant of the McQuarrie pioneers, who upon visiting the Museum, recognized its crowded condition. Ferol helped secure the \$90,000 needed to double the size of the existing building and add a new roof to the entire building. The new addition was dedicated in October 1985 at the annual District Convention of the DUP.

With the continuing support of the many DUP members in Washington County who serve as docents, the Museum is open five days each week from 10 AM to 5 PM, except in December, when the hours are 11 AM to 3 PM. There is no admission fee. The Museum is operated through donations by members, visitors and generous grants. All services rendered by Board, staff and Docents are volunteered.

Volunteer Program

Over 300 women volunteer each year to keep the Museum open and the majority of them are members of Daughters of Utah Pioneers in Washington County. The Museum Board of Directors and Museum Staff are all volunteers and put in over 6000 hours in 2020-2021 to ensure the safety of the museum and collection.

Approximately 250 volunteers serve as Docents in the Museum. A docent's role is to be a guide to inform visitors about the museum exhibits. This is done through telling stories, sharing historical facts or relating reminiscences. School children are taught through guided tours and offered an opportunity to "touch" certain objects. Docents ensure the collection of artifacts, photos, and histories is protected, order is maintained, and guests are welcomed. A docent may be the only introduction a visitor has with the history of the Utah territory, specifically the southern part of Utah

Major Accomplishments June 1, 2020 Through May 31, 2021

Attendance was on the increase over previous years but due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and lockdown we had to close the Museum from March 17 to June 1, 2020. We had an increase each year over the last 10 years until 2020. We reopened on Jun 1, 2020 on a limited basis, three days a week for 4 hours per day (Monday, Friday, Saturday 11 AM to 3 PM). We ended the year with a 45% of previous year patronage.

We are hoping that the upward trend will continue when we open full time on June 1, 2021 by maximizing our advertising efforts of the Museum and what we offer and our inclusion in the 'Pioneer Corner' with the opening of the Pioneer Courthouse.

Total Visitors - 3205

Outside Washington County –	2900
Historic St. George Live Tours –	0
Participants in Group Tours (youth, family, etc.)	89
Number of states and/or countries represented	6

Below is a listing of the major activities and accomplishments completed by the Museum Board, Staff, and other DUP members.

Grants Received

- \$3000 – Utah Arts & Humanities - COVID-19 Relief
- \$1650 – Create in Utah – COVID-19 Relief
- \$3000 – Washington County RAP – Cleaning and Repair of Building

- \$8,711- Utah Arts & Museum – Operating Budget
- \$46,544 – Private Trust Distribution

Ongoing Activities

- Holding Museum Board meetings on a Quarterly basis, utilizing Zoom techniques in many cases.
- Participating in Washington County Historical Society meetings and activities.
- Collaborating with other Historical groups in utilizing the Pioneer Courthouse and supporting historical events.
- Supporting creation of displays at Pioneer Courthouse.
- Receiving pioneer relic donations and determining their historical value.
- Receiving pioneer histories and photos for collection.
- Researching history of pioneers, buildings, communities to continually create awareness of contributions of early settlers.
- Responding to requests to teach groups about the history of Washington County, its People and heritage.
- Historic St. George Live was cancelled for 2020 but we plan to participate in 2021.
- Conducting special tours for families, youth groups and organizations.
- Participating and supporting Arts to Zion activities.
- Organizing special events.
- Refreshing displays to maintain interest.
- Creating instructional videos for continual learning.
- Developing and creating docent training.
- Expanding gift shoppe merchandise.
- Expanding distribution of promotional materials through print and social media.

Enhancement Projects

- Created new display of Erastus Snow Nauvoo Jacket and Military Uniform. Research was done on the Nauvoo Jacket and we believe it to be a one of a kind item which we advertise and highlight it in a special display.
- Coordinated with 3 local organizations, Washington County Historical Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers and Arts to Zion to open the Pioneer Courthouse as a Museum with display. Worked to schedule events in coordination with the Museum events.
- Continued input of data into PastPerfect collection software; all photos, relics, pioneers' histories, locality histories and other histories and stories.
- Created an online collection through PastPerfect for visitors to review our collection.
- Created a Reference Desk for visitors to search our collection for their family ancestors.

- Expanded the Core Docent Program by assigning a lead person to manage the program.
- Developed a program to live stream our monthly events and post highlight videos on our website.
- Published on our website short video clips of stories of different artifacts.
- Published on our website training videos and scripts for our Docents to learn important information they need to be serve as a Docent and also to guide a tour.

Capital Projects Completed

- Power washed the outside of the building.
- Painted all exterior wood around windows and doors and railings.
- Stuccoed outside of building with new color and pattern.
- Washed all windows inside and outside.
- Cleaned all blinds in the building.
- Cleaned all curtains in the building.
- Cleaned the carpets in the building.
- Repair water leak in Room 8.
- Rebuilt cabinets in administrative office.

Special Events – 3rd Weekend – average attendance - 50

- 9-19-2020 – Cancelled due to COVID 19 Pandemic
- 10-17-2020 – Cancelled due to COVID 19 Pandemic
- 11-21-2020 – Cancelled due to COVID 19 Pandemic
- 12-19-2020 – Cancelled due to COVID 19 Pandemic
- 1-16-2021 – Cancelled due to COVID 19 Pandemic
- 2-20-2021 – Everyday Pioneer Wear – Hidden Gems
- 3-20-2021 – Early Pioneer and Indian Relations and Customs
- 4-17-2021 – Ghost Towns
- 5-15-2021 – How to Cowboy Up

Docent Training

- Training for all Docents on basic operations of Museum – August 2020.
- Revised Docent Packet for updated and made available on our website.
- Encouraged use of Museum website.
- All forms that Camp Captains and Docents Leaders need are available on our website.
- Continued training for docents to use electronic cash register in the Gift Shoppe to aid in the sales of books, candy, homemade items and pioneer clothing among other

items. The Gift Shoppe continues to be a strong source of revenue for running the Museum.

- Provided access to training videos posted on our website. There are scripts available for leading a tour.

Major Activities Planned for Year – 2021-2022

Grant Applications

- \$6000 – Washington County RAP Tax – Display Case for Pioneer Dress
- \$10,000 – Utah Arts & Humanities – Operating Support.

Special Events – 3rd Weekend - Scheduled

- 9-18-21 – Women’s Suffragette
- 10-16-21 – Antique Methods of Wood Working
- 11-21-21 – Pioneer Dentistry
- 12-18-21 – Pioneer Playthings
- 1-15-22 – Seed to Shawl
- 2-19-22 - Honeymoon Trail
- 3-19-22 – Native American Writing and Music
- 4-16-22 – Pioneer Music
- 5-21-22 – Wives of Erastus Snow

Goals – Program Enhancements

- Create a new display for the gingham dress which was made in 1830. Telling the story of a working pioneer woman.
- Investigate further the significance of the violin in Room 7. To verify its date and manufacture and if it is as rare as we think it is, put it on special display.
- Enlist volunteers to support additional programs and fill Board positions.
- Collaborate with other historical societies to increase number of activities and events at Museum and Courthouse.
- Create a special display in honor of Women’s Suffragette anniversary.
- Create a new display in Room 4 of a working kitchen.

Goals – Capital Projects

- Display cases – repair or replace in Room 4, 5 and 8.
- Replacement of Computers/Furniture in office.
- Redesign system for hanging photos in Room 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Gift Shoppe Displays – replace and design a more efficient layout.
- Begin research for installing an elevator inside the Museum.

Below is a financial statement for the Museum for the past operating budget year. Additional grants to be written as need determined.

Assets and Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending 5-31-2021

Assets

Current Assets	\$124,183
Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,530
Other Current Assets	
Fixed Assets	
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 98,500
Acc. Dep – Furniture and Equipment	\$ 11,769
Other Assets – Leasehold improvements	\$108,033
Total Assets	\$344,015

Expenditures

Liabilities and Equity	
Account Payable	\$ 190
Opening Balance Equity	\$ 316
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$305,549
Net Income	\$ 37,960
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$344,015

Location - The Museum is located at 145 East 100 North, St. George, Utah 84770.

Hours - Open daily from 10AM to 5PM except Wednesdays and Sundays

Telephone Number - 435-628-7274 - Tours Offered

Website – www.dupstgeorge.org

Facebook – dup mcquarrie memorial museum

Museum Board of Directors Effective 6/1/2020

President – Marilyn MacLellan

Vice President – Ruth Snarr

Secretary – Claudia Young

Treasurer – Jeanine Vander Bruggen

Museum Director – Teresa Orton

Member-at-Large – Maureen Parks, President Washington West Company

Member-at-Large – Margaret Vowles, President Washington East Company

Member-at-Large – Linda Lees, President Washington Company

Docent Coordinator – Tamara Rogers

Advisor – Betty Arial, City Council, St. George

Advisor – Kathleen Broeder, Dixie State, Special Collections

Advisor – Mariana Taylor, ISDUP, Regional Representative

Advisor – Irene Briggs, Financial