

Be a Part of History in the Making

Anniversary: On October 5, 1847 Samuel and John Bennion entered the Salt Lake Valley. On the 150th anniversary of their arrival, the Bennion Family Association will hold a brief Fireside to dedicate a public commemorative monument in their honor on the banks of the Jordan River near their homesites. (See mock-up of the 2'x3' monument plaque on the following page). The monument stands along the jogging trail in Arrowhead Park, which is part of the Provo-Jordan River Parkway near 4800 South.

Memorial: This beautiful memorial has been funded by the Bennion Family Association, and the monument site has been provided by Murray City. We owe a special thanks to Gerry Summerhays who has done much of the work in making this memorial possible.

Fireside: The Fireside will be held at the Taylorsville meetinghouse near the Bennion brothers homesites at 6:00 p.m. Speakers at the fireside will be Gerry Summerhays and Elder Richard P. Lindsay. After their remarks, we will journey by foot or carpool to the monument site, about ½ mile down the road from the meetinghouse.

Historical Moment: This will be the last Reunion to which all 40,000 descendants of Samuel and John Bennion will be invited. Hereafter, the Bennion Family Association encourages families to gather in "Grandfather" family reunions. The Bennion Family Association will continue to promote genealogical research and disseminate family history information.

Web Site: In the near future, the Bennion Family Association is planning to host a web site on the Internet. This will give family members easier access to resources and family history information. We will also keep you posted on our research activities and findings. Watch for future announcements on the Bennion Family Association home page location.

Please Join Us: Your attendance at the Sunday Fireside on October 5th will be a memorable event. Connect with your ancestors and meet more of your relatives. It's a lovely way to cap off a Conference weekend.

Grant Sharp, President
Bennion Family Association

BENNION BROTHERS

Looking west across the river you view the homesteads of the Bennion brothers. They arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in October of 1847, and in January of 1849 were among the first pioneers to settle "Over Jordan." Their homes were located west of the Jordan River, south of what is now 4800 South. They and their descendants have been influential in the L.D.S. Church, government, education, business, agriculture and industry.

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Samuel Bennion

Born December 11, 1818
Hawarden, Flintshire, Wales
Husband to 3 wives, father to 17 children
Farmer, sheep & cattle man

Joined L.D.S. Church 1843
Arrived in Nauvoo 1845
Worked on Nauvoo Temple
First postmaster "Over Jordan"
Served against Johnston's Army in 1857
Presided over North Jordan Ward for 26 years
County commissioner
Genealogy mission to Wales 1874
Bennion Brothers Flour Mill 1880
Justice of the peace
Stockholder in many businesses:
West Jordan Woolen Mill
Taylorsville Mercantile Company
Zion's Bank, ZCMI and others

Died September 9, 1889

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John Bennion

Born July 9, 1820
Hawarden, Flintshire, Wales
Husband to 3 wives, father to 27 children
Farmer, sheep & cattle man

Joined L.D.S. Church in 1840
Arrived in Nauvoo 1842
Worked on Nauvoo Temple
Captain in Nauvoo Legion
Served in Walker Indian War 1853
Served against Johnston's Army in 1857
Presided over North Jordan Ward for 4 years
Called to Muddy River Mission 1868-1873
Manager of Muddy River Livestock co-op venture
Bishop in Muddy River-Long Valley Area
Genealogy mission to Wales 1872
Justice of the peace
Instrumental in educational activities
Election clerk

Died September 1, 1877

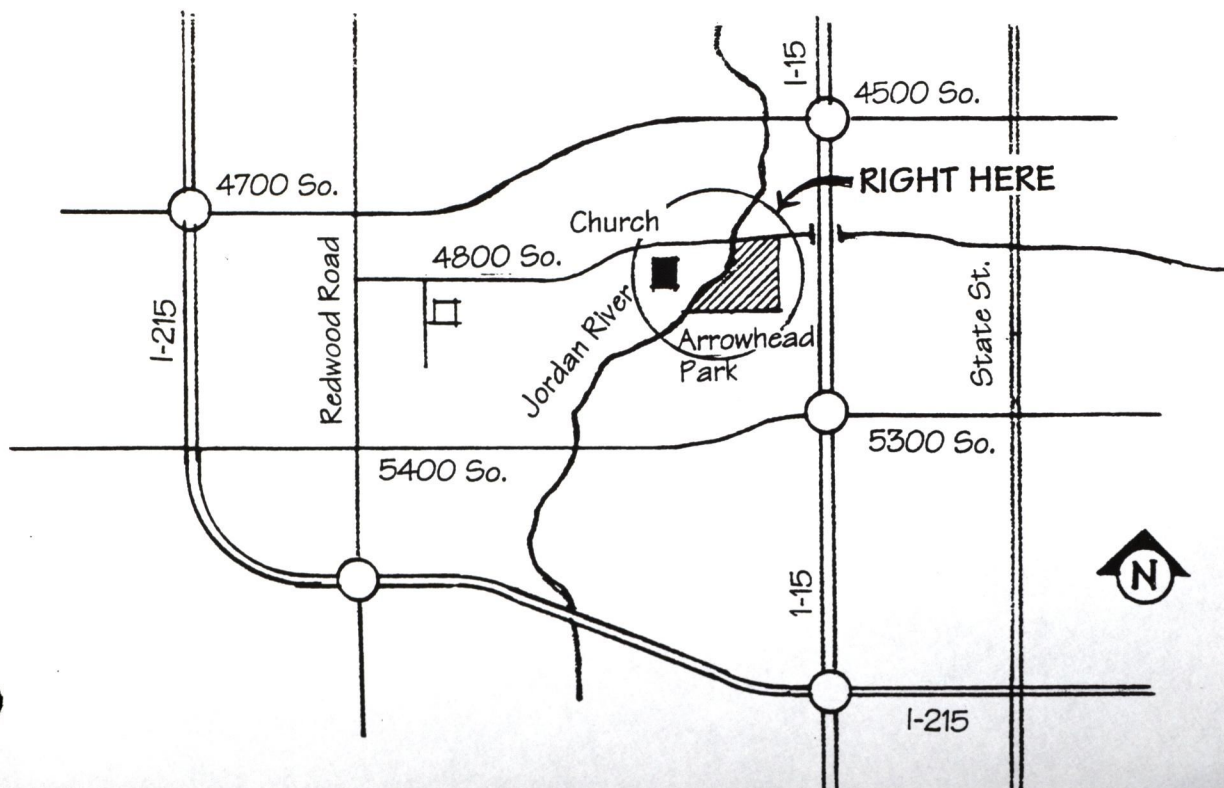
Samuel Bennion Family Home

Funded by the Bennion Family Association, 1997
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Memorial Plaque Dedication and Bennion Family Reunion

- Who:** All descendents of John and Samuel Bennion are invited, and bring your friends and guests
- What:** Sunday evening fireside, dedication of the memorial, and the last "BIG" Bennion Family Association reunion
- Where:** Taylorsville LDS Meetinghouse, 955 West 4800 South
- When:** Sunday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. (before dark)

The monument is near the meetinghouse, in Arrowhead Park just off 4800 S., along the Provo-Jordan River Parkway. After the devotional in the chapel, we will walk or carpool (1/2 mile) to the monument site for the dedication.



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