



**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.** Gail Holmes will speak on "A History of Bethlehem and Coonsville, Iowa: How and Why They Were Taken Away and Renamed Sharpsburg and Glenwood" and "Dr. Lebbeus Thaddeus Coons: How and Why the Good Doctor Built Mormon Towns in Mills County".  
*Auto Tour* to Coonsville, Rushville and Bethlehem to follow at 2:30 p.m.

**Mormon Trail Center - Lower Level**

## March Recap

### LUKE WILLIAM GALLUP

*Highlights from the presentation by Jeanine Bingham*

Luke William Gallup was born February 27, 1822 in Ledyard, Connecticut. On November 30, 1849 at the age of 27, Luke arrived in Kanessville, Iowa. Like felt drawn to this area. He was told "beware of the Mormons". He was baptized a member of the Church in March of 1850.

In April 1850, he married his wife Lydia Cook. Luke kept a very detailed journal. He wrote about the weather, prices of things, the work he did and how much he earned,

the names of the people he came in contact with, the places he traveled and the distance, the letters he sent and received, his thoughts and feelings and poems. On June 20, 1850, he departed with a wagon train for Salt Lake City. As quoted from Remembering Winter Quarters/Council Bluffs by Paul and Karen Larsen, "Luke and Lydia arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on October 2, 1850 after one hundred and seven days on the journey. They first located in Tooele, west of Salt Lake. After living in wagon beds for one year they finally moved into a new log house, in Springville, Utah in June 1851. While in Springville, Luke taught school, earning \$1.00 a day as well as farming wheat. He continued his love for writing and maintained an extensive journal. Luke served a mission to Connecticut from 1871-1872. In 1888, due to hurt feelings caused by difficulties with local church leaders, he moved to Santa Anna, California where he left the Church and joined the American Secular Union. He died in 1891 at sixty-nine years of age."

*For the entire presentation by Jeanine Bingham, please visit our website at [www.pioneerheritage.org](http://www.pioneerheritage.org).*

## IOWA COUNTIES ORGANIZED BY LDS PIONEERS:

### State and National Ramifications

*Highlights from the presentation by Gail Holmes*

I hate to admit this, but for nearly 50 years I have been trying unsuccessfully to learn when and by whom the counties of southwestern Iowa were created. Two, of course, were very easy - Pottawattamie and Mills Counties because they are abundantly documented in LDS records.. Public records reveal nothing about when or by whom Harrison, Shelby, Cass, Montgomery, Adams, Fremont, Page, and Taylor Counties were organized. Oh yes, the *Official Register of Iowa* does give dates. It coyly lists the southwestern Iowa counties as being established in 1851, along with 40 other counties in the very same year. Even more smartly, the *Official Register of Iowa* lists the southern tier of southwestern Iowa counties as having been established in 1847, one year before it established Pottawattamie County as including all of the Pottawattamie Purchase - that is, all of southwestern Iowa, down to the Missouri State line. That land was, from 1837 to 1847, the sole province of the Pottawattamie/Ottawa/Chippewa Indians.

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# CALENDAR of Events

**Friday, May 20**

**7:00 p.m.**

Vaughn Johnson will present *“Joseph Wellington Coolidge – Joseph Smith’s Executor in Nauvoo – Settler and Resident of Coonsville/Glenwood, Iowa”* and Gail Holmes will speak on *“Fort Croghan, Council Point, and the Middle Mormon Ferry”*.

**Saturday, June 25**

**1:30 p.m.**

Jarene Fluckiger will give a presentation on *“Amy Sumner Porter: A Winter Quarters Pioneer Who is Buried at Winter Quarters with her Twin Boys”*.

**Friday, July 15**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, July 16**

**7:30 p.m.**

*“Preparing the Way: A Visit with Pioneer Anna Clark Hale.”*  
A one woman play in one act by Carole Waterman.

**Saturday, August 27**

**1:30 p.m.**

*“Mormon Pioneer Days of Crescent, Iowa”* **Auto tour** to historic sites in Crescent, Iowa.

**Friday, September 23**

**6:30 p.m.**

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, Dutch Oven Pioneer Dinner and Special Presentation.

**Friday, October 7**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 8**

**7:30 p.m.**

*“Voices of Winter Quarters”* A play written and directed by Carole Waterman.

*All meetings are held at the Mormon Trail Center*

*3215 State Street  
Omaha, NE 68112*

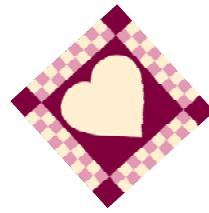
*Schedule subject to change.*



Florence celebrates its heritage with a parade and other activities the third weekend of May 2005. Organized by the Florence Historical Foundation, the parade continues a tradition that started with a horse club parade in 1962.

This year's parade will commence at 1:00p.m. on Saturday, May 21 on 30<sup>th</sup> Street from Miller Park to McKinley Street. During the celebration, a children's carnival and music will be at Mormon Park, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Mormon Trail Center and the Pioneer Heritage Society will have a booth set up at Mormon Park.



## A Quilt Show

*“Cherished Treasures”*

*at the Mormon Trail Center  
3215 State Street*

*May 2 to May 21*

*Open Daily 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

*No Admission Charge*

*For more information, please call  
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### IOWA COUNTIES ORGANIZED BY LDS PIONEERS *continued*

The Pottawattamie, far outnumbering the Ottawa and Chippewa, kindly received periodic covered wagon trains of religious refugees from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) driven out of Illinois by mobs in 1846. As is the nature of virtually all Indians, the Pottawattamie took pity on the sick, utterly exhausted, and desperately poor LDS, declaring they the Pottawattamie, too, had been driven away from Illinois and the Great Lakes area where there was plenty of timber and clear water everywhere. Having already agreed to remove from southwestern Iowa to a reservation in northeastern Kansas, the chiefs invited the LDS to use all the timber they wanted and all the land not actually occupied by their five widely scattered tribal villages in southwestern Iowa.

We all are aware of the mob violence faced by Mormons in Ohio, Missouri, and Illinois. Not as many know of the makings of such violence in Iowa, but it came to a boiling point while many of the LDS lived in southwestern Iowa during the election year of 1848.

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