



Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and  
Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

*Preparing the Way:  
A Visit With Pioneer Anna Clark Hale*  
by Carole Waterman

Mormon Trail Center - Lower Level  
Refreshments and an opportunity to visit with Carole following the play

**AMY SUMNER PORTER: A WINTER QUARTERS PIONEER WHO  
IS BURIED AT WINTER QUARTERS WITH HER TWIN BOYS**

*Highlights from the May 2005 presentation by Jarene Fluckiger*

On June 25, 2005, Jarene Fluckiger did a presentation on Amy Sumner Porter. Jarene was born 31 December, 1951 in Afton, Wyoming. She is the oldest of seven children. After living 18 years in the San Francisco Bay Area, she graduated from Brigham Young University in Psychology and then got a Masters in Special Education from Utah State University in Logan. She taught elementary school in Malad, Idaho and Star Valley, Wyoming until 1993 at which time she pursued a doctorate in education which enabled her to prepare elementary school teachers at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in the College of Education, where she is currently teaching. In 1980, she went on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Toulouse, France. She is the great, great, great granddaughter of Amy Sumner Porter.

Amy Sumner Porter is one of the only Mormon Pioneers buried at the Pioneer Memorial Cemetery that has a readable headstone. It reads "AMY P." She was born Feb 22, 1815 in Derby, Ohio and was married to Chauncy Warriner Porter on Dec. 6, 1833. The Sextant at Winter Quarters recorded that Amy died of scurvy at 32 years, 1 month and 14 days and is buried in grave 125 in the Winter Quarters Cemetery.

As reported by Carlyle B. Jensen and Gail George Holmes, her stone was a valuable landmark as it still lies over the spot where she was laid to rest. Knowing the exact location of her grave number and the size of the graves thus helped to guide the creation of a grid identifying the location of all those buried in the Cemetery. Locating all the graves was a necessary step in preparation for the building of the Winter Quarters Temple, so that any remains within the temple building site next to the cemetery could be removed and laid safely to rest within the cemetery boundaries.

Just three months and 24 days before Amy's death, she had lost her twin boys Benjamin and Joseph Porter. They were born 11 December 1846 in Winter Quarters and both died the next day on 12 December 1846. The sextant record does not list why the twins died, but lists them as sons of Chancy W. and Emma Porter, a name variant for Amy. They were both buried in the same grave number 38, about 60 feet more or less southwest of where Amy was later buried.

*For more information on Jarene's presentation, please visit our website at: [www.pioneerheritage.org](http://www.pioneerheritage.org)*

## The search for Sarah Lester Thorne and Little Pigeon...

Matt Smith and Grant Thorne will be presenting information on the pioneer town of Little Pigeon and the search for pioneer Sarah Lester Thorne's grave (great-great-great grandmother of Grant Thorne) and how that search has revealed information about Little Pigeon on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

Where exactly is it located? Evidence indicates that it may be the same location as present-day Crescent, Iowa. Additionally, information will be presented about notable LDS/RLDS pioneer and farmer, Henry A. Terry, who lived in Little Pigeon/Crescent and how his history may provide the link.

Auto tour to the Crescent area will begin at approximately 2:30 p.m.

## CALENDAR of Events

**Saturday, August 27** 1:30 p.m.  
"Mormon Pioneer Days of Crescent, Iowa" Auto tour to historic sites in Crescent, Iowa at 2:30 p.m.

**Friday, September 23** 6:30 p.m.  
Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, Dutch Oven Pioneer Dinner and Special Presentation.

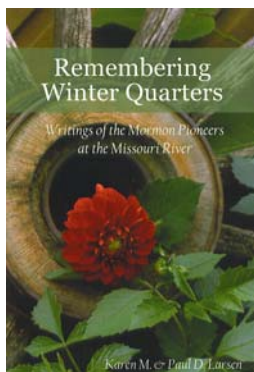
**Friday, October 7** 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, October 8** 7:30 p.m.  
"Voices of Winter Quarters" A play written and directed by Carole Waterman, performed at the Kanessville Tabernacle.

No Meetings Scheduled for November and December.

All meetings are held at the Mormon Trail Center unless otherwise noted.

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Schedule subject to change.



## Are You Looking for a Good Book?

Paul and Karen Larsen have just published a new edition of their book *Remembering Winter Quarters*. It is a compilation of journal and reminiscence accounts written by the Mormon Pioneers on the banks of the Missouri River. The accounts include biographical information and pictures of the pioneers. The book also contains pictures of the Winter Quarters Temple, the Pioneer Cemetery, and sketches by George Simons of the area that were drawn in about 1854, shortly after the general Mormon exodus. The book sells for \$15.95 at the Winter Quarters Book Store, Deseret Book and other LDS bookstores.

## Connor Meigs: Retrospective Dialogue

An exhibit of Paintings, Sculptures,  
Drawings and Editorial Cartoons by  
Robert Connor Meigs

**June 1 to August 31, 2005**

*The Florence Mill*  
9102 North 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Omaha, Nebraska  
(next to I-680, Exit 13)

Hours: 1-5 PM  
Tuesday through Sunday

## Are You A Current Member?

Membership is not required to attend meetings but is necessary to receive the newsletters and mailings.

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Family:	\$25
Senior:	\$10
Student:	\$10
Senior Family:	\$15
Student Family:	\$15

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