

A HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY
SERVING CACHE COUNTY, UTAH

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INTRODUCTION

The following brief history of the library serving Cache County has been compiled for the newly appointed Cache County Library Board of Trustees in the hope that the information will serve as a background and will simplify the board's understanding of past board actions, policies and problems.

This information was gathered from official minutes of the Cache County Commissioners, Logan City Commissioners, minutes of the Logan City Library Board, Cache County Library Board, local newspaper articles, interviews with local citizens and information prepared by Mrs. Janet Osborne of the Cache County League of Women Voters. Most helpful were the conversations with the librarian, Miss Virginia Hanson.

Many gaps remain in this history, and I apologize for any errors of understanding or any omissions. It is remarkable to me that Cache County has library services at all, considering the local dissension, diversity of interests and idealism on what constitutes a library, lack of funds and in the past a general lack of support from many local public officials. It is my hope we can now effectively join to bridge these philosophical and financial differences and help provide Cache County the library we so desperately need.

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Books were among the scant possessions early settlers brought to Cache Valley. Since the turn of the century there had been talk of a library for Logan City. St. John's Episcopalian church opened a reading room in 1906 on West Center Street. Three years later, when the church was completed on First East and First North, the books were moved to the basement of the rectory. The Cache Stake M.I.A. of the L.D.S. church had installed some book shelves in the Stake House, also on First North, as early as 1912.

On April 18, 1916, George Thomas, W. R. Owen and H. E. Hatch appeared before the Logan City Board of Commissioners with a petition asking the Commissioners to establish and maintain a public library and reading room. The petition was approved by the mayor, P. A. Thatcher, and both commissioners, James Larsen and John Quayle.

On June 5, 1916 they appointed the following nine members as directors of the Public Library: Weston Vernon, George Thomas, O. H. Budge, E. T. Lewis, P. A. Thatcher, Joseph Odell, Margaret Wilkinson, Edith Bowen and Mary Sorenson. The newly appointed board held an organizational meeting a week later to decide upon 1-2-3 year alternating terms. Dr. Vernon was elected president and Miss Wilkinson, secretary. Both still held these offices in May of 1933, seventeen years later. A committee on laws and by-laws was appointed and a site committee selected. They were requested to investigate the Brigham City Library and how it had been started.

It was hoped the new library could obtain a site on Tabernacle Square, but on October 20th it was reported that there was no possibility of a portion of that property. Meanwhile the Stake House served as a temporary library and reading room. The books of St. John's Episcopalian Church reading room (between 1200 and 1500) were turned over to the new library. The first purchases were magazines, selected from a list presented by the magazine committee. Discussion of magazines occupies an unusually large part of the early board minutes. Four hundred dollars was appropriated for the first purchase of books at the March 6, 1917 meeting.

Miss Crockett served as a temporary librarian and Miss Mae Hansen was the first full time librarian and was hired in the summer of 1917 at a salary of \$25.00 a month. This was raised to \$30.00 by January, 1918. (A niece of Miss Hansen's from California for many years sent an annual contribution to the library in honor of her aunt. There is today a memorial shelf in Miss Hansen's name in the large reading room.)

Interesting early discussion at board meetings besides the problem of a site, included the question of opening the library on Sunday (left for future action), how to notify the public the new building was open (contact the M.I.A. Board), and to appoint a committee to select and erect a sign. This last minor matter was discussed at almost every board meeting starting in March of 1917, and the sign was still not in place over a year later.

"A bill for painting shelves (85¢) was passed by motion" June 6, 1917. Also at a June meeting it was moved that the reading room be opened "from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday with the understanding that the books be not used." The motion carried.

A bill for a dictionary was approved on September 5, 1917 and an atlas was purchased one year later. The library entered the war effort, when it was suggested reading matter be furnished "any troops that might be on duty near." The standing committees of October, 1917 included: Room, Publicity, Magazines, Books, Rules and Site. Sunday opening seemed to have been a stickler. It was discussed and deferred again in November, 1917. The Board initiated a story hour in 1919 and the story teller was paid 75¢.

The early library board must have been a determined group. Although during 1918 the War Industries Board disapproved of the erection of any public building not necessary for war purposes, the board wrote a letter to the Carnegie Foundation asking for advice. (See Appendix A)

A year later Mayor Roy Bullen and Mr. Vernon journeyed to New York to interview the Secretary of the Carnegie Foundation, only to be told that all money was tied up in Liberty Loans. Their expenses for this trip, \$588.00, were paid by the city.

The Logan Library Board was also greatly involved in the 1919 county library movement. They sent representatives to Salt Lake City to help prepare a county library bill, Masters House Bill #97, to establish county libraries at county seats under an act of the legislature. As a result of that bill, the County Library Board was organized in July, 1919. This board included three members of

the city library board, Mr. Vernon, Rev. E. T. Lewis and Mayor Bullen, chairman. Wen Murray of Wellsville and W. Ballard of Newton were the other members.

The City Board minutes report in May, 1920, the County had taken over the expenses of running the library and had placed an order for four or five thousand books. In October 1920 the Logan City Library was consolidated with the Cache County Public Library and the Library Board of Cache County under a contract to provide for the erection of a library building at Logan. The county agreed to "levy each year not less than three tenths (.3) of a mill upon the taxable property of the County for library purposes until such time as a sufficient sum to erect such library is accumulated."¹

The Logan Library Board had acquired property on the corner of Main Street and Second North. As part of the contract, Logan City was to provide the building site. This "Main Street" property was leased and the rental money added to the building fund. If the county failed to maintain the library everything reverted back to the city. Transfer was made of all books, equipment and money to the Director of the Cache County Library. (See Appendix B)

In the fall of 1920 the library was moved to West First North, where it occupied property owned by Mr. H. J. Dewitt. The sign reading "Grocteria" was painted over to read "Public Library" and the rent was \$60.00 a month. This was later raised to \$100.00. The leaky roof was a problem and once water marks spoiled a newly painted ceiling and threatened the book collection. Mr. Dewitt

¹Cache County Library Board Minutes Contract, Sept. 13, 1920, p. 3.

claimed the rent was so low that it was the Board's responsibility to maintain the building. Despite attempts to move to more adequate quarters, the library remained in the Dewitt property until it was moved to its new home, in 1932. Years later, a faithful Board member, Mr. A. N. Sorensen, would refer to this early library as "a dungeon."¹

Miss Dora Wright was hired as head librarian in the fall of 1920, at a salary of \$100.00. She held this position until her retirement in 1944. The county set a millage rate for the library at one tenth (.1).² The millage rate did go up during the twenties, but on August 6, 1930 the county millage rate for the library fund was again one tenth (.1) mill. It is interesting to note the poor fund received .35 mills, dependent mothers fund .35 mills and the fair fund .15 mills.³

Records show the average daily attendance at the new library during February, 1921, was 112 people with 2,763 books loaned out. An assistant librarian was hired for \$26.00 a month. Many assistant librarians were to come and go during the next thirty years. A janitor was employed for 50¢ a day and all the books needing repair were authorized to be repaired at a cost of 15¢ per volume.

Miss Wright requested an increase in salary in October 1922. The request was deferred. So began a long battle between librarian and board for a salary increase. In 1923 she was given an increase of \$15.00 and was allowed "time for lunch."

¹ Logan Herald Journal. Sept. 7, 1956.

² Minutes of the Cache County Commissioners Meeting. Book J, p. 203, Aug. 2, 1920.

³ Minutes of the Cache County Commissioners Meeting. Book L, p. 25, Aug. 6, 1930.

Representatives of the County Library Board did meet with the County Commissioners to remind them of their agreement to levy a three tenths (.3) mill tax. The original contract was read to the Commissioners.¹

The library site committee was busy during the twenties. Every available piece of property for rent or sale in Logan was investigated by the Board as to its suitability for a library. Hope ran high in 1926 that the B. Y. Library could be obtained for Cache County and an offer of \$10,000 was made to purchase the Mechanic Arts Building on the old B. Y. campus (present location of Logan High School). The minutes don't reflect what transpired but obviously the offer was rejected. Board activity really increased in 1930 and the Board met 23 times, compared to only two meetings in 1924 and four in 1925.

A one inch headline appeared in the Logan paper, The Logan Journal, for April 25, 1930, "Library Assured." (See Appendix C) The first sub-heading reads, "L.D.S. Church Deeds Site on East First North and Vernon Avenue Corner for Stately Brick Edifice..." The article begins,

At last the long cherished dream of Logan city and Cache county that an adequate and worthy library building to be the central unit of the Cache county library system would be built in Logan, is to be realized.

Plans are going forward immediately for the erection of a \$50,000 edifice of fire-proof brick construction on the corner of First North and Vernon avenue, on the L.D.S. church property immediately east of the Stake house. The Mormon church has very generously deeded the property over to the county library board with the express stipulation that if the ground is not used for library purposes it reverts back to the church. In return for the gift of this property, the county library board is going to build a five room cottage for the residence of the church janitor. Removal of the historic old tithing office dwelling which now stands

¹Cache County Library Board Minutes. June 11, 1923.

on the library site is to be undertaken at once and ground broken for the new building, according to an announcement made this morning by Dr. Weston Vernon, who now is and has been since 1916, chairman of the Logan city library board.

Funding for the building was to be provided by Logan City, Cache County and various civic and private organizations. The largest single contributor would be the local American Legion, Post No. 7.

Construction certainly began on the "edifice" but not on the property to be deeded to the Library Board by the L.D.S. Church, rather on the corner of First North and First East. This property was purchased from the Preston family, Kate, W. B., Kathryn, Alex and George, for \$4,000.00. The reason given for not using the "choice building spot" offered by the Mormon Church was the Library Board's desire to cooperate in providing a home for the American Legion,¹ providing another interesting chapter of controversy surrounding the Cache County Library.

At the end of World War I the American Legion had a "war chest fund" of \$12,500.00 to be used for the purchase of a "Soldiers' Memorial Park". The Legion turned this money over to the City with the idea that the City would add \$3,000.00 annually for ten years for the park. After several years the Legion agreed to let the City use the money for the construction of a library, provided it would be built as a memorial to the war dead and the Legion would have offices and recreation space in the building.

The building contract was drawn up September 12, 1930; by February 1931 construction was well underway. The American Legion

¹The Daily Herald, Logan, Utah, Feb. 9, 1931.

was to use the ground floor of the building as a meeting place, and the main floor was to contain the library, including a genealogy room, children's reading room and an auditorium.

But the agreement between the American Legion and the Library Board had been only oral. When the board presented a lease to the Legion, the Legion turned it down as unsatisfactory and demanded the City return their money, which they claimed now equalled \$14,500.00 or almost one-half the cost of the building. The Legion was represented by Dr. W. W. Merrill, O. W. Pedersen, George B. Heinrich, Judge Preston, and Percy E. Smith. The local papers carried lively accounts of the charges and actions by both the Legion and the Board. An editorial in February of '31 proclaimed, "Let There Be Peace!".

Many Logan citizens are strongly of the opinion that the present tempest between the Library Board and the American Legion can be settled amiably in a few hours.

The Herald believes that's what should be done...

The public is getting tired of the wrangling. And after all, the public is the boss in this, as in all other civic matters. Let us not loose track of that important fact....

The citizens dug down in their pockets for that money as they stood on the sidewalks cheering the boys marching to the tune of martial music with guns on their shoulders to fight for 'democracy,' or something. The public gave that money in memory and honor of the boys who faced German shell fire, sloshed through mud and rain and snow....

Get together, fellows, and let's stop that eternal wrangling!

It would seem the legion's money did indeed go to the construction of the library. The City Commissioners claimed the memorial park existed as the City's tribute to the heroes of the

war. All that remains of the controversy is the cornerstone of the Library, which reads:

Honoring
Cache County
Soldiers--Sailors
Marines--Nurses
1917-1919

The City Library Board had not met, per se, for ten years, but was called together again when construction of the new building began. The Board was read a letter from the chairman of the Cache County Library Board, Mr. W. W. Hall, requesting funds for the building. (See Appendix D) The "immediate concern of the City Board was to complete the new building" and so the financial obligation was assumed by the City Board.

One must note that no mention of this latest financial difficulty is contained in the County Library Board minutes, nor is there a copy of Mr. Hall's letter to the City Board. This came from the City Library Board minutes.

By May the building was essentially completed and the City Board inspected the site with members of the County Library Board. The building was dedicated February 3, 1932. County Commissioner, W. W. Hall, as president of the Library Board, signed the construction contracts:

General Contractor, John H. Moser.	\$24,659.50
Electrical Contractor, H. Laub, Cache Valley Electric Co.	1,150.00
Plumbing and Heating Contractor, A.H. Palmer	6,010.00
(actual work came to \$6,435.25)	
Total contracts	<u>\$32,172.50</u>

The architect was Mr. Leslie Hodgson who was paid \$1,608.00.

(See Appendix E)

The Business and Professional Women's Club and the Clio Club provided library furnishings. Both are local women's organizations. The Junior Red Cross had a small amount of money left over from war collections which was used in furnishing the children's room. Both the BFW and the Boy Scout Executive Committee requested use of the ground floor. The BFW provided furnishings in lieu of rent.

At the January '32 meeting a financial statement was read, and it was noted that "any provision for the maintenance of the library had been omitted from the County budget, it was moved and carried unanimously that the salary of the librarian be reduced from \$115.00 to \$90.00 per month."¹ (From September 1932 to December 1934 Miss Wright was paid \$75.00.)

The ground had hardly settled when dissatisfaction over ownership arose again. The City Board met April 5, 1933, to read a proposal signed by the city and county representatives to transfer control of the library to the City Board. A future name for the library was even discussed and deferred.

Two weeks later the City Board found the agreement proposed by the County Commission and prepared by the county attorney to be unsatisfactory. Dr. Vernon was empowered to meet again with the County Board to come to a more suitable agreement. It was suggested this agreement be limited to the library building with the county having free use of the building facilities until January, 1936.

"There was a sentiment expressed by the County Commissioners that the library be retained as a county library, but that Logan City be asked to contribute to the upkeep." The agreement between city and county on library control was returned to the lawyer.

¹Cache County Library Board Minutes, Jan. 6, 1932.

On this note the seventeen year ledger of the city library minutes ends, May 11, 1933. Of the original nine members present on June 5, 1916, five were present for this last entry, Vernon, Odell, Wilkinson, Bowen and Sorenson.

There was much lively activity concerning the library that summer of '33. Finally a public meeting was held August 3rd at which no one protested the contract whereby Logan City deeded one-half of the property, building, improvements (furniture, fixtures, books, etc.) to Cache County. County and city were each to pay one-half of the operating expenses, including any additions. The contract was to be in force for 25 years. The library would be operated jointly by boards of city and county. The county would levy a tax for their one-half cost, after deducting the portion of that tax raised in Logan.¹ The county set its millage rate at .15 mills. (See Appendix F)

At this same period of time Mayor Richardson and Bishop Lowe of Smithfield asked the county to assist Smithfield library as part of the county library system.² Smithfield was paying \$2,000.00 per year to maintain its Carnegie library.³

The following committee report was recorded October 12, 1933:

The management and control of said library is delegated to a Logan City Library Board consisting of nine members, appointed by the Logan City Commission, and a Cache County Library Board consisting of five members, appointed by the County Commissioners, in accordance with State Laws. These boards shall have equal authority. Membership on the one board shall not disqualify for appointment on the other board. On the contrary, we endorse the procedure already established of appointing a limited number as members of both boards. In line with plan, whenever practicable the same member shall be secretary of both boards.

¹Cache County Commission Minutes, Book L, p. 354.

²Ibid. Book L, p. 334, May 5, 1933.

³Ibid. Book L, p. 338, May 26, 1933.

The boards heretofore referred to shall meet separately at such times and places as each board may determine, but shall meet jointly on the second Wednesday of January, April, July, and October of each year, and at such other times as the executive committee may request.

In order that the affairs of the library may be taken care of promptly between meetings of the joint board, an executive committee is hereby provided for, consisting of the president of the Logan City board, the chairman of the county board, the mayor of Logan City, the county commissioner member of the county library board and the secretary of the two boards.¹

And so the County appointed five people and the City nine to the new joint Cache County Library Board. The chairman was the ubiquitous Dr. Weston Vernon. The executive board met monthly to approve bills, write requests for equipment and acknowledge gifts. Many years went by with no discussion or approval of funds for the purchase of books.

Miss Wright continued to ask the board for an increase in salary, but the subject was usually deferred. She was receiving \$100.00 again by 1936.

One source of library books was Mr. L. Boyd Hatch. Mr. Hatch, New York financier, who had been born and raised in Logan, presented the books to the library as a memorial to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hatch. The librarian periodically submitted titles to Mr. Hatch and he supplemented these with "some very valuable books beyond the reach of small libraries."²

But the Hatch selections contained very few children's books. Since 1916 the only source of revenue for book purchases had been from rental fees. Finally in 1937, \$500.00 was appropriated for

¹Cache County Library Board Minutes, October 12, 1933.
²Ibid. October 8, 1936.

the purchase of 220 children's books to be distributed through the schools to the children in the county. "Prof. A. N. Sorensen expressed his joyful appreciation that now after a dearth of more than 16 years the board had made its first appropriation for books in all that time."¹ The total monies appropriated by the city and county for 1937 and 1938 was \$3,500 per year.

Commissioner William Worley reviewed the history of the library finances at the January 2, 1940 meeting, stating that the administration previous to his election had recommended the severing of the county from the library and the discontinuance of the county support in funds. Upon his election he had asked the mayors of the various cities their attitude towards a county library by appropriating a tax levy. Agreement was made for Logan City to pay an amount equal to the county. Comm. Worley explained that Richmond, Lewiston and Smithfield had established libraries thereby taking their share of the appropriation and this had reduced the amount of the county's appropriation for the Cache County Library and if this practice spread to other cities the amount available for this library might be greatly reduced unless a burdensome tax be placed upon those towns remaining.

The genealogy room was located on the main floor where the reference room is now. Gunnar Rasmuson reported in 1940,

The genealogical room the most patronized of any place in the library. That the organization could use many more books for its research. They could use \$200.00 very well now and suggest that in the face of the destruction in the eastern hemisphere that it is important that books be got while they might be available.²

¹Ibid. July 8, 1937.
²Ibid. April 3, 1940.

The books purchased for the genealogy room amounted to almost one-third of the acquisition budget in 1944 (\$309.39 for genealogy and \$689.21 for general library¹). Magazines had once shared the genealogy reading room but had been removed as being "unsightly."

"Due to the reserve which had accumulated primarily because of payment of back taxes, the commission had reduced the 1944 levy from 1/10 mill to 1/20 of a mill."² In July a new board member, Prof. H. H. Cutler, challenged this decision. "The library had been operating all these years on 'a shoe string.' The accumulated fund should have been used and should now be used in addition to the 1/10 of a mill." Prof. Cutler favored "machinery for and diligence in correcting this before the County Commissioners make their '45 budget."³ The commissioners merely complained that the Library Board did not send sufficient nor properly prepared budgets to the commissioners.

Many private patrons did realize the value of the library and came to its aid. A piano was given by the Logan Business and Professional Women's Club. The Associated Library Clubs gave a statue of Lincoln. The Carnegie Foundation sent \$2,000.00 worth of books. The D. W. Pittmans contributed eight sets of children's books, "marble-inlaid linoleum (double A-grade)" and art books. The Rotary Club gave the library \$100.00 for books and the A. C. Womens club, two oak tables and twelve chairs. And "Boyd Hatch was still sending books to the library at the rate of about \$500.00

¹Ibid. July 5, 1944.
²Ibid. Jan. 5, 1944.
³Ibid. July 5, 1944.

each year which has proved to be one of the main features of making the library of real value."¹ Mr. Hatch continued to support the library until his death in 1957.

In 1943 both the librarian, Dora Wright, and the assistant librarian, Virginia Hanson, were increased in salary to \$1,500.00 a year.

So popular was the library that in 1939 it was kept open until 10:00 P.M. week-nights. The auditorium was rented for \$1.00 per meeting and was popular with ladies clubs and dancing classes. The B.P.W. sponsored an annual art show.

Lais Vernon Hales was welcomed as a new member of the Board in July, 1941, "continuing the term of her father, the late Weston Vernon... the Board considered that no other person had done so much for the library."

Indeed, the first thirty years of the Cache County library's history were full of action and results. The library had become well established in the community and the building served as the community cultural center. Mrs. Don Warren Pittman, a Library Board member, and for many years the "Library Art Administrator" (a title invented for her)², gave a talk over radio station KVVU in 1940. This was printed by the Cache American on May 2, 1940:

Citizens of Logan and of Cache County must have a deep sense of pride when they think of the Cache County Public Library...Stepping across its outer threshold, the visitor is instantly conscious that within these walls there reposes a warmth and geniality of atmosphere--a haven of culture and beauty...On entering the foyer through the

¹Ibid. July 7, 1939.

²Ibid. October 4, 1944.

French doors, attention is directed to the substantial and well designed charging desk...to the gay rugs on the floor, to the lovely tall mahogany clock, to the colorful Japanese prints in fitting frames, to the upholstered chair and the comfortable rocking chairs--all of which lend themselves to the atmosphere of comfort, beauty and culture... Against the north wall, under the windows, stands an exquisitely carved East Indian screen. A heavy round solid oak table, looking as if it had just stepped out from some comfortable and well-furnished home, attracts the eye... Nor have the children been forgotten in this realm of beauty and culture...A large framed mural, known as the Irene Fletcher Mural graces the unbroken east wall--a mural depicting wellknown and beloved characters from children's books...The quiet beauty and simplicity of the Children's room bespeak culture...On the lower floor of the Cache County Library, in the Auditorium, again one wonders at the furnishings--the fine old Knabe grand piano, the forty well-made chairs and table to match, the drapes...and over the mantle of the fireplace a lovely oil painting...created by Ester E. Paulsen...An iron grate has been placed in the fireplace, making possible a cheery crackling fire for the various groups which in the last ten years have come to look upon the Auditorium as an ideal meeting place. The Auditorium also offers a perfect setting for the annual art exhibits...

Mrs. Pittman asked how all this could be possible:

Obviously, the money provided by the county and city for the maintenance of the Cache County Library does not permit of their purchase [sic]...These rare and expensive books, these art treasures, these pieces of furniture, the pianos, floor coverings...charging desk...in fact everything mentioned has come from friends of the library--both individuals and organizations.

Through the efforts of the Don Pittmans and others the library did build up and maintain "one of the state's finest and most complete collections of art literature and art reproductions."¹

Mrs. Pittman also organized, in 1938, the Associated Clubs Library Committee, known as Friends of the Library. This group provided financial assistance, encouraged its member clubs to give books to the library, and sponsored programs in the building.

¹Ibid. October 4, 1944.

These very popular programs included a lecture on juvenile delinquency, play reviews, musicals. Pres. A. Ray Olpin of the University of Utah gave a talk in 1954. A Great Books course was directed by Dr. Daryl Chase and Dr. M. L. Nielsen and met on Sunday afternoons. Other speakers included Dr. Sterling McMurrin, former U. S. Commissioner of Education, Prof. L. J. Arrington, who discussed "The United Order" and Prof. Walter Welte, who presented operas.¹

"Irving Wasserman, a skilled pianist from Vienna, was presented in a piano concert." (Cache American, May 2, 1940)

Mrs. Pittman recommended that a third floor be added to the library. This new addition could be the center of the art, literary and musical life of the community. Indeed by adding a third floor, Mrs. Pittman reports, "Thus, would the Cache County Library ultimately become the center of culture not only for northern Utah but for the state as a whole. The fulfillment of the desire of many to make Logan the 'Athens of the State' would be realized!"²

Miss Dora Wright resigned as head librarian in the summer of 1944, after having served 25 years. Mr. A. N. Sorensen, as President of the Board, sent her a letter of appreciation.

On the eve of your departing to fresh woods and new pastures we recall the numerous inhibitions and comicalities which we met during our years in the Dungeon. We credit you with managerial wizardry in succeeding financially when our budget was meager. We see you as janitor, florist, publicity committee, and receiver of complaints.

The library was referred to as "dispensers of sweetness and light" and mention was made of the "wholesome, cultural influence which should emanate from a County library." (See Appendix G)

¹Ibid. January 7, 1953.

²Cache American. May 2, 1940.

Miss Virginia Hanson became head librarian. Her first recorded act, in October of '44, was to write the board and request a telephone for the library. She had had to do all her phoning from home, and "it is most inconvenient to make calls at 9:30 and 10:00 o'clock in the evening." She reminded the board that Brigham library had a phone, although the number was unlisted to "eliminate unnecessary calls from the outside." The matter was tabled.¹

Events ran smoothly during the forties, at least according to the minutes. The building always needed attention. Because the budget never had, nor allowed for, a capital improvement fund, a leaky roof could deplete the acquisition fund. The Board realized the need to up-date the lighting system in 1947. Logan Mayor, Curtis Miner, told of tests with the city meters. "with the results that our library presented a woeful lack of proper illumination. Not one corner was adequately lighted."² But, "Negative reports on the efficiency of these fluorescent lighting systems" had been reported. After all, the lighting system installed when the building was constructed had been "considered a thing of beauty." Besides the new lighting system would cost \$3,000.00. After some discussion as to adding the new lights over a three year period the idea was tabled. The poor lights persisted. (A new lighting system was started in 1959 when new lights were added to the reading room.) "The principal topic for discussion was the catastrophe of the stoker." That was 1953. It was furnace problems in '57, leaky roof in '57, lights in '58, leaky pipes always, "roof leaking badly" in '65 and crowded shelves in '63.

¹Cache County Library Board Minutes, Oct. 4, 1944.
²Ibid. July 9, 1947.

Miss Hanson "announced an event unprecedented in the history of the institution. The check for the first quarter came from the county without solicitation, and was duly deposited with great thanksgiving..."¹ But at that same 1949 meeting the Board decided to "study the budget...and see if by some magic, we could surmount the disasters of the past, and find some money with which to keep the place from disintegrating."

The next year saw cooperation between city and county and "we have never been in a better financial condition...in view of our improved state, the librarian had the temerity to request a new book truck and a globe."² Unanimously passed.

But the opposite was more generally true; for example, in 1950, it was noted that Logan City had paid "\$1,533.30 more than Cache County...The Mayor moved...that President Sorensen write to the County Commissioners requesting that the same amount be placed to the credit of the library from their funds."³

Because there were never enough funds for repainting the building the firemen were often asked to wash the walls in their off duty hours and were paid \$1.00 an hour. The library paid all utilities for the Boy Scouts, who used rooms on the ground level for their executive offices. The scouts were approached once to ask for their share of the lighting bill, but said they were too poor and their budget did not allow for that expenditure. All utilities were also paid for the genealogy section, as well as a cash award each year of at least \$400.00 for genealogy books.

¹Ibid. April 7, 1949.

²Ibid. October 5, 1950.

³Ibid. August 3, 1950.

In 1956 the Board held a banquet for Prof. A. N. Sorensen, who was retiring after 35 years on the Board. Most of this time he had served as an officer.

Attendance at Board meetings began to wane. The Board had followed the 1933 plan: executive committee met monthly to pay bills and the entire Board convened in January (organization meeting), April, July and October (budget sometimes discussed) and each meeting after 1956 was opened with prayer. Miss Hanson was secretary of both boards and for some time was paid \$100.00 a year for this service. As the fifties advanced there were times when there was not a quorum present and important decisions had to be deferred.

Local citizens realized the library services were becoming inadequate. During the sixties a group of concerned citizens met to discuss the possibility of obtaining the bookmobile being offered the counties in Utah by the newly formed State Library Association. The American Association of University Women was instrumental in organizing meetings, doing research into the availability of books to county citizens, the cost of the bookmobile and the feasibility of implementing the waning library facilities with the use of the state bookmobile service. The work of these citizens actually covered about five years. Small group meetings were held all over the county. Every library board member was contacted. They also talked to interested bibliophiles in Brigham City and in Rich County. In Snowville, Box Elder County, the question was asked, "How can we get a bookmobile?!" And the group was told to push their commissioners to support the concept. In

the end and after exhaustive research into the needs of this community, the group's proposal to ask the state for the bookmobile for Cache County was flatly turned down by the County Commissioners. Even the Library Board was divided on the desirability of a bookmobile.¹ These active citizens became so disheartened and discouraged after their courageous attempt to improve local library facilities that they have disengaged themselves from all library participation.

All their efforts were not lost, however. Both Box Elder and Rich counties have bookmobile services.

The Library Board did not keep abreast of new state library laws. It continued to operate under the 1933 County and City contract. This was supposed to be in force for 25 years, but no one seemed aware that it had expired. In 1966, attention was brought to the Board that the library had "been operating in an unorganized, unapproved manner since 1958."² A new contract was drawn up. It restated that the City and County each own an undivided one-half interest in the assets of the library, and each shall pay one-half of all operating expenses, the budget shall be reviewed by each commission each year, the Board shall prescribe the rules and regulations and the agreement shall remain in "full force and effect on a year to year basis from the date hereof and shall be renewed automatically for the next succeeding year unless the same is terminated in writing by either of the parties hereto at least 90 days prior to the expiration of any annual period." (See Appendix H)

¹Ibid. August 1, 1960 and December 12, 1965.

²Ibid. May 5, 1966.

This last statement, allowing yearly review, is the biggest difference between the 1933 and the 1966 agreements. The contract was signed on September 13th. The Board had met September 6th and again October 11th and no mention of the contract was made. Fire hazards and fire extinguishers required its attention. It would appear most decisions concerning library operation were by this time conducted without the Board.

Board members themselves began to feel something needed to be done to upgrade existing facilities. An example of their concern is in the minutes of 1968. A member of the Board was asked and agreed to solicit help from leading members of the community. A list of names was even drawn up. The Board didn't meet again for one year. The process was repeated.¹ It was felt community involvement was necessary and the Board member was asked to contact a named, outstanding community leader. The Board didn't meet again for one year! And this same Board member was again asked to contact a community leader who "might be willing to take over the responsibilities of organization and direction" of a development fund to improve the library.²

The development of the genealogical section of the Library into the Genealogy Library is a unique, interesting chapter in the Library's history. Actually, the Genealogy Library deserves a report of its own and only a brief account will be given here.

A variety of genealogical reference materials were requested by the citizens in the county early in the Library's development.

¹Ibid. February 3, 1969.

²Ibid. January 6, 1970.

The genealogy books shared the general library shelves until the library moved to its new building, where these books were kept in what is now the reference room. The librarian handled all the accounts, acquisitions and book preparation, but a staff of volunteers began to assist those patrons interested in genealogy in 1933. General library revenue provided space, heat, lights and later telephone and janitorial services, as well as \$400.00 a year for books.

Mr. W. M. Everton devoted a great deal of time and money to the genealogy section and at one time it was recommended that the Genealogy Library be named after him. Other early contributors were L. Boyd Hatch and the A. C. Women's Club.

"Genealogically, the library is doing a flourishing business. Each day finds crowds of people doing research. The policy of having the librarian handle the finds for the department has been satisfactory thus far...shall need new machines with which to read microfilmed records. Expansion seems to be inevitable." This is from Library Board Minutes of October, 1952. The L. D. S. Stakes in the County had, by this time, been financially helping the genealogy section. One member of the Board was assigned to the Genealogy Library Committee and reported the needs and progress of this section to the Board. Mr. Gunnar Rasmussen served in this capacity for many years.

By April, 1953, the genealogical library had reorganized and "The new executive committee is from the Temple presidency, and other L.D.S. stakes are to be asked to assist in supporting the genealogical collection."¹

¹Ibid. April 1, 1953.

The first mention of moving the genealogical books to the ground floor was made in July of 1953. "The time will come when the rapidly expanding genealogical department is going to push out the rest of the library unless we can move them into the quarters now occupied by the scouts."¹ The suggestion was made that the L.D.S. Church provide a meeting place elsewhere for the scouts. "The scouts "had been given free, heated office space, ungrudgingly, for over 20 years"² and naturally did not want to move, and suggested the genealogy books be placed in the large, ground floor auditorium.

In February of 1954 a well attended meeting was held to discuss the problem of best usage of the library space and it resulted in a debate between scouts and genealogy volunteers. The genealogy workers claimed they "were doing their voluntary service to the public for the love of the work and the people, but that their big problem was lack of space...they are pushing out the rest of the library."³

In March another special meeting was called. "For the time being" the genealogical section would move to the auditorium. The scouts were given until July, 1955, to move out of their adjoining ground floor rooms. (Their actual moving date was August 1, 1956, when they moved into their present executive headquarters on Pioneer Street.) The B.P.W. were asked if they minded using the children's room for their meetings. After all, they had provided furnishings and draperies for the auditorium and had used it since

¹Ibid. October 6, 1953

²Ibid. January 6, 1954.

³Ibid. February 16, 1954.

the building's dedication. Mrs. Pittman tried to explain "the original purpose of using the auditorium for cultural activities to benefit the community," but the genealogical library group had more political clout. Shelves began going up in the auditorium and the City and County were asked to help the Genealogy Library move to the ground floor.¹ The money for the shelves came out of the Library funds as they were considered part of the "library equipment."² By October of 1954 the Genealogy Library was all moved and the volunteers were "happy in their new location." Soon shelves even covered the auditorium's fireplace.

In view of the fact that no rooms were available to rent in the Library, the "Tenants and Guests Committee" of the Board was abolished. The fact that the Library was now filled did away with a source of revenue for acquisitions, as groups traditionally paid a small rent for each meeting.

Requests for this special section of the Library read like those of the general library: separate telephones in '57, new lights the same year, and crowded conditions were mentioned as early as '62.

By 1964 the Genealogy Library was maintaining more expanded hours than the main library, as they opened six days a week at 9:00 A.M. Both sections close at 9:00 P.M. week nights and 5:00 P.M. Saturdays.

The genealogical section was completely renovated in 1964, with new plaster, cement, electrical equipment, formica, tile, draperies and painting. These improvements did not come out of

¹Ibid. July 7, 1954.

²Ibid. April 6, 1955.

the main library revenue. The annual report of this department for '64 stated that there were 7,000 books, there had been 7,000 visitors from 24 states and three countries. "All staff members are unsalaried, including the Head Librarian which is a mission call."¹

In the late fifties some concern was recorded over just who owned the books of the genealogy section, and an attorney was asked to draw up a contract concerning facilities and supplies used in the Genealogical Library. It was also decided that an "inventory be made, so that books could be identified, and that if the time for a division should arise, it would be evident that some of them are property of the public library."²

In a 1966 Genealogical Library report, by the Head Librarian, Phyllis P. Preece, she stated, "The Cache County Public Library furnished all heat, water and lights. This is a great item in the management of funds of the library." The L.D.S. stakes and private contributors complete the genealogy section's budget. They now pay their own telephone and janitorial services and since 1970 have not received the \$400.00 from the City and County tax revenue.

One last problem, that of public relations, has always been with the Library Board. Eventually, however, no attempt except on the part of the diligent librarian herself, was made to inform the County that it did indeed own a library.

¹Report of the Cache Branch Genealogical Library Open House.

²September 29, 1964.

Cache County Library Board Minutes. January 19, 1960.

Individual and club gifts didn't cease all at once, but dried up slowly. The Associated Clubs Friends of the Library Committee purchased, in 1961, an "Auto-Page book return." Miss Hanson reported, "Many long over-due books have found their way into the new receptacle. One valuable cyclopedic indexed Bible, borrowed seven years ago, was found on the second day after installation."¹

Others made contributions to the library as individuals. In 1965 the gifts totalled \$406.19; 1966, \$125.00 was recorded and in 1967 it was \$173.00.

Miss Hanson continued to answer graciously a myriad of questions and to be the Board, the staff, the public relations committee and the fund raiser. But the library had really settled down merely to dispensing the limited number of books it had. The Board didn't send lists of new acquisitions to the radio and press. In fact, no record of any actual attempt at public relations action is recorded in the Board minutes the last 10 years. The entire job of p.r. fell to the already overworked librarian.

The Board met twice in '64, three times in '65 and four times in '66. Deficit budgets were recorded for these three years. (See Appendix I) On January 8, 1966, five Board members "came to the appointed place, at the appointed hour, but the officers were absent, so the faithful but disappointed members returned to their various abodes or places of labor." In February only five were present again, but a somewhat different five: the County Commissioner,

¹Ibid. May 1, 1961.

Todd G. Weston, was made President, with Logan's new Mayor, Richard A. Chambers, Vice-president. The Board then organized itself.

This Board met once in '67, and twice in '68. At one meeting it was pointed out that the County Treasurer had been handling the library funds for years and "it is the only separate account he has to bother with."¹ The responsibility of paying the library bills was transfered to the City Treasurer, and he still handles this account.

No executive sessions of the Board are recorded after March, 1962. And, as stated above, the Board as a group met once in 1969 and once, and this for the last time, in 1970. At these meetings the time was spent organizing the committees and electing the officers. No action, no recommendations from the librarian, no budget for the Commissioners -- apathy had settled over the corner of First North and First East!

¹Ibid. February 13, 1968.

OTHER LIBRARIES IN CACHE COUNTY

Hyrum

Hyrum City boasts the newest library in Cache County. Local citizens encouraged its founding and at the request of the mayor and city council and with the assistance of the State Library Commission, the library began operation in 1970. It occupies one large room in the Civic Center at 90 West Main. Miss Bessie Brown is the librarian for this community of 2,300. In 1971 the library had 2,700 books. About 300 titles are added each year. The library is open from 3-8 on Mon., Tues., Thur., and Fri. Saturday there is a special story hour from 2:30 to 3:30 and this time at the library is reserved for the approximately 35 children who attend.

Lewiston

The Lewiston Public Library was started by a druggist who kept books on a shelf in his drug store and loaned them to friends. Later a Gentlemen's Club Room was built above the city community building on Main Street. In 1936 the club moved out and the books moved in. The library has been located there ever since and the area was recently expanded. There are presently 10,000 volumes for this community of 1,200. About 200 books are added each year.

Mrs. Velma Rawlins has served as librarian for the past 11 years and knows every borrower by name. Funds for the library come from the city. In 1971, \$2,000 was appropriated, or \$1.81 per resident.

Richmond

A group of pioneers started the Richmond City Library just over 50 years ago and it still occupies the original, handsome building at 38 West Main. Today there are almost 5,000 volumes for this community of 1,000. The city of Richmond pays almost \$2,000 a year to provide library services, or \$2.21 per capita. One hundred and seventy volumes were added in 1971. Recently the children's section was re-decorated and carpeted. Mrs. Lucy H. Spackman has served as librarian for the last ten years.

Smithfield

The Smithfield Library began much like the Logan library--- a shelf of books in a Sunday School room is noted as early as 1868. In 1915 Mayor Joseph J. Richardson* responded to a request by a group of interested citizens and appointed a committee to study the feasibility of establishing a city library. A bond issue, asking a one mill levy for library purposes, was passed four to one (110 to 34) in 1917.

A temporary reading room was set up on West Center Street in the fall of 1917. "The shelves were stocked with good books contributed by local people. It was a modest beginning which proved to be very fruitful."¹

A local architect, Mr. Fred J. Hodgson, drew the plans for the building. It is interesting to note that Mr. Hodgson was the original architect of the Cache County Library in 1930, but he died before its completion and the building was finished by Mr. Leslie Hodgson.

*My Maternal Grandfather. A.C.H.

¹W. Hazen Hillyard, "Smithfield Library Open House," March 10, 1971.

Estimated cost of the Smithfield library was \$20,000. The Carnegie Foundation was contacted and agreed to pay \$12,000, if the city pledged the balance. The one mill levy was not enough, so another bond election was passed in 1921, increasing the tax revenue to two mills. The city officials selected the most prominent location in town, Main and Center, as the site of the new library. The building has a floor space of 2000 square feet and a basement of equal size. The basement has a public meeting room and a staff room.

The present library has about 11,000 volumes and circulates almost 20,000 volumes per year to the 3,500 residents. The library boasts an excellent art collection and has a summer reading program. Mrs. Alice Mather is the librarian. Smithfield citizens continue to support their library with a dedicated tax fund amounting to about \$7,000 a year. Those outside the city limits are not allowed to have library cards. In the spring of 1971, after \$6,000 was spent on improvements, a library open house was held. Smithfield residents are very proud of their library and its contribution to their community.

UTAH STATE LIBRARY

A law establishing the Utah State Library as a department of state government was passed by the Utah legislature in 1957. This law became effective in July, when the governor appointed a ten member Library Commission. Mr. Russell L. Davis, an assistant professor of Library Science at Utah State University, was appointed the first director of the Commission in October of that year and still holds this position.

Utah was the last of the 50 states to establish a state library agency. The main impetus behind its establishment was the enactment of the Library Services Act which made federal funds available on a state matching basis to provide library service where facilities and services had been lacking or were inadequate.

The State Library is located at 2150 South 2nd West, in Salt Lake City. The organization of the Commission includes four divisions:

Technical Services

- Acquisitions
- Public Relations
- Recruiting and Placement
- Research and Statistics
- Technical Processing

Extension Services

- Bookmobiles
- Construction
- Developmental Programs
- Special Loans
- Consultant Services

Reference Services

- Documents
- Gifts and Exchange
- Legislative Services
- Public Services

Social Services

- Institutional Services
- Blind Services (center for distribution of braille books for seven western states)
- Handicapped Services

Apart from its initial purpose of administering state and federal funds for local library development, the State Library serves as a clearing house and coordinator for library service throughout the state. It provides consultant service for local libraries, develops co-operative library programs among all types of library agencies, provides bookmobiles when asked to do so, and can extend, promote and improve library service. It lobbies at both state and national levels for improved library facilities.

There is no governing power in a state library; it does not tell local libraries what to do. It does lead, consult, recommend, coordinate efforts and serve as a clearing house providing more economy in the use of the tax dollar and facilitates better service to the citizens of the state.

The library laws of Utah, covering city and county libraries, as well as the State Library, may be found in the Utah Code, Title 37.

CONCLUSION

The last minutes of the Cache County Library Board are recorded on January 6, 1970. (See Appendix J, 2nd page) At that time Cache County had a population of 42,000. Her library contained 43,000 volumes. The American Library Association recommends as a minimum standard book collection for a community of this size 2.5 to 2.75 volumes per capita, or 105,000 to 155,000 volumes.¹ As important as the quantity is the quality of the collection. How long since the book collection has been reviewed as to relevance, timeliness, duplication, special collections? Does the collection meet the needs of the entire community? In the memory of past board members and the librarian this evaluation and book check has not been made.

The library revenue for the period from July 1, 1970 and June 30, 1971, equalled \$25,243.² Cache County paid \$12,000 and Logan City, \$11,525. (The additional revenue was from fines, \$1,121; rental, \$229; etc.) The preceding year each governing body contributed \$9,025. Again, if one compares this to the minimum standards set by the American Library Association at \$3.00 per capita, Cache County's libraries should have \$126,000 to spend. The state law allows counties in Utah to tax up to 3 mills. That would more than bring Cache County Library revenue up to ALA standard. The assessed valuation in the county for 1970 was \$53,075,714. At the allowed 3 mills rate, the county could spend \$159,227. The potential per capita spending is \$3.76. We are now spending 89¢ per capita, or only 29% of our capability. This is the lowest for any county in the state. (Salt Lake City spends \$4.15 per capita; Weber \$2.46; Box Elder, \$1.31.)

¹Downey, Douglas W. "The Trustee Checks His Library", Dec. 1970.
²Auditors' Report, "Logan-Cache Library Fund", June 30, 1971.

One full time librarian serves in Logan, and five part time. In 1970, 1,422 new books were added and there were 10,860 registered borrowers. A duplicating machine is available in the genealogy section for a small fee. Library cards are kept in the library. Subscribers come from Southern Idaho and from as far south as Roy, Utah. No one is denied access to the facilities and an effort is made to make everyone feel welcome.

APPENDIX

- A Letter to Mr. James Bertram of the Carnegie Foundation,
August 6, 1918
- B Logan City Library Board Minutes, October 5, 1920
- C The Logan Journal, newspaper headline, April 25, 1930
- D Letter to Dr. Weston Vernon, February 7, 1931
- E Cache County Library building receipts and expenditures
(Found in the back of the Cache County Library Board Minutes
Book, 1920-36)
- F Contract between Cache County and Logan City, July 26, 1933
- G Letter to Miss Dora Wright, September 10, 1944
- H Contract between Cache County and Logan City, September 13, 1966
- I Budget for 1966
- J Members of the Board of Trustees

Logan, Utah, August 6, 1918.

Mr. James B. Bertram, Secretary,
Carnegie Foundation,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

In the year 1916 a library board consisting of nine members was appointed by the Logan City Commission. During the same year a library was established in what is known as the Preston Block and since that time a library and reading room have been maintained. The librarian has been in charge at all times. The reading room has been equiped with something over fifty of the leading magazines and upwards of two thousand volumes of books have been acquired through purchase and donation.

In the year 1916 a levy of two tenths of a mill for library purposes was made upon assessable property in Logan, furnishing a revenue of about \$1100.00. In the year 1917 a levy of one mill was made for library purposes, furnishing a revenue of about \$5800.00, and a further levy of one mill has been made for the year 1918 which should supply about \$6000.00. With this money available the Library Board has purchased a very choice site on Main Street for a library building.

While we have a reading room and the small library as above mentioned, we have been fully convinced for some time that it is wholly inadequate for the demands of our city. It was our full intention last spring to make application to you for funds to erect a Carnegie Library, but on account of the curtailment of the building of non-essentials by the War Industries Board, we have hesitated to do so. We have, decided before making formal application, to ask your advise.

Very truly yours,

APPENDIX A

Oct 5th. 1920.

The Library Board met on this date at a special meeting held in the Cache Valley Bank after all members had been duly notified in writing. The members present were Mrs. Vernon

Dr. A. H. Budge
Mr. J. E. Shepard
Miss McKusor
Mr. G. V. Vell

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Shepard and seconded by Dr. Budge—

Whereas, it appears to the Library Board of Logan City, Utah, that it would be for the best public interests to consolidate the Library of Logan City, with the public Library of Cache County, and the Library Boards of Cache County, being willing to so consolidate and establish its library at Logan City, Utah, now, therefore

Be it resolved, by the Library Board of Logan City, Utah, that the President and Secretary thereof be and they are hereby authorized to make and enter into all contract-transferring and setting over to the Board of Directors of the Cache County Library, all of the books and other equipment now belonging to said Logan City Library, said contract to provide for the erection of a library building at Logan City, Utah, and at such time the transfer of all the moneys now on hand in the Logan City Library Fund.

Passed by the Library Board of Logan City, Utah, this 5th day of October 1920.

Mrs. Vernon
President

Margaret McKusor
Secretary

The resolution was

UTAH:—Generally fair tonight and Saturday; little change in temperature.

IDAHO:—Fair tonight, Saturday generally unsettled; cooler southeast.

APRIL 25, 1930.

NUMBER 97.

BRARY ASSURED

L. D. S. Church Deeds Site on East First North and Vernon Avenue Corner For Stately Brick Edifice for Logan City and Cache County's Joint Usage. Ground Broken Soon

COUNTY, UTAH

New \$50,000

Public Library

Assured

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can legion, the \$12,500, the outgrowth of the war chest fund, accumulated some years ago, which was to have been expended on Memorial Park, is to be turned instead into the library building fund. The library board, through its chairman, Dr. Vernon, expressed its appreciation today to the legion and Logan city for this generous move. Dr. W. W. Merrill is chairman of the legion committee which has had charge of the \$12,500 fund. In addition Post No. 7 has acquired to date a sum in the neighborhood of \$3,000 which will also be turned over to the library board.

The local business and professional Women's club has raised a substantial fund now on deposit in a local bank with which to assist in furnishing the new library. In this they are being assisted by the members of the Clio women's club. Sometime ago a small fund was raised by the Junior Red Cross and was turned over to the county library board to be used in furnishing a children's room in the new library.

Funds for the erection of the new library are coming from Logan city and Cache county as well as from various organizations civic and private.

Through a joint agreement reached by Logan city and local Post No. 7 of the Ameri-

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L. D. S. Church Deeds Property Once Tithing Yard, to Library Board For Stately Brick Edifice—American Legion, B. P. W., and Clio Clubs, Logan City and Cache County Supply Funds — Dr. Weston Vernon Heads Committee.

At last the long cherished dream of Logan city and Cache county that an adequate and worthy library building to be the central unit of the Cache county library system would be built in Logan, is to be realized.

Plans are going forward immediately for the erection of a \$50,000 edifice of fire-proof brick construction on the corner of First North street and Vernon avenue, on the L. D. S. church property immediately east of the Stake house. The Mormon church has very generously decided the property over to the county library board with the express stipulation that if the ground is not used for library purposes it reverts back to the church. In return for the gift of this property, the county library board is going to build a five room cottage for the residence of the church janitor. Removal of the historic old tithing office dwelling which now stands on the library site is to be undertaken at once and ground broken for the new building, according to an announcement made this morning by Dr. Weston Vernon, who is and has been since 1916 chairman of the Logan city library board.

Logan, Utah, Feb. 7th, 1931.

Dr. Weston Vernon,
President Logan City Library Board.
Logan, Utah.

As you know the Cache County Library Building Fund is depleted through the failure of the American Legion Post No. 7 to make available the \$3000.00 which they were to provide, and which they promised in our joint meeting of January 28th would be available to meet bills due February 5th.

The Cache County Library Board has no further funds available for the payment of labor and materials now due contractors in the construction of the Library Building. These bills are now due and must be met, or mechanics liens and attachments are likely to follow.

As you know the County Library Board has, since the construction of the Library was first commenced, constantly relied and depended upon the \$3000.00 which the American Legion Post No. 7 has promised, and also the \$12,500.00 which Logan City has promised to make available for the construction and completion of our library building.

As the title to the property on which the building is being constructed is still in the Logan City Library Board, it appears now that the responsibility for the completion of the library building now rests with your board.

I am therefore writing you this letter to acquaint you with the above conditions; in order that you may take whatever steps you may deem necessary and advisable to protect and complete the library building.

Yours Very Truly,

Chairman, County Library Board.

W. W. Hall

Cost of Building. (detail)
Receipts.

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From savings account 21,768.59

From Logan City appro. 12,500.00

Proceeds of Band Concert 67.52

Total building fund 34,336.11

Expenditures

John H. Moser 24,824.15

A.H. Palmer & Sons 6,435.25

Cache Valley Electric 1,063.00

Architect 1,608.00

On Light fixtures 249.82

Insurance 98.80

Advertising for bids 39.55

Miscellaneous) 17.54

(stationery & labor)

34,336.11

THIS CONTRACT made and entered into this 26 day of July, 1933, by and between Cache County, a municipal corporation, and the Cache County Library Board, a corporation, herein called the parties of the first part, and Logan City, a municipal corporation, and Logan City Library Board, a corporation, herein called the parties of the second part, WITNESSETH:

THAT, WHEREAS, the parties to this contract have heretofore jointly conducted a library in Logan City, Cache County, Utah, for the use and benefit of the citizens of the respective parties hereto, and,

WHEREAS, it has been deemed advisable to enter into a formal agreement covering the terms and conditions of said joint participation,

NOW THEREFORE, it is understood and agreed as follows:

That Logan City Library Board, a corporation, one of the parties of the second part is the owner of the legal title to the following described lands situated in Cache County, Utah:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 5, Block 16, Plat "A" Logan City Survey, in Cache County, State of Utah; running thence East more or less 9 rods to a division fence; thence South along said line 99 feet; thence West 9 rods more or less to the West side of said Lot; thence North 99 feet to the place of beginning.

That there has been erected upon said lands a library building erected and built for the joint use of the parties hereto.

It is hereby agreed and covenanted by all parties hereto that there shall be conveyed by Logan City Library Board to Cache County Library Board, an undivided one-half interest in and to said real property and improvements thereon by a good and sufficient deed of conveyance; it being the intention of the parties hereto that said property shall be held by said Logan City Library Board and Cache County Library Board in one-half undivided interests subject to the terms and provisions hereof.

It is further understood and agreed that all of the assets, including, but not restricted to, the buildings, furniture and fixtures, library books, pamphlets and miscellaneous materials of all kinds shall likewise belong in undivided equal portions to the Logan City Library Board and the Cache County Library Board. The following described lands shall remain the property of Logan City, or Logan City Library Board:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Block 31, Plat "A" Logan City Survey, and running thence East 125 feet, thence North 125 feet, thence West 125 feet, thence South 125 feet to the place of beginning.

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It is further understood and agreed that the parties of the first part and the parties of the second part shall each pay one-half of the operating expenses of said library including one-half the costs of the necessary or proper additions thereto in the way of equipment or library books or anything else incident to the operation of a public library including also the outstanding unpaid bills.

It is further understood and agreed that in accordance with the laws of the State of Utah a tax shall be levied by Cache County sufficient to maintain one-half of the cost of said library after deducting that portion of the tax so raised in Logan City, unless said fund is otherwise provided. That Logan City in addition to that portion of the County library tax allotted to it as aforesaid shall levy sufficient independent tax to pay the other half of said operating expenses and necessary or proper additions thereto in the way of equipment, books or other things reasonably necessary in the proper operation of a public library unless said fund is otherwise provided.

It is further understood and agreed that said library shall be operated jointly by the library boards of Logan City and Cache County under such reasonable rules and regulations as said boards shall prescribe, and that said library shall be operated for the use and benefit of the citizens of Logan City and Cache County, and that reasonable rules and regulations be adopted looking to the giving of the best practical service to the citizens of the parties hereto.

It is further understood and agreed that this contract shall remain in full force and effect for a period of 25 years next succeeding the date of this instrument and that upon the expiration of this period that the same is to continue in force and effect unless either party shall elect in writing to cancel this contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the respective parties to this instrument have caused it to be executed by their officers thereunto lawfully authorized the day and year first above written.

CACHE COUNTY

By A. W. Chambers
Chairman

Thos. Merriam
Wm. Worles
Commissioners

CACHE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

By M. Deschamps
Parties of the first part

LOGAN CITY LIBRARY BOARD

By Logan City Library Board

Parties of the Second Part.

LOGAN CITY

By W. C. Cunningham
Mayor

Olof Pedersen
W. H. Merriam
Commissioners.

APPENDIX F (cont.)

ATTEST:

C. D. M. M.
County Clerk

ATTEST:

W. H. M.
City Recorder

Logan, Utah, Sept. 10, 1944

Dear Miss Wright,

The undersigned members of the Cache County Library Board have been selected to carry to you the sincere appreciation of the Board for your capable organization and supervision of the many-sided institution we know as our library.

On the eve of your departing to fresh woods and new pastures we recall the numerous inhibitions and comicalities which we met during our years in the Dungeon. We credit you with managerial wizardry in succeeding financially when our budget was meager. We see you as janitor, florist, publicity committee, and receiver of complaints. We live again with you those days of watchful waiting for better surroundings and adequate support; and we thrill again with you at the news of a forthcoming attractive library building.

Since we moved into our pleasant, permanent quarters we have enjoyed together the awakening of citizens and clubs to our possibilities as dispensers of sweetness and light. As interest spread we hoped to demonstrate to our public the wholesome, cultural influence which should emanate from a County library.

All these thoughts come to us as we tell you again that we appreciate your quarter century of service, and your loyalty to our aims and purposes. As you leave us we wish you a most pleasant Indian Summer, and throw in the hope that you will cling to your Mormon conviction that "man is that he might have joy".

Sincerely yours,

CACHE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

By

President

Secretary

Original
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A G R E E M E N T

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into at Logan, Utah, this 13th day of September, 1966, by and between Cache County, a Municipal corporation, party of the first part and Logan City, a Municipal corporation, party of the second part,

W I T N E S S E T H

THAT WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement have heretofore jointly conducted a library in Logan, Cache County, Utah, for the use and benefit of the respective parties thereto, and

WHEREAS, the parties, pursuant to statute, have formed a respective library board comprised of five members each and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable to enter into a formal agreement, covering the terms and conditions of the joint participation of each of the parties with respect to the operation of the library located in Logan, Cache County, Utah, one-half of which is owned by each of the parties, which library is located upon the following described property:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 5, Block 16, Plat "A" Logan City Survey, in Cache County, State of Utah; running thence East more or less 9 rods to a division fence; thence South along said line 99 feet; thence West 9 rods more or less to the West side of said lot; thence North 99 feet to the place of beginning.

AND WHEREAS, the previous agreements entered into between the respective parties and Library Board having expired, it is desired that a new agreement be entered into for the future operation of the said Library building.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. It is hereby understood and agreed that each of the respective parties hereto own an undivided one-half interest each in the assets of the library building and personal property located upon the above described property.

APPENDIX H

2. For the purpose of this agreement, it is hereby agreed that the parties hereto shall each pay one-half of all operating expenses for the said library including all costs of any additions, if any, or for the purchase of any new equipment, if any, or for the purchase of any library books or other personal property used in connection with the operation of the public library.

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3. It is further agreed that in accordance with the laws of the State of Utah, that if the party of the first part levies a tax under the general fund for the purpose of operation of the said library that they will remit to the party of the second part their share of such tax, which sum shall be the pro-rata share of the amount of the assessed valuation of the property located within Logan City as it relates to the total assessed valuation of the property located within Cache County. If the respective parties desire to levy a special library tax then each of the said parties will levy their own and separate tax. From the taxes so levied, under either of the above methods, each of the parties will pay the expenses as hereinabove set forth, as may be required for the proper operation and maintenance of the public library.

4. It is further agreed between the respective parties that the annual budgets for the library shall be reviewed by the respective Board of Commissioners of each of the parties hereto annually and that proper budgetary requirements will be set up and established by the respective boards for the financing of the library operation for the ensuing years.

5. It is further understood and agreed that the library shall be operated jointly by the library boards of Logan City and Cache County under such rules and regulations as the said Boards may prescribe. That the said library shall be operated for the use and benefit of all citizens of Logan City and Cache

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County. That the said Board shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for giving the best practical service to the citizens of the parties hereto.

6. This agreement shall remain in full force and effect on a year to year basis from the date hereof and shall be renewed automatically for the next succeeding year unless the same

is terminated in writing by either of the parties hereto at least 90 days prior to the expiration of any annual period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands the day and year first above written.

CACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

By *[Signature]*

Chairman

[Signature]

[Signature]

PARTY OF FIRST PART

Attest:

[Signature]
County Clerk

LOGAN CITY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By *[Signature]*

Mayor

[Signature]

[Signature]

PARTY OF SECOND PART

Attest:

[Signature]
City Engineer

1966 Expenditures

General Fund	
Petty Cash Fund	
Checking Account	1,945.18
Cash on Hand	<u>197.42</u>
	19,989.93

Salaries:

Librarian	5,000.00
Assistants	4,812.00
Secretary	100.00
Custodian	<u>960.00</u>
	10,872.00

Books 3,099.43

Periodicals 722.43

Utilities 1,214.14

Heat 629.39

Telephone 127.92

Repairs, Supplies,
Cleaning 1,674.85

Insurance 100.56

Binding 384.58

Postage, Freight 36.90

Genealogy 400.00

Miscellaneous 77.46

Social Security,
Taxes, etc. 649.97
19,989.93.

1964 deficit was	590.39
1965 " "	828.78
1966 " "	<u>2,108.81</u>

Income for 1966

From taxation	16,947.00
Gifts	125.00
Rentals, fines, etc.	<u>1,637.90</u>
	18,709.90
Less deficit	<u>828.78</u>
REMAINER	17,881.12

Expenditures	19,989.93
On hand	<u>17,881.12</u>
Deficit	2,108.81

MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CC = Cache County

LC = Logan City

<u>Year of Appointment</u>	<u>Office Held</u>	<u>Year of Retirement</u>
1916	Weston Vernon, CC and LC George Thomas Rev. O. H. Budge E. T. Lewis, CC and LC Preston A. Thatcher, LC Mayor Joseph Odell Margaret Wilkinson, Sec. LC, Sec.-Treas. Edith Bowen, LC Mary Sorenson, LC	Pres., V. P. Served until his death, 1941 resigned, 1948 CC '23 until death, 1935 1936 1936
1919	Roy Bullen, LC Mayor W. R. Ballard, Newton, CC William Murray, Wellsville, CC Pres.	1920 1922
1920	William M. Howell, LC Mayor A. N. Sorensen	Vice-pres. Pres. 1927 1956
1922	John A. Crockett, LC Mayor	1925
1923	M. C. Rigby, CC Comm.	Pres. 1926
1926	A. G. Lundstrom, LC Mayor	1935
1927	W. W. Hall, CC Comm. R. V. Larsen, CC Goudy A. Hogan	Pres.
1930	Joseph E. Cardon, LC W. W. Merrill, LC	1936
1933	J. W. Bernheisel, CC Wm. Worley, CC J. E. Cardon May McCarrey, Smithfield	Pres., V. P. Sec.
1936	Mabel Murray (Mrs. D. P.) Gunnar Rasmussen A. D. Allen, CC J. J. Hendry Nephi A. Sorensen, LC Mayor Vivian Bullen (Mrs. Asa)	not after 1950 not after 1944 " " " " " " 1938

MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (cont.)

1944	Wm. Evans, Jr., LC Mayor	not after 1946
	A. J. Fuhriman, CC	" " "
	Blanche C. Pittman (Mrs. Don)	moved, 1957
	H. H. Cutler	not after 1945
	George O. Webb	" " 1947
	Caroline E. Miner	" " 1945
	Allie P. Burgoyne	<u>1972*</u>
1945	Parley G. Hall, CC	not after 1950
1946	Curtis Miner, LC Mayor	1949
	LeRoy Jorgensen, Hyrum	resigned, 1963
	C. B. Johnson, Richmond	
	Pearl Spencer Budge (Mrs. D. C.)	<u>1972</u>
	J. W. Kirkbride, represented schools	<u>1948</u>
	L. Ray Robinson, CC	<u>1948</u>
1948	H. R. Adams, CC	
	Lloyd Theurer, represented schools, CC	
	Lyle Holmgren	resigned, 1951
	W. W. Owens, LC Mayor	1957
1952	Conley Watts	about 1957
	Bryon Snow, Pres.	not after 1961
1955	Glen R. Winn, CC	1961
	C. B. Stoddard, CC	1964
	C. Perry Smith	not after 1960
1956	Louis Brenchley, Wellsville	<u>1972</u>
1958	T. Earl Hunsaker, LC Mayor	1962
	Esther E. Paulsen (Mrs. N.P.), LC	<u>1972</u>
1959	Joseph C. Jacobsen, LC	not after 1963
1961	Ace S. Raymond, CC Comm.	moved, 1963
1962	Theral Bishop, LC Mayor	1966
1963	Bessie Brown, Hyrum	<u>1972</u>
	Todd G. Weston, CC Comm.	<u>1972*</u>
1966	Richard A. Chamber, LC Mayor	<u>1972*</u>

*Present at the last Board meeting, January 6, 1970

Because the minutes of the Board meetings do not always indicate when members were appointed or retired the above dates may not be entirely accurate.

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