

September 8, 2025

To Spring City Council Members, and office staff:

As a matter of record for the past almost 45 years I would like to advise you concerning all the various activities that I have been involved with, which without too much back patting I think I have achieved a lot for the betterment of the town and at almost no cost to the City.

The list is not in chronological order:

Member of History Book Committee and then Editor. 5 Years plus of researching documents, collecting photos, interviewing town's residents as well as working with typesetter and so on. Very little remuneration considering I had to purchase another typewriter after the first one was broken.

I continued using the information I had collected to help people after the book was published so they could learn more about their ancestry and the town itself.

Giving tours of the town to people on several buses and/or many other people, including Snow College groups, youth groups attending the Pageant, Institute Teachers from Orem, Bike group, visitors from far away places such as Holland. Also Utah Humanities group, Church History employees.

Attending various Reunions held in town to gain more information, or share what I had.

Training people who have worked at the D.U.P. Museum.

Being a Heritage Day docent many times.

Completing much research for various people. Sometimes they would then reciprocate by giving me a copy of a book they might be writing.

I have talked with reporters from several newspapers, written articles about Spring City for the local and other newspapers and taken those people on tours.

Wrote and rewrote the several tour guide books.

Served on the Cemetery Committee, and painting^{ed} the two wooden benches.

Writing and distributing small pamphlets about the rock chapel.

Provided information to the *Sons of Utah Pioneers* in the form of articles about the town.

Furnished paper copies for people's usage buying paper for the copy machine.

Providing information for the San Diego Old Town tourist destination as needed.

Provided information for new owners of historic homes at my own cost.

Provided specific information to Alison Anderson for a talk she was giving in church.

Helped Mormon Battalion members find Spring City graves.

Wrote various articles for several newspapers, yes, about Spring City.

Generated a Postmaster Display.

Researched information about our Methodist School Teachers, and the building, which includes the bell which rings each day on the 1899 School building.

Distributed around town the Highway 89 maps provided by Mont Bona.

Generated the Mayors book asked for by Mayor Monett.

Generated a school teachers book for the 1899 school for the dedication of the building. Most of the winter of 2016-17.

Interviewed more people after the history book was published in 1987, also collecting more photos of historic Spring City.

Coordinating various things with Alan Roberts and Roger Roper, and the State historical society. Also traveling to Salt Lake to do research at the USHS building, as well as doing research at the LDS Church History Building.

Continuing to research homes so that correct information is given on Heritage Day also proof reading the information to have it be the best it can be.

Making a book about what was on Main Street in 1900. (3 ring binder).

Collected information and created a book about the Victory Theater for Museum visitors.

Helping with 100 year celebrations of the Victory Theater and the Jr High building, as well as the rock church.

Named the town newspaper "Spring Town Times".

Generated a biography for Mary Ann Price Hyde for Deseret Book. (available online).

Cleaned the old Fire House many times since it is very dusty. *Friends* has continued to maintain the building replacing the roof at least twice. Also painting, carpeting, storm windows, glass on the book case.

Added "Memories" about Spring City people to familysearch.org.

Aided Cynthia A. DeGray with details as needed in her "Saga of Spring City".

Found photos for the recent Junior High building grant.

Took many photos at the Cemetery until my camera broke.

Collected information for many families and placed them into 3 ring binders for easier access

than having them in file folders; however, I also have ^{10 drawers} ~~three drawers~~ full of file folders too. Some of these books reside in the home that was researched; however, the research included various families who lived in the house which "covers more territory" than just one family. There are in the neighborhood of 30 of these books which cover many Spring City families!!!!

I have also accumulated a number of published books that mention Spring City in them.

Provided information to Carol Ogden about Spring City stonecutters for a presentation she did in Ephraim.

Did a Cemetery tour for the Relief Society women.

Picked up pine cones at the Cemetery several springs, and trimmed some tree branches.

Met some very interesting people including Ron Hansen, VP of Zion's Bank, historian Martha Bradley, Kree Kofford, LDS Church Seventy, Rell G. Francis, and many others.

Also in my collection are several maps that are very helpful in finding where people lived in the past, along with Sanpete County Tax Photos from the 1940's, and about 100 photos that were taken by George Edward Anderson, a famous pioneer era photographer (and were hidden under Lowell Hansen's bed for some years as glass negatives and transformed into photos by Mr. McKinney.)

Interviewed a man who was a child during the Spring City Tunnel project and lived on site.

Helped to get grant so that the signs at the North and West edges of town would have matching information, that was in the late 1980's. Other projects were also accomplished.

Intervened to save some wonderful historical information when it was removed from the upper floor of the (now) D.U.P. Museum.

Recently I generated a 3 ring binder for the Art Gallery so they will be able to give out the correct information on the Jr High Building for visitors. 2025.

I had many other experiences during these past years that I could never have imagined having, just because I decided to be a part of the history book project which was just getting started about 1980. Most of the time I have felt like I was not only the "Historian" but also one who is a public relations person.

--Just wanted this to be a **matter of record** so that you know I have spent hundreds, if not thousands of hours for the good of the town plus quite a bit of money when it's all added up. I wouldn't mind it if you would keep these achievements in mind in future days.

K. W.

Kaye Watson, volunteer town Historian

(over 1200 people)