

From the George Q. Cannon papers (Church Historian's Office)

"Revelation to John Taylor" Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 19, 1877.

I have been asking the Lord to show me how to adjust the property of the Church held in the name of the late President Brigham Young so as to do justice to his estate and yet not wrong the Church. I have received the following answer: 'You have asked of me and others of the Twelve have asked of me that wisdom might be given to you to adjust these property matters of the Church. Thus saith the Lord, Be one, be united, be honest, act upon the principles of justice and righteousness to the living and to the dead and to my Church, and I the Lord will sustain you and will acknowledge your labors, Amen.'"

From Geo. Q. Cannon papers (handwritten in ink).

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This is to certify that George Q. Cannon is an elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in good standing and as such I recommend him to all Saints and to all men wherever his lot may be cast, praying God, the Eternal Father, that He will bless all who will receive him and administer to his necessities inasmuch as he may have need.

Signed: Pres. Charles C. Rich
President in California
at Middle Fork of Sacramento
River, Upper California.
Sept. 25, 1850/

From MSS of History of Cannon Ward (Church Historian's Office)

President George Q. Cannon started making improvements in that part of Salt Lake Valley now included in the boundaries of Cannon Ward in 1870, and he soon located one of his families in what is still called "the Farm House". The ground on which Pres. Cannon made his first improvements was very wet and swampy, and it needed a great deal of ditching and draining to make it fit for habitation. Pres. Cannon built a school house in about 1879, and immediately after the completion of the same a day school was commenced which was taught by Mrs. Martha Telle Cannon as early as 1879.

Pres. Cannon continued to make improvements and built a number of houses on the east bank of the Jordan River. In due course of time other settlers located in the same neighborhood, and as most of these resided far away from the adjoining ward centers it was deemed wise to organize the Saints residing in that part of Salt Lake Valley into a separate ward. Consequently, a special meeting was held in Pres. Cannon's school house, May 31, 1896, attended by Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon, Apostles Brigham Young and Abraham H. Cannon, Pres. Angus M. Cannon and Joseph E. Taylor of the Salt Lake Stake Presidency and many members of the ^{Farmers} Brighton and Fifth Wards. On this occasion the Saints residing within the following described boundaries were organized as the Cannon Ward:

'Bounded on the north by 9th South Street, on the east by 6th West, on the south by 13th South and on the west by Redwood Road'. Some of the Saints who became members of the new ward were formerly members of the 5th Ward, others to the Farmers Ward and still others to the Brighton Ward. The new Cannon Ward comprised Saints residing on both sides of the Jordan River. Lewis Mousely Cannon, a son of Pres. Angus M. Cannon, was chosen as bishop of the new ward. He was ordained a High Priest and Bishop and set apart to preside over the Cannon Ward by Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon, Cyrus Henry Gold was ordained a High Priest by Apostle Brigham Young and set apart to act as First Counselor to Bishop Cannon. Alma H. West was chosen and sustained as second counselor to Bishop Cannon, but being absent from the ward temporarily, he was not ordained until later.

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History of Cannon Ward (cont.)

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In 1897 work on the new ward meeting house was pushed forward vigorously, and the building brought under a roof before the close of that year. It is a brick structure, 60' by 30', situated on 8th West Street between 10th and 11th South. In Sept. 1899, Elders Sylvester Q. Cannon and William T. Cannon went on a mission to the Netherlands. Brother Sylvester Q. Cannon returned Nov. 15, 1902, and William T. Cannon returned in 1901. Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon presided over the Netherlands and Belgium Mission.

From the Cannon Ward Historical report for the year 1899: (members of the Cannon family holding offices in the Cannon Ward)

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| Ward Clerk: Angus J. Cannon | Relief Soc. Pres. Sarah Jane Cannon |
| Chorister: Tracy Y. Cannon | " " 2nd Couns. Sarah Ann Jenkins Cannon |
| Ass't. " Emily H. Cannon | " " Secretary Martha T. Cannon |
| " Organist: Grace T. Cannon | " " Treasurer Elizabeth T. Cannon |
| S.S. 2nd Asst: Willard T. Cannon | Y.M.M.I.A Pres. Angus J. Cannon |
| Y.L.M.I.A. Pres: Emily H. Cannon | " " 2nd Co. Tracy Y. Cannon |
| Primary 1st Co: Esther T. Cannon | " " Secy Radliffe Q. Cannon |

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(Following is a summary of the members of Geo. Q. Cannon's family who held offices in the organization of the Cannon Ward, as listed in the historical report for the end of the year 1899).

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