

Family Reunion Team: Annotated

I Chief Executive Officer – Oversee Total Project

II Executive Secretary – Assist CEO as directed

III Chief Financial Officer – Oversee investments, expenditures, accounting

Accounting – track income and expenditures, prepare periodic reports

Fundraising – for support to keep the cost of attendance low, and for scholarships

Scholarships – this is a once-in-a-lifetime event, and we should provide a way for individuals and/or families with insufficient resources to apply for partial scholarships to attend the event.

IV Human Resources – Staff/Team recruitment

V Program Chair & Committee:

Date selection –

Site selection & coordination – St. George, UT area.

Technology integration – How to integrate technology into the presentations to facilitate real-time feedback and real-time enrichment of the experience. An instructional specialist for a school district might be willing to mentor on this topic.

Mix & Mingle Activities – Reunion Bingo/Passport

Presenters:

- 1-Representatives from the descendants of each wife giving media-rich presentations giving further history on that wife and children she bore.
- 2-Descendants giving presentations about a specific child about whom that person has deep knowledge (Steve Romney had a deep relationship with Junius Romney and has great stories to tell)
- 3-Representatives of families unrelated to MPR or wives, but whose paths crossed in significant ways (he built their home, gave patriarchal blessings, wives helped in other ways) Examples are Hills, Cottams, Woodburys, Calls, Redds, Ivins, Browns, Pratts, etc.

Youth activities

Activities & pre-prepared skits that relate to the occupation(s) and talents of the ancestor(s), e.g., Miles Park Romney was (at least 17 roles):

- dutiful husband – agreeing to and obeying Catharine’s request that he stop drinking intoxicating drinks
- loving father – FHE w singing old songs
- true friend – Brigham Young, George Q. Cannon, Daniel H. Wells, Thomas Cottam, Anthony W. Ivins, Erastus Snow,
- carpenter – assemble precut birdhouses modeled after home
- building contractor/architect – draw your future home
- orator & gospel preacher/teacher – 3 missions, event orator
- soldier & drill sergeant– dress-up photos in late 1800s military garb, run attendees through some military drills

- lawyer – review AZ 1880s requirements to become lawyer
- actor/director – St. Geo playhouse story
- singer – teach & sing late 1800s British Isles favorites
- dancer – teach & perform late 1800s contra dances
- avid reader – self-educated except for 3 semesters of primary school
- writer – review Amram’s Deseret News articles
- newspaper publisher – The Orion Era
- chief of police – St. George
- Superintendent of education – St. George
- bishop, mission president, patriarch – review MPR’s patriarchal blessing

Hannah Hood Hill was:

- faithful & devoted wife
- organist – play on a pump organ, record accompaniments on Hannah’s organ
- singer – record CD of MPR family favorite songs
- seamstress – create an authentic pioneer dress, bonnet, or apron
- cook – Cook some pioneer dishes – Sturbridge Village Cookbook
- laundress – do laundry with scrub board, two #3 tubs, clothes line
- faith – drove right through Geronimo’s territory

Caroline Lambourne was:

- refined
- elegant
- ill-suited to frontier life

Catharine Jane Cottam was:

- basket weaver-chair seat & hat maker
- letter writer
- nurse
- peacemaker

Annie Marie Woodbury was:

- gifted teacher

Pioneer Pentathlon+ (competing within age or height/weight classes)

Foot races

Jumping at the Mark (standing broad jump)

Hoop trundling race/obstacle course

Graces toss for accuracy/distance

Pulling sticks

Pole vault for distance

Other pioneer pastimes/skills – nine pins, cup & ball, bilbo, jacks,

marbles, button spinner, turnip top spinning, duck-duck-goose, corn husk/rag doll making, candle dipping, rope making, woodworking, Wood chopping, Log Sawing, Water Yoke race, etc.

The Boy's Own Book-William Clarke, The Girl's Own Book-L. Maria Child

Technology team – youth helping adults to use technology to enhance the reunion experience and communicate about it (twitter, instagram, etc., live-streaming, session video & audio recording)

Documentary presentation – multiple sessions will likely be required. Hosting, entry and exit music, promotion of sales of DVDs, other possibilities

Entertainment – period-authentic and contemporary by MPR descendants

Reunion Store – Documentary DVDs, CDs, books on MPR, his wives & descendants, artworks about MPR and wives and family created by descendants, Romney-wear, Swag & souvenirs, pins/pendants

Registration – Website and in-person, packet preparation

Hospitality – on-site hosts & hostesses, medical, security

Signage – coordinate with reunion venue

Swag & Souvenirs – coordinate with graphic designer(s) and vendors

Souvenir lapel pin/pendant - coordinate with graphic designer(s) and vendors

Music Downloads – coordinate with CD Baby, Distro Kid, iTunes, etc.

CDs – coordinate with producer(s)

DVDs – coordinate with producer(s)

Reunion documentary DVD(s) – every session should be video-recorded for at least archival purposes, but also perhaps so excerpts can be included in the reunion documentary video.

Tours – sites in the St. George area in which Miles Park Romney and his wives were significantly involved. (Romney-Andrus home @ 164 W. 100 South, St. George Tabernacle, St. George Temple, Brigham Young Winter Home, Thomas Cottam sites, St. George Social Hall, etc.)

Possible Activities: longer tours, perhaps in bus, to St. Johns/Nutrioso Arizona, and even to the nine Mormon Colonies in Mexico