Sunset Ridge 2nd Ward

TEMPLE & FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER

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Family History Story of the Month



The McPhie Family

Martin and Sarah McPhie

Martin and Sarah McPhie were married in 1881 in Scotland. Soon after, they sailed for America with Martin's family, settling in northern Utah. Martin, his father, John, and several of his brothers were coal miners. John died of black lung disease in 1882, and in 1886 there was a fatal explosion in the mine where Martin normally worked. He was home sick that day, a rare thing for the tough frontier people of the time, and considered it divine intervention.

He took a break from mining coal to help finish the Salt Lake temple from 1890 until its completion in 1894, placing the giant granite blocks for the walls. After that, it was back to mining coal.

Martin died of a burst appendix at the age of 48. On his deathbed, he told his oldest son, Joseph Hyrum McPhie, my great grandfather, "Joe, I'm putting my family in your hands. Take good care of them, and always be a good son to your mother." Joseph was only 18 at the time, and he immediately moved the family back to Salt Lake to get "as far away from the mines as they could."

— David McPhie

Upcoming Ward Temple Schedule

All endowment and baptism sessions are held at the Jordan River Utah Temple. All sealing sessions are held at the Oquirrh Mountain Utah Temple. If a temple closure occurs, another temple will be selected as needed.

Month	Date	Day	Ordinance / Temple
November	November 12	Thursday	Endowments – Oquirrh Mountain
December	—	—	No official assignment; members encouraged to attend

Upcoming Family History Classes

On the 3rd Sunday of every month, our Temple and Family History Consultants are available right after church to answer questions and walk through FamilySearch with you. All are welcome—no experience necessary!

Month	Date	Day	Class Details
November	November 15	Sunday	Right after church in Room 115

Scan & Learn: Helpful FamilySearch QR Codes

Use the camera on your smartphone to scan any of the codes below and go straight to a short how-to guide.

BYU Family History Help

Save Family Memories

Find Ancestors in Records

Have Questions? We're Here to Help!

You can contact any of our Family History Consultants in the ward. Contact information can be found:

- In the Tools app: Organizations > Temple and Family History
- On churchofjesuschrist.org: My Home > Ward Directory and Map > Organizations > Temple and Family History

You're also welcome to write your question on a slip of paper and drop it in one of our Questions Boxes, located in the church foyers each Sunday. A Family History Consultant will be happy to reach out to you!

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

Malachi 4:5–6

Monthly Temple & Family History Talk

Speaker: Elder Dale G. Renlund

Talk: "Family History and Temple Work: Sealing and Healing"

Source: April 2018 General Conference

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With love, your Sunset Ridge 2nd Ward Temple and Family History Consultants