



Discovery Road
Presents

"Worth Remembering"

Unique history for television **Bank art, artifacts and one song**

The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) and *Discovery Road* announce the release of the *Worth Remembering* documentary featuring music, history and historical artifacts.

"The art work of local artist Abe Kimball really pulls you in when you see it. He is able to work from a single, old black and white photograph and bring forward an intriguing piece of Utah history in a beautiful way." *Discovery Road* producer James Nelson said about the new episode. "I felt like it needed a personal touch and I wanted to get those pictures, these lithographs framed up and matted. There's a magic that happens when you put glass in front of picture. Sometimes it emphasizes things that you wouldn't normally experience. So, matting it and framing and then hanging it and getting it just right level. I mean you notice little things when they are not level. So, I wanted them to be unified." Abe Kimball said in an interview with *Discovery Road*.



HISTORIC ART- An unidentified woman peruses an art exhibit in Mt. Pleasant, Utah during the holiday season. Sanpete County artist Abe Kimball was the featured artist. His paintings and artifacts demonstrated his wide range of talent in presenting history. -Photo courtesy of *Discovery Road*

For more than 120 years citizens of Mt. Pleasant, Utah knew they had a bank to meet their financial needs. Deeply rooted in that banking history you'll find the name Lionel Lewis Peterson. Peterson was a Sanpete County legislator and worked in the area as a sheep rancher. Peterson worked his way to the top of the Sanpete Valley Bank. His daughter Cleone would marry Spencer F. Eccles. Eccles would lead the First Security Banking Empire for decades. It's from that historic note that *Worth Remembering* rolls forward with history and storytelling.



ON THE MOVE—One painting by Sanpete County artist Abe Kimball is titled *People on the Move*. The art work was on display in the Wells Fargo Bank building and the old Mt. Pleasant, Utah City Hall.

Discovery Road made a stop Brent Ashworth's antique and rare documents store in Provo, Utah. Ashworth opened his file cabinets, personal archives, and some dusty folders to help us understand how Utah achieved statehood. Original bank notes featuring signatures of Brigham Young, and others were shown to *Discovery Road* during taping of *Worth Remembering*.

“Statehood was a real achievement especially in the history of Utah. It took us much longer than some states to become a state primarily due to the peculiar institutions that we had in Utah many of which were religiously oriented. There were artists, there were bankers, there were other people that were involved. There were educators and certainly a lot of statesman and stateswomen that were involved in trying to bring about statehood which is really what they wanted so much. It was a great moment in Utah history on January 4, 1896 when we add the 45th star to our flag.” Brent Ashworth stated during the program.



UTAH SCENERY-The sweeping beauty and power of Utah's landscape is born out in the documentary program by the song *Utah We Love Thee*. The song is the state hymn and was written by Evan Stephens. The words and music matching with the land during the show. -Photo credit- *Discovery Road*

“It begins with right out of the gate.... *Land of Mountains High*...and it just goes on to extoll all of the things were so impressive to those saints from back east who had never seen land like this, had no idea what it was like. I’m sure they were struck by the majesty of what was around them. And I think he tried to capture that in this song.” Steve Clark, choir director, said during the taping of the documentary about song writer Evan Stephens and his piece *Utah We Love Thee*.

Discovery Road is an award-winning ongoing documentary series broadcast each Saturday on the Utah Education Network (channel 9) at 6pm MST and on several local cable television stations in Utah and surrounding states.

The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) is a federally designated area of central and southern Utah running along the beautiful and historic U.S. Highway 89 — including the All-American Road Utah State Route 12, and Capitol Reef Scenic Byway Utah State Route 24, which both intersect with U.S. 89 and together form the MPNHA's Boulder Loop. The area includes the counties of Sanpete, Sevier, Piute, Wayne, Garfield, and Kane.

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