

## **VISIT THE WEST HAVEN CITY**

### **HISTORICAL MONUMENT** **AT THE CITY PARK – LOCATED @ 3150 WEST 3300 SOUTH**

**YOU WILL NOT ONLY FIND HISTORICAL INFORMATION**  
**BUT A BEAUTIFUL PARK WITH AN ARENA – PLAYGROUND – AND SO MUCH MORE!**

Under the direction and dedication of Kenneth Baldwin, during his tenure as a City Council Member, who spent endless hours gathering support and donations, a beautiful historical monument was placed at the City Park, located at 2950 West 3300 South, and dedicated to the city July 4, 2001. The monument carries the names of all who donated to its creation. The monument is in honour of the history of the area incorporated July 1, 1991 and became The City of West Haven. This history is written on the monument as follows:

Native Americans, such as Chief Little Soldier and his band of Ute's who lived in Weber County prior to the white settlers. In 1841, Miles Goodyear obtained a land grant from Mexico that included most of Weber County. Captain James Brown of the Mormon Battalion bought all of the 20 square miles of land from Goodyear. Brown later sold or gave the land to settlers.

#### **WILSON COMMUNITY**

The community of Wilson was named after 4 Wilson brothers. Bradley, Lewis, Harlow and George Wilson. They started farming the area in 1854 and in 1860 they built permanent homes on their land. The Wilson brothers, built a bridge across the Weber River making access to Ogden much easier than fording the river. In 1879 Wilson Irrigation was formed, providing water to about 4000 acres. In 1882 an LDS Ward was formed with Brigham H. Bingham as bishop. They later built a chapel at a cost of \$3000.

In 1874 the Wilson School District was formed and a one room adobe school house was built. Later the Wilson school was built on this same site. It operated from 1907 to 1966 and those in the 1st to 9th grades attended.

In 1898, the Ogden Sugar Company built a factory in Wilson. This was a great financial benefit for the farmers, providing them with a cash crop and employment. It was the means bringing electric power and the telephone to Wilson.

Building I-15 freeway has brought many changes to the area in recent years.

#### **KANESVILLE COMMUNITY**

The first settlers in the section of Weber County that became known as Kaneshville were Orin Hedlock, John Atkin, and Calvin C. Wilson, who located there in 1868. The area was first known as Northeast Hooper. In 1882 the colonists petitioned the Weber County Court for a school district. The settlers erected a schoolhouse in 1884 and the first teacher was Georgina Geertsen. This building served for all public functions including church meetings until 1892.

During the early period settlers had to go Ogden or Hooper for their mail. Later a post office was established known as the Florence Post Office. Peter B. Peterson was the postmaster and Joe Wintle mail carrier.

In 1886 the Kaneshville ward was formed, with Peter B. Peterson as bishop. Apostle John Taylor suggested that the area be named Kaneshville in honor of Colonel Thomas L. Kane a life long friend of the Latter Day Saints. The settlers earned their living through farming.. Water for farming was supplied by Wilson, Weber Davis and Hooper Irrigation companies.

**WEST HAVEN ESTABLISHED JULY 1991**

In 1990, residents of Kaneshville and Wilson voted to incorporate the area into a city. They chose the name of West Haven. West Haven, Utah became incorporated as a municipal corporation on July 1, 1991 as a third class city. The city was formed to keep a rural community with orderly growth. The eastern end of the city is zoned commercial and many businesses have located there.

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