

# The UCLS Newsletter



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### Where and / or What is it

Where is this sandstone monument located and what does it represent? The monument was erected in 1875 and continues to perpetuate the purpose of its creation. The first UCLS member who responds and correctly identifies the location of this monument, may be rewarded with a free meal at your next chapter meeting. Answers and/or guesses may be emailed to [mail@ucls.org](mailto:mail@ucls.org) or [smerrill@ucls.org](mailto:smerrill@ucls.org). The winner will be determined by the earliest received date and time of response.

**In This Issue:** Chapter and committee reports were published in the biannual Foresight magazine and therefore not included in this edition. Please review the Foresight magazine for additional chapter and committee report information.

Do you have a picture to share? We invite you to share charismatic photos of yourself and/or coworker, panoramic images of Utah's scenic wonders, or pictures of survey related tools and equipment. We need your contributions and suggestions. Remember, if you do not participate you have no right to complain. Please let us know your thoughts, recommendations, ideas, and/or complaints.

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“How are we going to differentiate ourselves as surveyors if all we are doing is pressing a button, capturing data, and giving data to somebody else?”

Ken Mooyman, President Hexagon Geosystems

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## Greatest County Surveyor

By: Robert Pelaski

Wayne County Surveyor, Wayne County, MD April 30, 2008

My fellow citizens of Wayne County, thank you. You have entrusted me with a sacred duty - the most-honored position of surveyor for the entire county of Wayne, which includes the cities of Portage, Clara, Allerton, and Dixon, as well as many, many townships. As reelection approaches, let me once again assure you that I will never allow this awesome responsibility to affect my humility or in any way impair my service to you.

Not even if I go down in the history books as one of the greatest, longest-serving, and most beloved county surveyors in Maryland history.

I am but a public servant. I arrive each morning bright and early with the day's surveying work foremost on my mind. Please know that my door is always open to citizens who may wish to stop by and talk about county issues or to shake my hand and tell me what a "good job" I am doing or even mention how much better I am than the last county surveyor, Brad Engels, who was utterly annihilated in the last election and left this office in shame and humiliation. I promise I will never be too busy or important to spend some time with the locals, no matter how seemingly insignificant they might seem on the county level.

While it does not affect me in the slightest, I can understand how some might find being sole protector of more than 900 miles of county-regulated drains impressive. Sexy, even. But I did not get into the county surveyor business to sign autographs or to have my name in the Wayne Ledger three times this year. Nor did I take up this hallowed mantle to see crowds line the streets as I drive by, whereupon fathers turn to their young sons and say in hushed tones, "There goes a man whose ability to record and maintain elevation benchmarks once a year rivals that of Atlas himself. That, son, is a man far better than I."

Worry not, O ye common masses of Wayne County and its outlying areas. I vow never to be one of these men who walks around like he owns one of 12 seats in the county planning commission's bimonthly meetings.

God knows I have seen this job's power swell up inside lesser men, filling them with the godlike righteousness that only comes from being charged with the task of recording and maintaining the square-mile corners of land that were established by Congress to define the borders of Wayne County. Soon they are lording their position as a nonvoting member of the county drainage board over lesser officials. Like, for instance, the deputy county surveyor.

Power like that can make a man his own worst county surveyor.

I am the sort of strong-willed individual who will not fold when verifying all incoming maps for legal and technical adequacy, thus making land-surveying information available to the public. I will not deny that, now and then, there is a certain rush that comes with such work - the adrenaline that flows from knowing that with a simple flick of the wrist I could move the boundaries of every one of the polling districts in this whole county three entire inches.

But I would never do that, because you have placed your trust in me, and because those boundaries have to be certified by the State Election Board anyway.

Some credit is due to you, then, Wayne County citizens, for not putting in office some power-hungry opportunist lacking the mettle to handle the job. I would never dare to speak for all of you, but I think it is fair to say that more than a few must be thinking to themselves, "well, thank God we elected a county surveyor who is free from ego, modest to a fault, and is just generally the Joe DiMaggio of land-parcel mapping and plat checking."

There is absolutely no need to thank me. I am just doing my job. The job that the hundreds of you who came out in droves four year ago to vote a straight Democratic ticket that included, three-fourths of the way down, my name elected me to do. I will never forget that day, when the adult citizens of Wayne County made their haggard, tired, and lowly voices known and begged me to be their new county surveyor. the only man capable of saving them and supervising the annual maintenance of their precious drainage system.



### July "Who is it"

Brent Slater was the first to correctly identify Davis County Surveyor Max Elliot, in the July edition of the UCLS Newsletter.

Max, who is nearly 80 years young is well acquainted with Davis County and the needs of the citizens. While he is in the surveyors office, anyone can come and discuss problems related to the land they own. As a professional Land Surveyor, Max is passionate about protection of property rights and perpetuation of the U.S. Land Survey system.

### Accessing Your Sources of Information

#### SaLIS

SaLIS access is via its host at [www.ingentaconnect.com](http://www.ingentaconnect.com) - You need to register for access. If you have not done that yet, try this link: <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/nsps/salis>. The REGISTER button is on the right-hand of the screen, at the top. Fill out the form. Expect a reply within 24 hours.

#### Webmazine (a.k.a. ACSM Bulletin)

To access your digital magazine, follow these steps:

- Go to: [www.webmazine.org](http://www.webmazine.org) / Current issue and click on the flip
- Then click on any article heading. This brings up the sign-up form.
- Type in your email address [must be in our database] in the USER NAME field as well in the PASSWORD field.

Same pertains to accessing the webmazine from [www.nsps.us.com](http://www.nsps.us.com) or [www.aagsmo.org](http://www.aagsmo.org)

Sometiems, it is necessary to clear cookies in order to expedite access. Also, your computer needs to have Flash installed. Other specs are described in the attached pdf.

#### NSPS News & Views

The brief is distributed by MultiView via push email. The email database is reularly updated but, if you want to start receiving the brief immediately on joining, go to <http://multibriefs.com/optin.php?nsps>.

#### NSPS Government Affairs Update

This is periodic update is mailed to all members using the email addresses they have provided upon joining.

**NSPS Radio Hour** on [www.americaswebradio.com](http://www.americaswebradio.com). You can listen to the 12 most recent shows which are archived at <http://www.radiosandysprings.com/showpages/ACSM.php>

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[www.aagsmo.org](http://www.aagsmo.org)



#### FALL FORUM

Utah Council of Land Surveyors  
**September 7th, 2012, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**  
 Continental Breakfast 7:30 A.M.  
 Hosted by Utah Valley University, Geomatics Program  
 at Centre Stage - Student Center



The Utah Council of Land Surveyors welcome the following new members:  
 Joshua Gore and  
 Kagan Dixon  
 of Benchmark Engineering & Land Surveying

### Utah Territorial Government

Sec 1. *Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah*, That the office of county surveyor, be and hereby is created; and that there shall be a county surveyor, to be elected in each county, by the qualified voters at the next general election, whose term of office shall be two years, and until his successor in office shall be qualified.

Sec 2. The county surveyor shall before entering up on the duties of his office, take an oath of office and give bonds, and security to be approved by the Probate Judge, and to be filed in the office of the clerk of the Probate Court.

Sec 3. The county surveyor shall within thirty days after completing any survey, make true copies, or diagrams of the same, and transmit one to the surveyor general, and one to the county recorder; and give a certificate of such survey, to the person for whom it was made, describing the tract, block or lot, and number of acres contained; and such certificate shall be title of possession to the person or persons holding the same.

Sec 4. Where any survey has been made within this Territory, and the bounds cannot be identified and disputes arise between rightful claimants, respecting said line and bounds, the parties so in dispute, or either of them, may, by notifying the other party, or his, her, or their intention, have a re-survey of the said lands so in dispute, to be re-surveyed by either the surveyor general, or the county surveyor, at the option of the party, or parties so requiring such re-survey. Should the parties or either of them be dissatisfied with such re-survey, they, or either of them, may, at his, her, or their expense, have another re-survey by both the surveyor general and county surveyor, whose duty it shall be to make the re-survey as near like the former survey as they can, and such re-survey shall be final, and establish such bounds.

Sec 5. Where any transfer shall be made of any surveyed lands, or part or parts thereof, it shall be the duty of the transferer, to certify in writing such transfer to the person to whom the transfer is made, with a full description of what part or parts, how much or length of line or lines, and number of acres, and the person or persons, whom transferred; to legalize a claim to such land, shall within thirty days thereafter cause such transfer to be recorded in the county recorder's office.

Sec 6. If any surveyor shall survey land or lands for the purpose of cultivation, where to irrigate it, would rob other previously cultivated lands of the needful portion of water, such last survey shall be void for cultivating purposes.

Sec 7. Whenever a surveyor shall survey a piece of land, for a joint enclosure, he shall plot, and number the fence around the survey, noting the length of each persons portion of fence.

Sec 8. All books, records, plots, and papers of surveys made within the Territory, kept by, and in the possession of the surveyor general appertaining to this office, are hereby made the property of the said Territory, and it shall be his duty to transmit the same to his successor in office.

Sec 9. Surveyors' fees shall be regulated as follows:

For Surveying:

twenty acres,	\$2,00
thirty acres,	\$2,50
forty acres,	\$3,00
sixty acres,	\$3,50
eighty acres,	\$4,00
one hundred acres,	\$4,50
one hundred and twenty acres,	\$4,75
one hundred and sixty acres,	\$5,00
three hundred and twenty acres,	\$6,75
six hundred and forty acres,	\$8,50

and for traveling to and from, ten cents per mile: *Provided*, That if more than one piece is surveyed at the same time, in the same place and journey, the traveling fees for mileage shall be apportioned according to equity: *Provided*, That the route to survey through, shall be bad, and rough, in such case, the surveyor shall be allowed to charge in proportion, to make it equal to a good route.

Sec 10. The Governor is hereby authorized to appoint and commission the contemplated county surveyors of this Territory, who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Governor, or until the next general election.

Approved March 3, 1852.



## An Ordinance, Creating a Surveyor General's Office

Passed by the General Assembly, March 2, 1850

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the General Assembly of the State of Deseret, that a Surveyor General for the State shall be elected by the General Assembly, whose term of office shall be four years, and until his successor is qualified.

Sec 2. The Surveyor General shall take and oath of office, and give bond and security to be approved by the secretary of State; and filed in his office.

Sec 3. The Surveyor General shall keep his office at the Seat of Government, and keep a record of all surveys made by himself or reported to him by other surveyors, in a book suitable for the purpose. He shall also have a general superintendence and supervision of all surveys of land, made within the State.

Sec 4. There shall also be a County Surveyor, appointed by the County Court in each County, whose term of office shall be four years, and until his successor is qualified.

Sec 5. The County Surveyor shall take an oath of office, and give bond and security to be approved by the Clerk of the County Court, in their respective Counties, and file the same in his office.

Sec 6. All Surveys made in any county shall, upon the completion thereof be returned to the County Surveyor, who shall file a copy thereof, together with a copy of all surveys made by himself, in the County Recorder's office, in the County wherein the same is made; and transmit another copy of the same, together with the surveys made by himself, to the Surveyor General's office at the Seat of Government.

Sec 7. It shall be the duty of the Surveyor General, and all County Surveyors, to supervise all surveys made in their respective jurisdictions, that the same may be accurate, and no report shall be filed for record, until the same shall be certified to, by the Surveyor General, or County Surveyor, as being correct.

Sec 8. All surveys made in this State, shall be made to correspond with the original survey of Great Salt Lake City, and in all new surveys, certificates approved by authorized surveyors shall be considered title of possession, to the holding of the same for the amount of land therein described.

Sec 9. It shall be the duty of all surveyors within the State, to make return of all such reports within ten days, to the Recorder of the County wherein the survey is made, and transmit another copy of the same to the Surveyor General's office, within twenty days after the same shall be completed.

*Approved, March 2, 1850.*

## Getting To Know Our Members

Name: Craig Ahrens

Residing at: **Salt Lake City, Utah**

My spouse is: **Micki** and I am a parent of **0** children

My hobbies and/or interests include: **Flyfishing, river running, outdoors, bareback bucking horses, motorcycles**

When I retire, I want to: **relax somewhere in the mountains**

I have been a member of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors since: **2008** and wish they would: **keep doing what they do**

My current employer is: **Psomas**

My position or title is: **Survey Team Leader** and I am responsible for: **the Salt Lake City Survey Department**

I have been employed by this company since: **1998** but have been involved in the surveying profession since: **1993**

I became a surveyor because: **I like being outdoors while working and am able to see the importance of my work become physical improvements for the community.**

During the past: **14** years, **new technology** has had the greatest impact on the surveying profession. However, during the next **several years**, I believe **each of us as members and surveyors will have the most influence on its future.**

In my opinion, the future of surveying is: **in the licensed professional hands in mentoring the younger/next generation.**

Name: **Shane Aldrich**

Residing at: **1603 Mayfair Circle SLC, UT 84105**

My spouse is: **Robyn Aldrich** and I am a parent of **3** children

My hobbies and/or interests include: **Running, skiing, biking, fishing.**

When I retire, I want to: **Travel**

I have been a member of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors since **2002**

My current employer is: **Rocky Mountain Transit Instruments**  
My position or title is **Sales** and I am responsible for **Surveying Equipment Sales / Training**

I have been employed by this company since **2002** but have been involved in the surveying profession since **1992**

I became a surveyor because: **My father was and because I enjoyed working outdoors.**

During the past **15** years, **GPS** has had the greatest impact on the surveying profession. However, during the next **5** years, I believe **High Definition Scanning** will have the most influence on its future.

In my opinion, the future of surveying is **Aerial / Terrestrial Scanning**



Dastardly Deed

**Know all Men by these Presents:** 1300 201

THAT I, Ada B. Sanborn of Raymond, Rockingham County and State of New Hampshire,  
for consideration paid, grant to Bert A. and Alice L. Robbins of Raymond, Rockingham County and State of New Hampshire  
with warranty covenants to the said Bert A. and Alice L. Robbins

as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, the following described tract of land which is located in Raymond, Rockingham County and State of New Hampshire near Governors Lake, which is bounded as follows:- Commencing at the South-Easterly corner of other land of said Grantees and running Westerly about (60) sixty feet, more or less, to the South-Westerly corner of other land of said Grantees by land of Wm. Seely Hutchinson, thence turning and running Southerly by said Hutchinson land about (59) fifty-nine feet, to an iron pipe driven in the ground by land of Silivalja, formerly Hilchey, thence turning and running Easterly by said Silivalja land about (60) sixty feet, more or less, to an iron pipe driven in the ground by other land of said Grantor, thence turning and running Northerly by said other land of said Grantor about (59) fifty-nine feet, more or less, to the bound begun at and containing by estimation (354) three hundred and fifty-four square feet. This is a portion of the land conveyed to me by Henry and Jennie B. Nowell, their deed of February 21st., 1942 and is now conveyed to the Grantees, Mr. and Mrs. Bert A. Robbins, a token of our esteem and an appreciation of their friendship on the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

and I Ralph H. Sanborn <sup>husband</sup> of said grantor, release to said grantees all rights of <sup>B</sup>  
~~mine~~ (curtesy) and interest and other interests therein.

Witness OUR hands and seal B this 4th day of August 19 52.

WITNESS:

*George W. [Signature]*

*Ada B. Sanborn*  
*Ralph H. Sanborn*

Witness to both signatures.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

COUNTY OF Rockingham

On this the 4th day of Aug. 1952, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Ada B. and Ralph H. Sanborn known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person <sup>B</sup> whose name <sup>B</sup> subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purpose therein contained. In witness whereof I herunto set my hand and official seal.

*George W. [Signature]*

Justice of the Peace.