



TREMONT ILLINOIS

Weekly News

Did you know...?

** Correction - Last week's article on the similar homes in Tremont misspelled Jacob Winzeler's name. Today's article also mentions Jacob Winzeler.*

Tremonton, Utah

It started when some small groups of settlers, mostly Protestants and Mormons from Nebraska and Illinois, started to settle in the Bear River Valley in the northeastern part of Utah. In the late 1890s, land agents went to the Midwest to tout the benefits of irrigated land and a dry climate. One group of agents visited Tremont, Illinois. In 1901, Jacob Winzeler and three friends traveled to Utah to explore the area and investigate the prospects for farming. They thought the area held promise, so they purchased 5,000 acres of land. Gideon Winzeler, Louis Getz, Henry Baer, Samuel Imthurn, Mathew Baer, and Jacob Meister and their families were among the earliest to come to the area. They settled along the banks of Salt Creek. There were a few groups from Kansas and Ohio as well. Because they were mostly of German descent, they were referred to as the "German Colony".

The town was laid out in 1903 by a group of Tremont, Illinois residents, one of the very few towns in Utah settled by non-Mormons. When the town was laid out, the German colony requested that it be called Tremont, after Tremont, Illinois.

Yet another Tremont was on its way to growth and progress. However, the mail meant for Tremont, Utah kept being delivered to Fremont, Utah. So, just four years after Tremont was founded, the post office changed the town's name to Tremonton.

An Apostolic church was established on a small farm near Tremont(on). The congregation grew to around 18 families, with Samuel Imthurn, Henry Baer, and Gideon Winzeler serving as ministers. The members were baptized in a ditch near the church and enjoyed Sunday meals in fellowship together at noon.

Jacob Winzeler of the Illinois Tremont (Gideon Winzeler's brother) was called to the fledgling town to construct a new Apostolic Church. He visited Utah several times and enjoyed the area, but family ties and investments called him back to his home.

An article from 1907 (unknown newspaper) detailed the growing town, saying the acres of land "...are now in a high state of cultivation, with many beautiful homes where little but sagebrush could be seen...a few years ago. Another railroad now penetrates this valley, an immense sugar factory consumes the product of more than 5,000 acres of sugar beets, a telephone system, free rural mail delivery and gravel roads...the crops of hay, grain and potatoes are larger than in Illinois, but that state excels this in corn." Apparently, some of the Tremont, Illinois farmers were aware of the farming success and invested in farm acreage in the new town, while remaining here.

Another article quotes Ruth Getz as saying, "Our people (Apostolic Christians) were known to be industrious and hard-working with well-kept homes and outbuildings."

But there are no Apostolics in Tremonton today. One source says it is unknown why the Apostolic Christian group left Tremonton, but another, The Tremont (Utah) Times "A Year in Review 1907," explains it this way:

"The church suffered a worldwide schism in 1906-07. The Tremonton members were eventually drawn into the dispute and their church split. In less than ten years, the church was irreparably damaged and many members moved away." Many went back to the original Tremont.

The old Apostolic Christian Cemetery, on land donated by Joseph Sommer, can still be found in Tremonton. Among the nearly 100 tombstones are family names still recognizable in our area: Meister, Brenkmann, Winzeler, Baer, Hoerr, Feucht, Woerner, Getz, Storrer, Sommer, and Wagenbach. Other than the cemetery, there is little else left to point to the early "German" influence in Tremonton.

Today, the population of Tremonton is approximately 9,200.

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Above: Tremonton, Utah, 1936

Tremont Museum

Tremont Museum Open 2-4 Sunday, July 25

Comments from visitors at our last open house:

"I had no idea this museum was so big!"
"I have to come back and bring my husband!"
"I never even knew Tremont had a museum!"
"This is impressive!"

Come visit - you don't know what you are missing!

Where: Corner of S. Sampson and Madison Streets.

Tremont Library

To Be Continued... (ages 7-12)

Tuesdays, June 15th – July 27th, 2-3PM

Join Miss Lizzi for a virtual read-aloud book club weekly to hear a few chapters of our book. Book to be announced in late May.

Sidewalk Chalk Obstacle Courses (all ages)

Dates/Times: June – July

Jump, spin, hopscotch, and balance! Stop by the library for a reward and get your picture on our Chalk Champions board. New courses throughout the summer, location to be announced.

Story Hour (ages 3-6)

Dates/Times: Thursdays, June 10th – July 22nd

Check out our Virtual Read-Aloud Facebook group for read-alouds, rhymes, activities, and craft tutorials. Craft kits available at the library.

100 Books this Summer (Ages 1-5)

Read 100 books w/ your child, June 1-August 7

Saturday

Farmers Market - 9:00AM-12:00PM
City Park

Sunday

Tremont Museum - 2:00-4:00PM

Around Town



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

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