

# Bird in Mendon

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I have extracted pertinent Bird references from a Chronological timeline of Mendon, Utah taken from History of Mendon by Isaac Sorensen. I found the references interesting.

Fall 1859 - Additional families came to North Settlement (later Mendon): Findley, Forster, Ames, Gibson, Farr, Bird, .....

December 19, 1859 - At a meeting held in the log house of Charles Bird at North Settlement, Apostles Ezra Taft Benson and Orson Hyde organized the Mendon Ward; Apostle Benson selected the name from the Massachusetts town of his own birth.

Spring 1860 - Charles Bird started an apple orchard from seedlings.

July 20, 1860 - Bradford Kennedy Bird, 20, was shot in the leg when the minute men company skirmished with Shoshonis.

March 4, 1861 - The county court named Bradford Kennedy Bird as road supervisor for the Mendon Precinct.

August 5, 1862 - The following were elected in the Mendon Precinct: Charles Bird, magistrate, .... William Bird, fence viewers.

1863 - Minue men Isaac Sornesen, Robert Sweeten, James Hill, Traugott Stumpf and William Bird were selected as part of a posse to track and capture a horse thief at Three Mile Creek (Perry). The thief was later shot and killed while trying to escape.

ca. 1863 - Henrietta Bird, the plural wife of Charles Shumway, killed a bear that was playing havoc in her log cabin; she used a flatiron and a poker.

Summer, 1864 - Mendon settlers moved many of the log houses from the fort to outer lots surveyed by James H. Marineau. The log house of Charles Bird, Sr., was in a position he did not have to move when people moved out of the Mendon fort; apple tree seedlings from his seedbed were used to plant fruit trees around Mendon. George Thurston and Kelsey Bird built a grist mill on Gardner's Creek.

August 7, 1865 - Charles Bird elected as school trustee.

August 5, 1867 - Officers elected in Mendon Precinct included Charles Bird, justice of the peace. Also by this time, fruit trees were producing fruit in Mendon.

October 1, 1867 - Early settler, Mary Ann Kennedy Bird, 60, passed away. She was the second adult buried in the Mendon Cemetery.

August 1, 1870 - The initial officers elected for Mendon City were: George Wahington Baker, Sr., mayor; Albert Mowry Baker, Charles Bird...councilors; Kelsey Bird and Jasper Lemmon, justices.

September 29, 1884 - Early settler Charles Bird, Sr. 81, died.

ca. 1890 - Mormons from Mendon who were sent to prison for unlawful cohabitation or on other trumped-up charges included ....William Bird....

Decembre 4, 1899 - Sarah Ann Dunsdon Bird, 64, Mendon. settler of 1859, passed away. It was in her home that Apostles Orson Hyde and Ezra Taft Benson organized the original Mendon Ward.

1902 - Deloss Perley Bird bacame sexton.

April 26 or 29, 1903 - Mormon Delbert Bird succeeded John Hyrum Anderson as bishop of the Mendon Ward.

1910 - Early settler Henrietta Bird, 77, died at Kanab.

January 9, 1920 - Phineas R. Bird was the sexton.

April 11, 1920 - Mormon Delbert Bird was released as bishop of the Mendon Ward.

ca. 1920 - Orval Bird built one of the first radios in Mendon.

October 28, 1924 - Roy Bird was the sexton.

June 29, 1925 - Lewis R. Bird, 42, was killed in a accident in Malad.