

ber and settled at Farmington, Davis county. In 1851 Henry settled at East Weber, at a place now known as Uintah, where he laid out plans and took out the first water for irrigation purposes from the Weber river. He also assisted to erect a fort at that place in 1853. In 1854 he removed to Ogden, where he became sheriff. In 1856 he was called to go east to help in the belated hand cart immigrants and the following spring he was called to go to the Devil's Gate to bring supplies to the brethren who had been stationed there. In 1857 he participated in the expedition to Echo canyon, serving in the first cavalry, which went out to meet the Johnston army. He was also a member of Lot Smith's company at the time the government wagons were burned, and the cattle stampeded. During the "move" in 1858 he went as far south as Provo, where he left his family and returned to Ogden in the fall, to which place his family also returned later in the season. He came to South Jordan in 1861. For a number of years he acted as a minute man and was captain of a cavalry company during the Black Hawk war. He took an active part in the South Jordan branch, then a part of the West Jordan Ward, and when the South Jordan Ward in 1877 was organized, he was chosen as second counselor to Bishop Wm. A. Bills. In 1866 he went back east again and brought a threshing machine to the Valley. Bro. Beckstead attended the school of the Prophets for a number of years in Salt Lake City. As a pioneer settler on the west side of the Jordan river, he took a leading part in bringing the canals through to South Jordan. In 1849 he married Luseen Bird Bybee, who bore him five children, three boys and two girls. In 1857 he married Emily B. Williams, who became the mother of six children (four boys and two girls). In 1862 (March 2nd) he married Emma Marsden and Elizabeth Woods. Emma bore him five boys and Elizabeth became the mother

of two girls and a boy. About 1876 he married Mary H. Williams. By all these wives Bro. Beckstead became the father of nineteen children. In 1887 he was arrested on the charge of unlawful co-habitation and served a term of imprisonment in the Utah penitentiary. He was released from his imprisonment in February, 1888, but during his incarceration his health was so completely ruined that he died, September 3, 1888, at South Jordan. His occupation was that of a farmer and stock raiser. For a number of years he furnished a team for the Church to send east after poor emigrants.

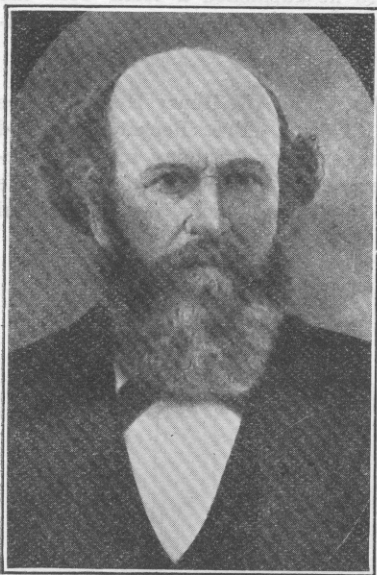
BECKSTEAD, Henry Byram. (See Vol. 1:593.) Bro. Beckstead served four years as a Sunday school superintendent, commencing with 1897. He has also served ten years on the local



Old Folks committee and six years as a home missionary in the Jordan Stake of Zion. He has been an acting Ward teacher since he was sixteen years old and for forty years he has served his fellow-citizens as sexton in South Jordan.

BELNAP, Gilbert, Bishop of Hooper, Weber county, Utah, was born Dec.

22, 1821, in Hope, Newcastle district, Canada, the son of Rosel and Jane Belnap. He married Adaline Knight (daughter of Vincent and Martha Knight) Dec. 21, 1845. She was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, May 4, 1831, and became the mother of thirteen children. In 1840 Gilbert visited Kirtland, Ohio, for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the "Mormons" of whom he had heard a great deal. After being restored to health from severe injuries he had sustained in an accident, he became



a member of the Church, being baptized Sept. 11, 1842. Soon afterwards he was ordained to the Priesthood and set apart for the ministry. He labored principally in the State of New York. He first met the Prophet Joseph in June, 1842, at Nauvoo, Ill., and subsequently passed through all the hardships and persecutions to which the saints in Nauvoo and vicinity were subjected. At the time of the exodus in 1846 he came west and arrived in Great Salt Lake Valley in 1850. He settled at Ogden, and Weber county thereafter became his permanent place of residence. Here he spent his time

on the farm and in helping to redeem the desert and provide comforts for his family. In 1855 he was called as a missionary to the Indians on Salmon river (now in Idaho) and thus became one of the founders of Fort Limhi. Here he remained until the time of Johnston army troubles. He settled at Hooper in the spring of 1868 and was set apart as presiding Elder of that settlement June 27, 1868; and when the place was organized as a Ward May 28, 1877, he was ordained a Bishop and set apart to preside over the same, which position he occupied until April 20, 1888. He died at Hooper Feb. 26, 1899, after occupying many places of honor and responsibility in the civil government of Weber county, aside from ecclesiastical labors. Gilbert Belnap was a man of quiet demeanor, honest, exceedingly independent, a characteristic obtained from the varied conditions of his life. He was clear in judgment and full of sympathy for the struggling and the lowly. One of his leading traits was valor to what his good judgment considered justice and the right. He hated sham, dishonesty and oppression, was plain and outspoken and as brave as he was true to his convictions. He disliked simulation and condemned hypocrisy. He was always faithful to his trusts and could be depended upon as a true friend under all circumstances. Bishop Belnap was the father of a large family.

BOYCE, John, first counselor to Bishop James A. Muir, of the Granite Ward, Salt Lake county, Utah, was born Feb. 22, 1842, on Madison Island in the Mississippi river, near Nauvoo, the son of Benjamin Boyce and Susannah Content Judd. His parents came from Leeds county, Canada, in May, 1838, with Captain John E. Page, arriving in Missouri in October. There they shared in the persecutions of the Saints and moved to Illinois in 1839 and lived for some time on Madison Island. While residing there his