

Impressive Ceremony, Monument remember 'Old Fort Kanarrville'

The history of Old Fort Kanarrville has been preserved on a monument dedicated recently at Kanarrville.

The project, undertaken, by the community's Bicentennial Committee, is in the form of a monument with a plaque that details the design of the Fort, listing the original residents with the history of the fort inscribed in the center.

A formal dedication of the monument was held in connection with a Family Home Activity just this past week. Dedicatory prayer was offered by Byron N. Williams.

Musical selections were provided by a vocal trio consisting of LaDawn Williams, Janelle Farnsworth and Retta Davis. They sang, "This Land is Your Land," and "Those Dear Hearts and Gentle People."

Program began with a flag ceremony and an invocation by Mayor Bill Byrne.

Irene Pollock gave a history of Fort Kanarrville and subsequent historical events to the present time.

Light refreshments were served by the Bicentennial Committee.

The committee, which included Belle Davis, Opal and J.F. Williams, was originally organized through the Iron County Bicentennial committee. When the project of erecting the monument was accepted a large rock, taken from the gap, leading to Kanarra Mountain, was put in place through the cooperation of the Iron County Road Department and the Plaque was put in place by Denor Pollock and Clair Beatty.

The monument is located near the Kanarrville Chapel and within the block formed originally by the Fort.

The Inscription on the Monument reads as follows:

"Old Kannar, as it was called by early inhabitants, was founded in the spring of 1861 by settlers who moved from Fort Harmony, the town was situated on Kanarra Creek about one mile north and east of the present location. Later a group from Toquerville built on the present site in the string town fashion shown.

The string type fort as it was originally formed is outlined on the plaque.

"In 1866 the present townsite of Kanarrville was surveyed by settlers from Kanab. During that same year this aggregate of settlements became one when the original group also moved to the new townsite, bringing with them a log meeting house. This building served for several years as a church, school and social hall. To build their homes, logs



HISTORICAL MONUMENT. This plaque, located at Kanarrville, was prepared and dedicated this past week as a special bicentennial project. The plaque details Fort Kanarra and relates significant historical events of the Iron County community.

were hauled out of Shirts' Canyon to the east.

"The first child born in Kanarrville, James Wallace Pollock, son of Samuel Pollock, arrived on November 17, 1866 in his father's Blacksmith Shop.

"On September 29, 1867 Apostle Eranstus Snow set apart Lorenzo W. Roundy as the first

Bishop of this Mormon community.

"The town may have acquired its name from either of two sources. The popular belief is that the name came from an Indian Chief, Kuanar, who resided along the creek, another origin may be from the kind of willows that grew along the Kanarra Willows."