**Russon - Peck Monument Dedication**

On a pleasant Fall afternoon, we held a dedicatory

meeting to bring to a culmination the

efforts to honor these two pioneering families.

The monument can be seen readily from 1575

East 900 North; close to the new church building

in the area. If you were unable to attend,

please take a moment and stop to view the

monument. There is a plaque on both sides of

the rock slab.

Presiding at the meeting was Val Tucker,

Chapter President. Speakers included Carl

Mellor, Stan Russon and Ron Peck. A beautiful

hymn -- They the Builders of the Nation -- was

sung by all. The dedicatory prayer was offered

by Pres. Randy Russon of the Lehi East Stake,

and member of the Russon Family here in Lehi.

**Highlights from the event include:**

**1)** This Service Project was originally envisioned

by Carl Mellor and presented to Stan Russon on

5-18-2009.

**2)** The Pecks and Russons have been in the

Lehi area for 120 years

**3)** The monument stands on ground that was

originally Russon - Peck property.

**4)** Thanks were extended to the Russon and

Peck Families, Lehi City Officials, and the SUP

who combined spent countless hours working

on this project.

**5)** Elisha Peck, Sr joined the Church in England

at the age of 12. At age 16 he was ordained

and called to be the Branch President. At age

17 he was called as a missionary.

**6)** Charlotte (Lottie) Russon was a member of

the Church, and she and other girls would sing

at the missionary street meetings.

**7)** Elisha Peck, Sr. traveled and stopped in

Lehi. He kept track of the arrivals announced

in the Deseret News of all new immigrants to

Utah.

**8)** Lottie Russon arrived in SLC after an 8

week voyage to cross the ocean. Her travel

expense was paid by the Nebeker Family. The

rest of her family used the Perpetual Emigration

Funds to travel. (This money was reimbursed

to the fund so others could also

benefit.)

**9)** When Elisha found Lottieʼs name listed, he

walked the 30 miles to SLC to visit with her.

After months of long-distance courtship he proposed.

**10)** Two days later newly returned Elder

Nebeker asked for Lottieʼs hand in marriage.

Oh what a dilemma. The “Poor” Peck Boy vs

the “Rich” Nebeker Boy. Love won out, and

Charlotte married Elisha.

**11)** About 30,000 descendants of the Elisha

and Charlotte Peck Family are on this earth at

this time. How amazing!

**12)** Many of the early church meeting innovations

were begun here in Lehi. The Juvenile

Sunday School, Sunday School, Fast & Testimony

Meetings, and the Juvenile Instructor

were very successful.

**The Dedicatory Prayer highlights:**

**1)** Gratitude was given for the staying of the

elements this day. Recognition was made of

the sacrifice and dedication and willingness of

the Russon and Peck Families in the early

days of Lehi.

**2)** Hearts were turned unto our Father in

Heaven.

**3)** These 2 families resided in and created a

great community.

**4)** Recognition was also given for their strength

during the early and difficult times.

**5)** A great many Young Men and Young Women

have served missions from these 2 families.

**6)** The monument was dedicated by the

Authority of the Priesthood asking that the

monument stand as a method to teach and

remind all who read the plaques of their great

heritage.

**7)** The site was dedicated to be protected.

**8)** Also a feeling of love in committing ourselves

to the future and our endeavors to endure

to the end was indicated.