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Brough family honored for their pioneering spirit

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On an annual basis, the Morgan chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers will add one or two names to the beautiful "Early Morgan Pioneer" monu-

ment located at the entrance of Riverside Park in Morgan City.

Qualifications for nominees include: Ancestors possessing qualities and character exemplified by the early pioneers of the Utah territory; one who had faith in God, devotion to fam-

ily, loyalty to church and country, hard work and service to others, courage in adversity, personal integrity and unyielding determination; can be male or female, young or old; must have been a

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resident of Morgan County prior to the year 1869; and should have made a significant contribution to Morgan County.

The pioneers chosen for 2015 were Thomas Brough and Jane Paterson Brough. Their names were engraved in stone and celebrated at a Sept. 21 meeting with many of their descendents in attendance including presenter Clayton Brough. Clayton was a weekend weatherman for ABC 4 for 28 years and a full-time teacher at Eisenhower Junior High School in Taylorsville, Utah. He retired from teaching in 2012.

Thomas Brough was born on Oct. 22, 1832, in England. His father had joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1849. As a young man, Thomas worked in the coal mines around Longton and practiced the trades of masonry and carpentry. Census records indicate that he was already working at 9 years old.

In November of 1951 Thomas married Jean (Jane) Paterson, who was born in Scotland in 1830. Jane gave birth to three children before they left their native England, but lost a son shortly after his birth. Thomas and Jane emigrated to America to join the rest of the "Saints" in Utah with their two children and Thomas' younger sister.

Shortly after arriving in the northeastern United States, the Brough family funds were all but spent and they had no choice but to stop in Pennsylvania, where Thomas worked in the surrounding coal mines just long enough to make enough money to take his family to Madison County, Ill.

By the middle of 1857 the Broughs had settled in Madison County, where Thomas rented a farm, grew corn and raised hogs and other farm animals. While there, Jane

gave birth to four more children.

In the midst of the U.S. Civil War, Thomas finally secured enough money to purchase a wagon and team of oxen to transport his growing family to Utah. He had a lumber wagon, two yoke of oxen and a cow. Thomas, Jane and their six children started out toward Utah in June of 1864 in a wagon train of 100 other wagons and arrived in Porterville, Utah, three months later.

The Brough family sold most of their furniture before the trek west, but unbeknownst to Thomas, Jane stuck an old clock between some of the clothing. This turned out to be a blessing in disguise as this timekeeper proved to be the only functioning clock in Porterville during the first year of their arrival.

Because the couple arrived in the Morgan Valley in the fall, Thomas was not able to build his family home before winter set in. He made a 12' x14' dugout in the hillside to shelter them from the elements through the winter. They were not able to get flour either, so the family utilized the wheat they brought from Illinois and the children took turns grinding the wheat through a small coffee mill for their bread.

When spring arrived, Thomas located some good farm land and by the next fall, he and his brother Samuel had built a small adobe one-room home in Porterville. Within two more years he utilized his brick making skills and built two more adjoining rooms.

The bricks used in his home were the first bricks made in Porterville. Thomas and Samuel continued on making bricks for a number of buildings in the area including the first LDS chapel in Porterville. The brick cha-

pel, which measured only 20' x 30', served as both a meeting house and school from 1870-1899.

In addition to manufacturing bricks in Porterville, Thomas and Samuel also operated a brickyard in Kaysville. This yard was known as the Brough Brickyard on Cemetery Street. It was located where the LDS Kaysville Crestwood building is now.

Thomas was an industrious and honest man. He cultivated his land with the aid of oxen and harvested his crops with a scythe and a grain cradle.

Thomas was a devoted husband and a kind father to seven children. He was first ordained a branch president in 1875 and later as the first bishop of the new West Porterville ward until his death in 1882. At the age of 49 he was struck with appendicitis, which ended his life. His last act was to call his children to his side and give them each father's blessings with the exception of one son, who was serving a mission at the time.

Following his death, Jane determined to make the best of things. She practiced midwifery and nursing in Porterville for 21 years. She received her certificate to practice obstetrics from the Utah State Medical Board and brought scores of babies into the world.

Jane was a real pioneer doctor using herbs, bark and roots she gathered from the surrounding mountains and plains to treat various illnesses. She often treated her patients without asking for or receiving remuneration of any kind.

Jane was also an excellent seamstress, homemaker and diligent temple worker. She died at the age of 73 and is buried alongside her husband in the Porterville cemetery.