



Chapter 4

MOUNTAIN MEN

Peter Skene Ogden

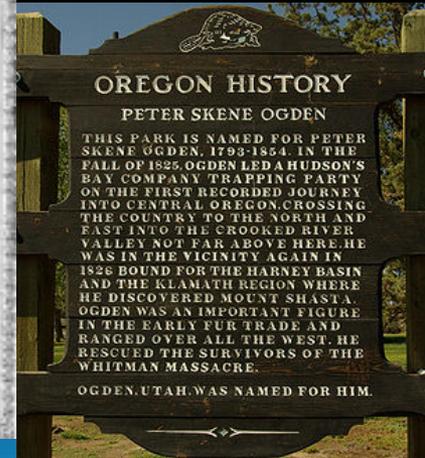
Ethnicity: American

Company: Hudson's Bay Company (British)

Location: Cache Valley and Ogden

- Accomplishments:
- One of the earliest written accounts of northern Utah in his journal.
- Ogden and Ogden River named after him.

Other Facts: Called Ogden a hole because it was surrounded by mountains



Ethnicity: American

Company: Ashley-Henry Company

Location: Northern Utah

Jim Bridger

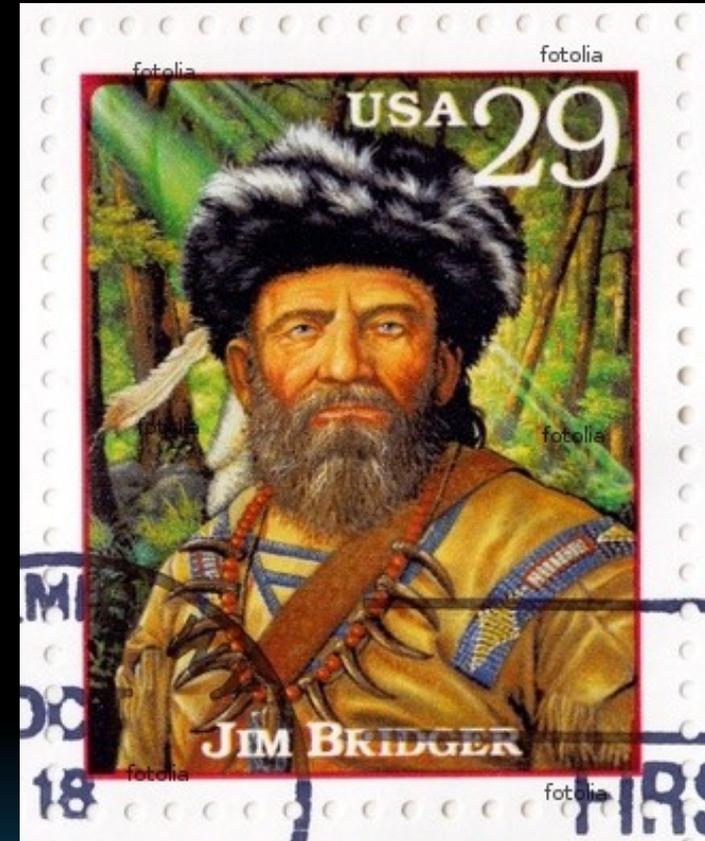
Accomplishments:

- Took a boat from the Bear River to Great Salt Lake and explored it.
- First to see Great Salt Lake
- Built trading posts where travelers could buy supplies.

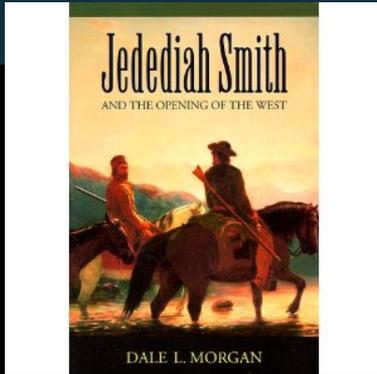
Other Facts:

Great story teller

Traded on fat cow for 2 or 3 skinny cows with travelers, then fattened them up and sold them too.



Jedediah Smith



Ethnicity: American

Company: Ashley-Henry Company

Location: All over Utah



- Accomplishments:
- Leader among trappers
- First to travel the length and width of Utah
- Proved that no rivers flowed from the Great Salt Lake to the ocean

Other Facts:

Carried a rifle and a bible

Attacked by a grizzly (tore off his ear)

Survived traveled in California by burying self in sand

Prejudiced against natives

Killed by natives

James Beckwourth

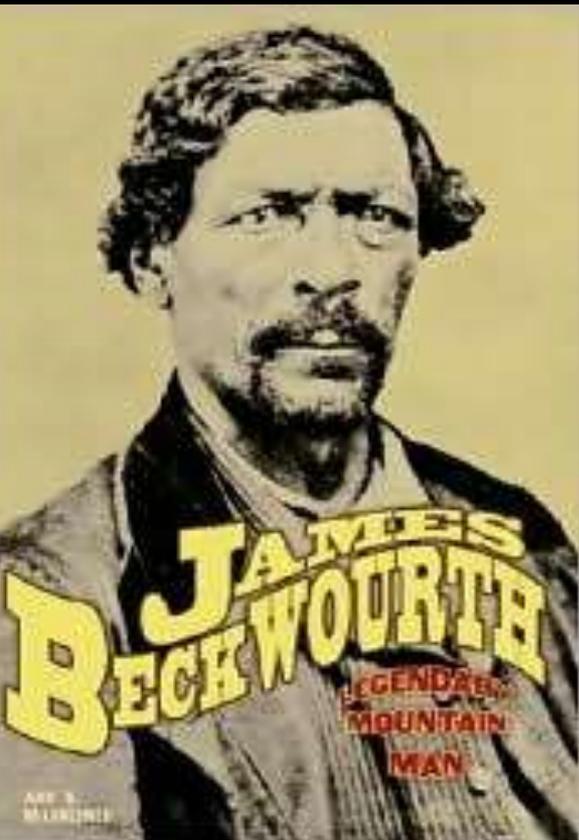
Ethnicity: African American

Company: Ashley-Henry Company

Location: All over the west

Accomplishments: Explorer, trapper, miner, army scout, and businessman

Wrote a book about his life



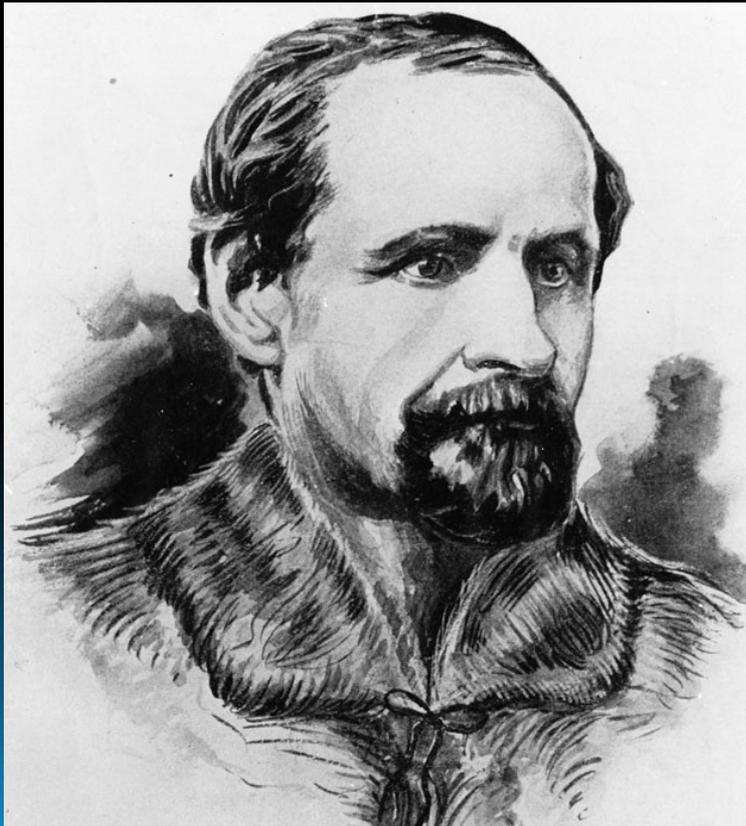
- Other Facts
- Former slave in Virginia
- Adopted by tribe of Crow Indians.
- Married a Crow woman
- Great story teller

Etienne Provost

Ethnicity: French

Company: New Mexico

Location: Utah Valley



Accomplishments:

Also recorded as first to see
Great Salt Lake

Led important expeditions

Established trading posts

- Other Facts
- Provo and the Provo River are named after him
- Attacked by natives in the first reported clash between natives and non-natives.

Antoine Robidoux

Ethnicity: French

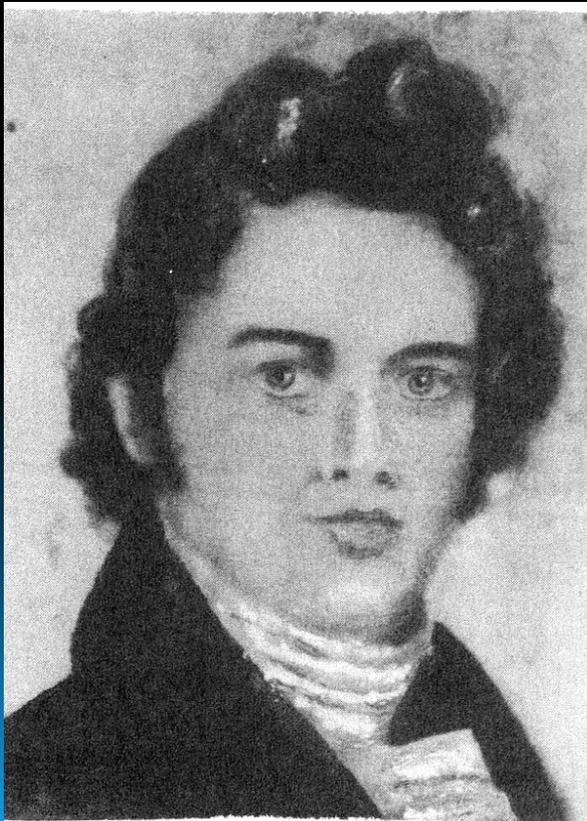
Company: New Mexico

Location: Uinta Basin

Accomplishments:

Built forts and trading posts
(Fort Robidoux was among the
Utes)

- Other Facts
- Carved a message into a
Rock



Joseph R. Walker

Ethnicity: American

Company: None

Location: All over the west

Accomplishments:

Trapper and guide for pioneers

Established the main trail for movement to California due to his published reports

- Other Facts
- Walker was not the first to use the Walker trail, but his writings made it popular



John C. Fremont

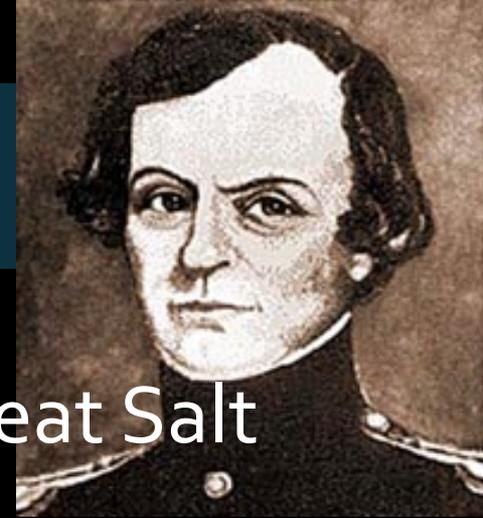
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Accomplishments:

- Worked for Army Corps of Topographical Engineers and learned about astronomy, plants, mining, and record making
- Hired to explore and map the Oregon Trail
- Writings inspired people to move west
- Published a book with errors: Great Salt Lake and Utah Lake were same body of water, Utah was a garden spot, fertile and well watered.
- These mistakes led Mormons to want to settle there
- Contributed valuable info about Utah

John W. Gunnison 1849



Accomplishment:

- Sent by government to explore the Great Salt Lake
- Wrote a book about Mormon people
- Sent to find best route for the transcontinental railroad and decided it should go through WY and northern UT, not central UT
- Established a southern route to California
- Established a military road to Utah
- Killed by natives