

## HISTORY QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Prior to 1890, there were only a few families that lived in Butlerville. The majority of those lived on the Butler Bench and along Big Cottonwood Canyon Road. The area was still very remote and undeveloped. During the summer of 1885 an 80 year old man, who lived near the mouth of the canyon, went for a walk. When he failed to return, family and friends began to search for him. What were the results of this search?

## ANSWER

Mr. Beck, an 80 year old man who lived near the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon left his house the morning of July 29, 1885, and went for a walk along the hill near his house and became lost. When he didn't return, family and friends began a search for him. They searched for several days without any sign of the man. On August 4, 1885 the missing man in a very weak condition wandered into his home. He told his family that he had wandered around for two days and nights and had several times heard people calling his name, but was too weak and exhausted to respond to their calls or try to make his way in the direction from which the sounds had come. After resting for a long period of time, he said he continued walking, as his failing strength would allow, until he finally came in sight of his home. This was a week after he went missing.

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