

Historical Question

Question:

If you have seen or been to the Union Pioneer Memorial cemetery on Creek Road, you have probably noticed a distinctive metal arch over the entry. Who was the man who created the arch? (Hint: he lived just west of the cemetery.)

Answer:

Dellis Ruben Forbush was born in Union, Utah in a little one-room cabin about three blocks east of the farm where he lived all of his life. In 1947-48, he built a shop where he repaired and made all of his machinery. He was a genius with metal. During his lifetime he was awarded four patents on his inventions. People from all over the valley came to him to have their items repaired or welded.

The Union Lions Club asked Dellis to join their group. He served as their president twice. The Union Pioneer Cemetery became one of the focal points of the club. An arch, fabricated and constructed by Dellis, marks the Union Cemetery, which is on Creek Road just east of where Dellis and his wife, Esther, lived. In May 1973, the arch was erected by members of the Union Lions Club and dedicated by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.