

Historical Question:

Which former resident of Cottonwood Heights is among the 13 members of the Salt Lake County Sheriff's office who have died in the line of duty, beginning with Deputy Rodney Badger who died in April 1853?

Historical Answer:

Melvin Charles Colebrook, Jr. was born in 1931. He spent his youth in Butlerville and then moved closer to Salt Lake City. He attended high school at Davis High School in Farmington, Utah. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War and then worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for 20 years. After that, he became a Deputy Sheriff for Salt Lake County.

In 1973, Deputy Colebrook was killed in the line of duty during a family fight in the home of one of the vice presidents of Walker Bank. He left behind a wife and three children. He was the great grandson of Charles Colebrook. Deputy Colebrook's name appears on the Officer Down Memorial Page of law enforcement heroes. We honor all those who wear the uniform and dedicate themselves to helping people in their community.