

HISTORY QUESTION OF THE MONTH

When was the name of Butlerville, officially changed to Cottonwood Heights?

ANSWER

At the Meeting of the Salt Lake County Commission held on April 1, 1938, Harold D. Fife, presented a petition, signed by 50 property owners in the area known as Butlerville, requesting that the name of "Butlerville" be changed to "Cottonwood Heights." The matter was taken under advisement by the Commission and referred to the Chairman.

At the meeting of the County Commission held on Friday, May 13, 1938, the following resolution was submitted for the Board's approval from the residents of Butlerville .

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, the area in Salt Lake County lying west of the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, commencing with and including the high ground south of the natural channel of Big Cottonwood Creek, in the area hereinafter more particularly described, has in the past, been called "Butlerville";and

WHEREAS, the greater part of the original settlers, and particularly the Butler family, for whom said district and locality was named, have moved from said locality and said name has lost its original significance and said locality is not definitely designated or widely known by said old name, and it is the desire of the present residents and owners of property in said district to change said name to "Cottonwood Heights"; and,

WHEREAS said change would more definitely designate and naturally and distinctively name said locality and would add to the convenience, orderliness, certainty, and government of said locality and would facilitate the distribution of mail, patrolling by county motorcycle and radio cars, delivery and distribution of merchandise and add to the general convenience of the residents of said district and others;

IT IS, THEREFORE, HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE County Commissioners Salt Lake County as follows:

1. That the area commencing with and including the high ground south of the channel of Big Cottonwood Creek, east of 23rd East Street and north of 80th South Street, Salt Lake County, Utah, be and the same is hereby designated and named "Cottonwood Heights," and such name will be used for all purposes of official designation on county maps and otherwise from the date of the passage of this resolution."

Two of the County Commissioners, J. B. Mullins and W. H. Anderson, voted "Aye" and the resolution was approved and signed May 13, 1938.

Sources: Minute Book, Board of County Commissioners, Salt Lake County

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