

## Appendix A Timeline of Major Events

Franciscan Friars Atanasio Dominguez ..... 1776  
and Silvestre Velez de Escalante explore  
House Rock Valley during aborted expedition  
to Monterey, California, becoming the first  
Euroamericans in the region.

1829..... Antonio Armijo leads a pack train  
from New Mexico to Crossing of  
the Fathers and across the northern  
Arizona Strip in route to California.  
The trading route was never  
developed further by the Spanish.

William Bailey Maxwell, upon discharge ..... 1847  
from the Mormon Battalion, returns to Utah  
through House Rock Valley and the Kaibab  
Plateau, becoming the first Mormon to travel  
the region. Maxwell became a major figure in  
the history of the Arizona Strip.

1855..... Ira Hatch becomes the first  
Mormon missionary sent to  
Buckskin Mountain to preach to the  
Kaibab Paiutes. Hatch was also  
ordered to seek out areas for  
Mormon settlements and would  
likely have identified Kanab's  
potential for farming and ranching.

Jacob Hamblin and 12 other Mormon ..... 1858  
missionaries, many of whom became  
prominent in local history, pass through  
House Rock Valley in route to Hopi Mesas.  
Hamblin is credited with establishing the  
first trails in the area. He built a dugout home  
in what would become Kanab, and settlers began  
arriving the next year.

1860..... William Maxwell lays claim to  
Moccasin Spring and surrounding  
areas. He sold it three years later to  
a man named Rhodes, who built the  
first cabin there.

James M. Whitmore acquires rights to ..... 1863  
Pipe Springs, building a dugout home  
and corrals, and planting an orchard.  
Whitmore and his brother-in-law, Robert  
McIntyre, are killed two years later while

trying to recover livestock reportedly stolen by Southern Paiutes or Navajos.

1865..... Construction of Fort Kanab begins in the wake of increased hostilities with Navajos. It is completed in 1969, but not before the hostilities forced many families to leave.

John Conrad Naegle (originally Naile)..... 1866  
establishes a ranch at Big Springs on the west flank of the Kaibab Plateau.

1869 (ca.) .... The Southern Paiutes purportedly “give” House Rock Valley to Jacob Hamblin as a show of respect. Hamblin may have begun construction on a ranch house there in 1870 or 1871.

Brigham Young creates the Mormon ..... 1870  
Church-owned Canaan Cooperative Stock Company, based at Pipe Springs. Within a year, some 500 head of Church cattle are grazing on the Arizona Strip.

1871 ..... In partnership with Jacob Hamblin, John D. Lee begins construction in December on a ranch at the Paria River confluence. The ranch became known as Lonely Dell, and the ferry as Lee’s Ferry. The same year, Levi Stewart claims Big Springs and transfers Lee’s sawmill operation from Skutumpah. In October, the second John Wesley Powell expedition arrives at the Paria confluence and travels with Mormon guides through House Rock Valley.

John D. Lee begins construction on a..... 1872  
second ranch at Jacob’s Pools. An initial brush structure built in May was replaced by a stone ranch complex within six months. Lee also serves as a guide for the Powell surveys on the Arizona Strip. A stone fort, called Winsor Castle, is completed at Pipe Springs, and Lt. George Wheeler’s surveying expedition arrives in House Rock Valley to explore the Paria River.

1873 .....John D. Lee, sought by federal authorities for his role in the Mountain Meadows Massacre, flees to Hamblin's farm at Moenave, Arizona. Lee trades his rock house and land at Jacob's Pools to Hamblin for the Moenave farm. Susan Robbins, a 9-day-old infant, dies at House Rock Spring.

Kanab United Order established, followed .....1874  
a year later by the Orderville United Order.  
The same year, the New Canaan Livestock  
Cooperative purchases House Rock Valley  
from Jacob Hamblin. And the Warren Johnson  
family takes over operation of Lee's Ferry.

1875 .....The New Canaan Livestock  
Cooperative begins running cattle  
in House Rock Valley in the winter  
and the Kaibab Plateau in the  
summer.

The Orderville United Order begins .....1877  
running cattle in House Rock Valley and  
the Kaibab Plateau in tandem with the  
New Canaan cooperative. The two cooperatives  
construct the House Rock Ranch four miles  
south of House Rock Springs. John D. Lee is  
apprehended and executed for his role in the  
Mountain Meadows Massacre.

1879 .....David Udall and two brothers-in-  
law start a ranch at DeMotte Park,  
acquiring water rights from the  
Levi Stewart estate.

The financially troubled New Canaan .....1883  
cooperative sells its Oak Grove Ranch  
to B.F. Saunders, a non-Mormon businessman  
from Salt Lake City.

1884 .....Joseph Hamblin, a son of Jacob  
Hamblin, establishes a ranch in the  
Sand Hills near Two Mile Spring.

The Orderville United Order begins divesting ..... 1885  
assets, but there are no offers for the ranches  
in House Rock Valley.

- 1887 .....John W. Young, a major stockholder in New Canaan, starts the Kaibab Cattle Company with Canaan livestock, modifying the Brigham Young “Y” brand into his own initials. At the same time, he purchases House Rock Valley and the Kaibab Plateau from the Orderville United Order.
- John W. Young, Edwin Woolley and .....1891  
 Dan Seegmiller host Buffalo Bill Cody and English aristocrats on a tour of the Grand Canyon. The visitors refuse to invest in the Kaibab as a hunting and tourism retreat.
- 1893..... The federal government creates the Kaibab forest reserve, bringing the first federal scrutiny of grazing practices on public domain lands.
- The Kaibab Land and Cattle Company .....1896  
 sells out to B.F. Saunders and Ara Farley (or Haley) of Wyoming. They may have been the ones who instituted the famous Bar Z brand and renamed the outfit the Grand Canyon Cattle Company. Saunders also buys out the remnants of the Canaan livestock cooperative, including the House Rock Ranch. The same year, James Emmett takes over Lee’s Ferry and establishes a cattle ranch.
- 1901..... Edwin Woolley and Jim Emmett construct a trail down Bright Angel Canyon to the Colorado River.
- B.F. Saunders attempts to gain title to .....1904  
 Kane Springs by filing a placer mining claim. The claim is rejected by the U.S. Forest Service.
- 1905 .....B.F. Saunders, Edwin Woolley, James Owen and C.F. Jones embark on a scheme to cross-breed bison and Galloway cattle. The experiment fails after four years.
- The Kaibab Plateau is established .....1906  
 as a game reserve.

- 1907 .....Zane Grey witnesses a near-gunfight between Bar Z foreman Charles Dimmick and rival rancher James Emett. In December, Saunders sells the Bar Z to the Grand Canyon Cattle Company, headed by president E.J. Marshall and vice president Harry E. Way. The Bar Z brand is retained.
- President Theodore Roosevelt creates .....1908  
the Grand Canyon National Monument.  
Edwin Woolley and Jesse Knight construct a  
cable-supported tram over the Colorado River.
- 1909 .....The new owners of the Grand  
Canyon Cattle Company finally  
buy out James Emett, giving them  
access to Flagstaff via Lee's Ferry.  
They also bought the ferry from the  
Mormon Church.
- President Theodore Roosevelt visits .....1913  
the House Rock Ranch and hunts  
cougars on the Kaibab Plateau.
- 1924 .....Some accounts say the Bar Z outfit  
quit House Rock Valley and the  
Kaibab Plateau for New Mexico.  
Land records indicate they  
remained and acquired more land.
- Johnny Adams acquires squatter's rights .....1926  
to the Joseph Hamblin ranch in the Sand Hills.
- 1927 .....The Grand Canyon Cattle  
Company sells Lee's Ferry back to  
the Mormon Church.
- A bridge over the Colorado River .....1929  
at Marble Canyon is dedicated, opening  
the House Rock Valley to vehicular traffic  
and eliminating the need for Lee's Ferry.
- 1930 .....The Grand Canyon Cattle  
Company acquires private holdings  
in House Rock Valley through  
various federal laws. In November,  
Henry S. Stephenson and Genaro  
Fourzan purchase the Grand  
Canyon Cattle Company and all of  
its holdings in House Rock Valley.

Henry Stephenson expands the .....1933  
Bar Z holdings by acquiring the homestead  
rights of James Van Brunt and John Martin  
Fritz. He also sold Jacob's Lake to  
Margaret McDowell.

1939 .....Henry Stephenson sells Two Mile  
Ranch and its water rights to 18  
Kanab-area ranchers, among them  
members of the Woolley, Hamblin,  
Vaughan, Findlay and Schoppman  
families.

Johnny Adams loses his Sand Hill ranch .....1941  
to Jim Jennings, who sold it to A.T. Spence.

1942 .....Henry Stephenson sells a small  
parcel to the Curtis family, who  
later sell to John Rich.

A.T. Spence sells the Hamblin Sand Hills .....1944  
Ranch to the Alex Findlay family.

1945 .....Henry Stephenson sells the  
remainder of the Bar Z holdings in  
House Rock Valley to Hoyt  
Chamberlain, who was a front man  
for Royal Woolley, Mel and John  
Schoppman, Rubin Broadbent,  
C.H. Vaughan and Alex Findlay,  
all Kanab-area ranchers. Roy  
Woolley is said to be the real  
owner of House Rock Valley and  
the old Bar Z.

The Woolley family divests itself of .....1955  
House Rock Valley to the remaining four partners.  
About this time, the partners divide up House  
Rock Valley among themselves. The Schoppmans  
still retain their holdings in the area.

1958 .....Alex Findlay sells the Emmitt and  
Sunset lodes, as well as land and  
water rights around Jacob's Pools,  
Haycock Spring, Emmett Spring,  
Soap Creek and Hibben Spring to  
Darl Robinson.

Alex Findlay acquires other properties .....1962  
in House Rock Valley. Two Findlay brothers,  
Duncan and Lynn, later divide up the estate.

Lynn sold his share to John Rich and the Vermilion Cliffs Cattle Company.

1969 .....One Mile Spring purchased by A.P. Sanders from the Leach family. Sanders exchanges Two Mile Spring with the Vermilion Cliffs Cattle Company for One Mile Spring.

Duncan Findlay sells out to the Ramsey .....1980  
Cattle Company, which was acquired by the Two Mile Corporation.

1984 .....Alex Findlay sells out to the Two Mile Corporation.

Darl Robinson sells out to Emil Graff.....1987

1988 .....The Two Mile Corporation sells out to the Mark Stephenson family.

The Graff family donates its holdings to .....1991  
the Mormon Church, which then sells them to the Dean Carter Family.

1992 .....The Mark Stephenson family sells out to C.Kay Sturdevant, who operated as Flying X Partners and Two Mile Ranch. The Dean Carter family sells its holdings to the David Gelbaum family, who transferred them a year later to the Kane Ranch and Land Stewardship Company.

The Sturdevants sell part of their holdings .....1998  
to the David Gelbaum family, and a year later the remainder of their holdings to the Kane Ranch and Land Stewardship Company.

2005 .....The Kane Ranch and Land Stewardship Company sells its holdings to North Rim Ranch.