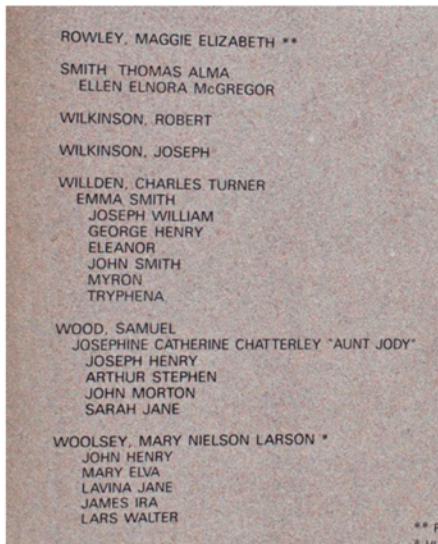




The new monument commemorates those called to the San Juan after the arrival of the initial settlers.



Pioneer Relics Donated

Life-long Bluff resident, Melvin Gaines, provided the Bluff Fort with a scythe that Gaines believes came to Bluff through the Hole in the Rock. He also allowed a photo album from the 1930s to be copied into digital format for preservation.



Melvin Gaines

The photo album was a gift to him from his teacher at the Bluff School, Miss Flora Johnson.

A second treasure came to the Fort from Ruth Smith Johnson of Blanding. Shown on the left is a child's rattle, one of at least two made by



Perkins rattle

Ruth's great-grandfather, Benjamin Perkins, Hole in the Rock Pioneer, in 1888-89 while he was incarcerated in the Utah territorial prison for "being too-much married."

The second rattle was incomplete and has been disassembled to learn how the rattle was constructed. Once a rattle is reconstructed, it will join its twin in the display.