

The Road to Bingham

The first resources that were recognized in Bingham Canyon were its water, timber and grass. In order that the timber could be transported from Bingham to the Jordan Valley, there was a need for a road, and a group of West Jordan residents petitioned the Salt Lake County Court asking that county funds be expended so that one could be surveyed and constructed. It was signed by the local Bishop, Archibald Gardner, and his two counselors, William A. Hickman and Joseph Harker. A number of other local residents signed, some of whom were involved in the first mining claims at Bingham on 17 September 1863. For us Hickmans, we get to see not just a list of Bill Hickman's neighbors, but also the signatures of William A. Hickman, his son, William George Hickman, his son-in-law, Samuel Monroe Butcher, and his father-in-law, Emery Mecham.

West Jordan Aug 27th 1862

To the Honorable County Court of Salt Lake County

Dear Sirs We your Petitioners would respectfully request that your Honorable body would cause to be surveyed a County road one opening southward from Jordan Mills leading into Bingham Canyon

Also a County road on the west side of Jordan commencing at Jordan Mills running South to the point of the Mountain crossing the river at or near Mr. Towells residence And as in duty bound your Petitioners will ever pray

Archibald Gardner	Emery Mecham
Wm A. Hickman	Wm G. Hickman
Joseph Harker	S M Butcher
Harmon Cutler	John Field
Alfred Beata	Samuel Sessions
James Turner	
Samuel Butcher	

Samuel S. Chandler
Thomas Fowler
Richmond Lowder
Daniel S. Chandler
John Irving
John Bennion
Geo. Mackay
Wm. Hickman

Samuel Bennion
Elijah Allen
Jacob H. Butterfield
Joseph Harker
George M. Spencer
John Flack
Robert Pixton

--University of Utah Marriott Library Special Collections,
Ms. 584, Hope Hilton Papers, Box 1 Folder 13.

West Jordan Aug 27th 1862

To the Honorable County Court of Great Salt
Lake County

Gentlemen, We your Petitioners would respectfully request that your Honorable body would survey or cause to be surveyed a county road and opened forthwith, from Jordan Mills leading into Bingham Kanyon.

Also a Countyroad on the west side of Jordan Commencing at Jordan Mills running South to the point of the Mountain crossing the river at or near Mr. Powells residence. And as in duty bound

your Petitioners will ever pray,

Archibald Gardner		Emery Mecham
Danl R. Allen		W G Hickman
Royal J Cutler		S M Butcher
Harmon Cutlar		John Field
Alex Bextsted		Samuel Bennion
James Turner		Elijah Allen
Samuel Bateman		Jacob H Butterfield
Thomas Fowler		Joseph Harker
Richmon Lowder		George M Spencer
Samuel S Chandler		John Flack
John Irving		Robert Pixton
John Bennion		

Thos Mackay
Wm A Hickman

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In the process of researching the life of James Lavender, a relative of hers Marlene Dimond found a letter from William A. Hickman to Brigham Young about a road petition at the LDS Church Archives from 1864. It is not yet known whether this concerns the same road.

1864 (14 Jan) Hickman's letter to Brigham Young

Pres. Brigham Young -

I Learn from Bro. Aaron Johnson this morning that my petition for a chartered road has, or is, about to go overboard. Bro. Amasa Lyman is chairman of committee on Road.

Please do me a favor in this matter and oblige your friend,
William H. Hickman

--LDS Church Historical Dept., Archives, CR1234-1, Reel 41, box 29, fd. 21.-- p.102

To see a similar Hickman petition signed in Missouri in 1835, click [here](#).

To learn about the Hickmans as miners at Bingham Canyon, click [here](#).

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