

Davis Heritage Company

Wedding of the Rails

February 23, 2019

The Davis Heritage Company has been very excited about the 150-year celebration of the wedding of the rails. So, not only was that our theme for our Convention this year, February 23, but we chose to carry it forward to the Jubilee, May 18, as well. We had a delightful program consisting of railroad songs, and stories of pioneer ancestors who came on the railroad to Utah. Stories were told as to why the celebration that was scheduled for May 8th, 1869 was delayed until May 10th. And why Brigham Young and his hundreds of workers were never paid in cash the amount owed them. We also had Joe Stringham speak to us in Chinese and then tell the contribution of the Chinese workers to the Central Pacific Railroad and the 15 tunnels they blasted through the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The tables were decorated with red checkered squares with beautiful large trains donated from the collections of Beneva Nadauld and Helen Reeder. Each table had a train whistle that was awarded the individual who could answer the question for that table concerning trains. Each Daughter was given a quarter minted in 2007 with a picture of two locomotives meeting at Promontory Summit. Everyone had a such a good time and we did not let the rain keep us away.



PHOTO: Joe Stringham wearing a traditional Chinese coolie hat made from reed.