The most beloved figure in town was Father Scanlan, who came to town in 1877. It is said that an invitation was extended to Father Scanlan to hold services in the St. George Tabernacle; a choir was needed, so the Tabernacle choir learned the Latin words and music in two weeks so that High Mass could be sung in the Tabernacle.

Wells Fargo and Company Express Building, Main Street. Built during the mining boom of the 1870’s of cut red sandstone. Now vacant, but generally solid. (N)

LEEDS: was settled in 1867. Early a fruit region, Lees was famous for its “fire-eating” Dixie wine during the Silver Reef boom. Because of its proximity to Silver Reef, Lees was probably the most prosperous of all the Cotton Mission towns.

William Stirling Home.

Stirling Home, main highway. This distinctive house was built about 1876 for William Stirling by Samuel Worthen and Sons. David Stirling, the present owner, was born there in 1882. The entrance porch, railed and with a rail around the flat roof, exemplifies a feature which has often been removed in other old Utah homes. The house is also noted for its three Dixie dormers. (S)

George E. Angell House. This house is nearly identical to the Stirling House, built at the same time by the Worthens for Harles Wilkinson, using red brick from Kanarraville. Angell was Wilkinson’s son-in-law. The house has stood vacant for a number of years.

WASHINGTON: the first settlement founded, in 1837, for the specific purpose of growing cotton. The cotton flourished, but the townspeople suffered greatly from malaria and the difficulties of controlling the Virgin River at flood.

Washington Cotton Factory, highway 91, frontage road. Built between 1865-70 of cut red sandstone and used until 1900, it represents the Mormon Cotton Mission story. Now badly in need of repairs, to be restored for commercial use. (N)

Washington Ward Chapel, Main Street on NW corner of block just north of Highway 91. Chapel was built in 1877 of red sandstone by early cotton missionaries; a new chapel has been added to the south. One of the very few chapels built by pioneers that is still standing and being used, but in danger of demolition. Open Sundays. (S)

Robert D. Covington Home, 2nd North and 2nd East. Built of red sandstone by the first bishop in Washington, about 1859. Stone masons were probably the Averett Brothers who also worked on the Cotton Factory. The home is similar in design to John D. Lee’s house that was immediately to the west. (S)

FORT PEARCE: 12 miles south of Washington. Begun in 1866 and built at intervals by the Washington County Militia. During the Black Hawk War, the small rock fort overlooked Pearce Wash along which raiding Navajo traveled to the Dixie settlements. Though never used in combat, it was important during the three-year period of unrest. (S)

MIDDLETOWN:

Alexander F. McDonald House, Star Route, Mr. McDonald, who hauled rock for construction of the St. George Temple, built this house in 1872 of oven-baked adobe for three of his four wives. The original veranda has been removed, but the Dixie dormers and the small porch remain.

Painted Cliffs Tour

Length of tour from Panguitch: 300 miles roundtrip; add up to 100 miles for side trips

Time to allow: two to four days

Season: all year for paved highways; May to October for Cannonville Cottonwood Canyon road (inquire in advance about condition of this road due to flash floods)

Accommodations: Panguitch, Bryce Canyon, Red Canyon, Glen Canyon, City, Page, Kanab, Mt. Carmel, Orderville, Glendale

CANNONVILLE: see Panorama Land Tour, page 30.

OLD PARIA: settled in 1871, became a prosperous cattle and farming community of 47 families. Floods in 1883 and 1885 washed away the farm land, ending the prosperity; people began to move away and the town was finally abandoned in 1912.

KANAB:

June McCAllister Home, 14 East 1st South. Built of red brick in 1892, the house possesses many excellent examples of Victorian architecture of that period. The gingerbread trim and original integrity of the building are unusual.(S)

Frederick A. Lundquist Home, main highway. Built by Mr. Lundquist in 1890, restored in 1962, the lovely white brick home combines the grace of 19th Century French Provincial architecture with the flair and style of contemporary living. (S)

James Amasa Little Home, 247 North 1st West. Built in 1873 for Mr.
Little's first wife, this adobe house typifies the migrant polygamous pioneer's struggle to house his families. (C)

ORDERVILLE: settled in 1864, in 1875 was an example of one of the major economic experiments of the Mormon Church, the United Order. The people pooled all their wealth, turned the fruits of their labor into a common storehouse and shared equally in the proceeds. The difficulties of living under one social and economic system, surrounded by an entirely different one, slowly stifled Orderville; the experiment was discontinued after eleven years.

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