

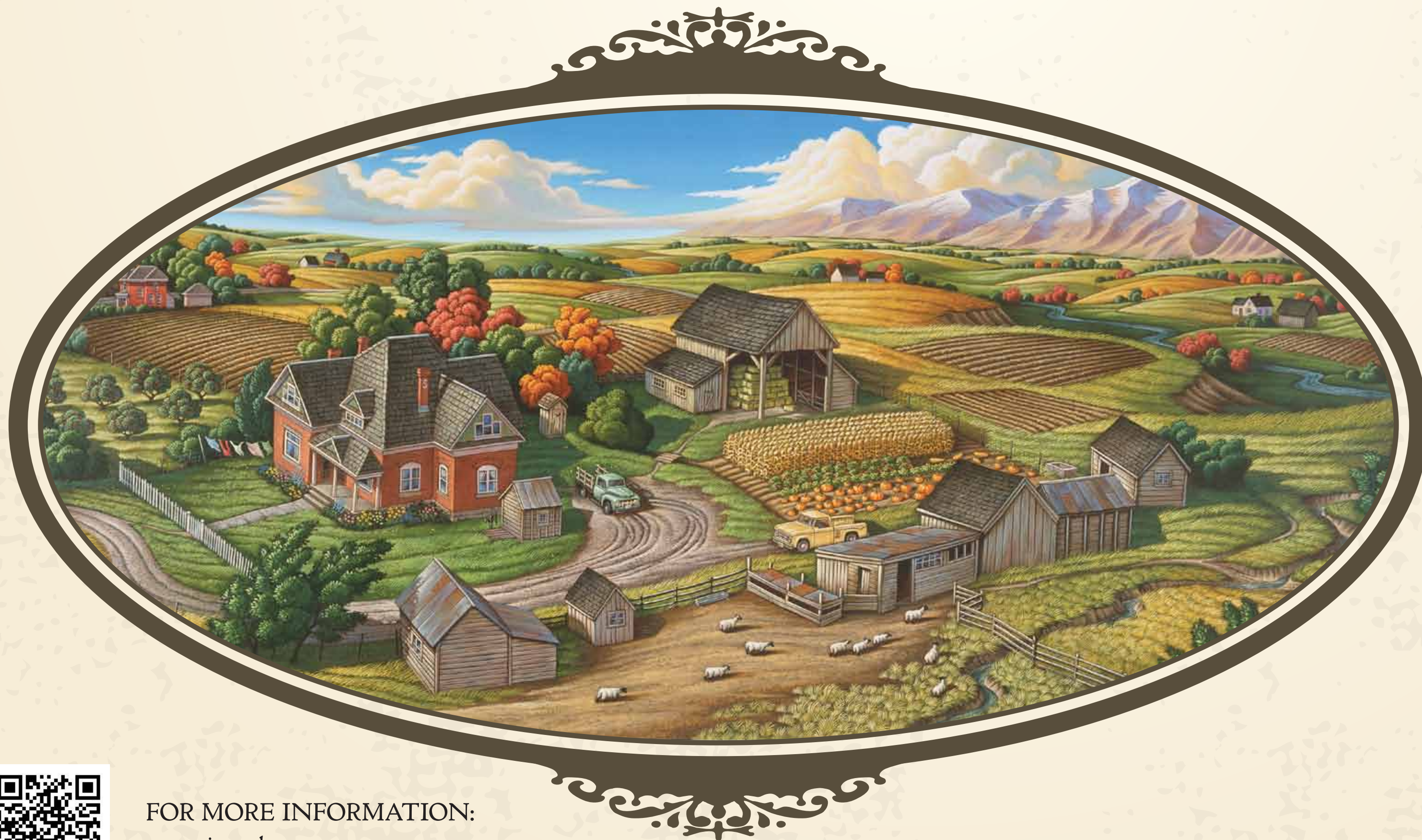
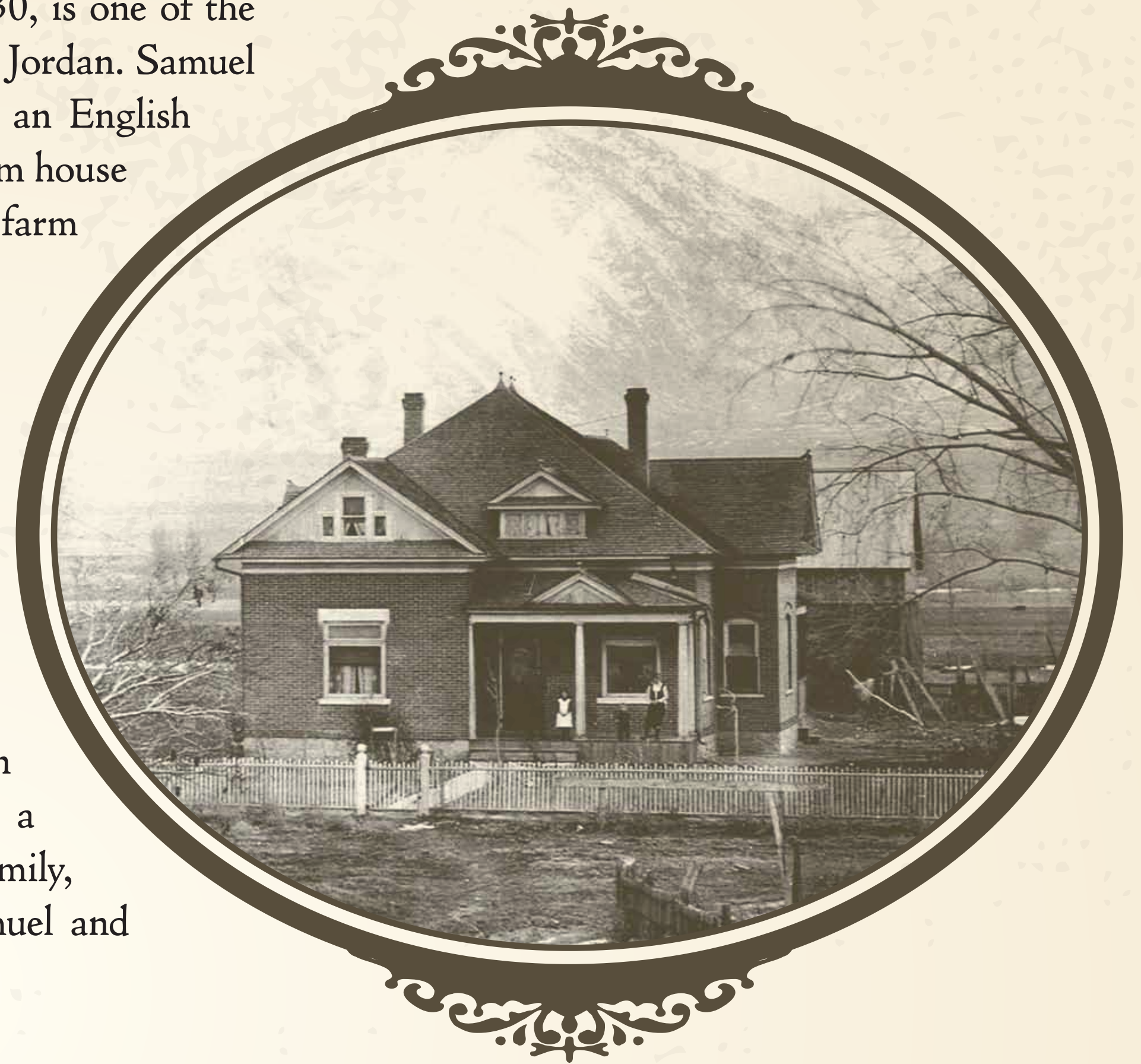
THE SAMUEL ELIJAH HOLT FARM

The Samuel Elijah Holt Farm, with its buildings dating from 1907 to c. 1930, is one of the last surviving examples of an active homestead built by early settlers of South Jordan. Samuel Elijah Holt, born August 30, 1868, purchased this farm from his father, an English immigrant, in 1906. The next year he began the construction of a fine 10-room house to accommodate his wife and 12 children. All but one of the original farm buildings remain and continue to service the farm today.

Samuel Holt was a successful stock raiser and farmer in his adult life. The house, out buildings, and surrounding acreage that remain are a symbol of his success in business, at church and at home. Samuel served as South Jordan's third bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. During his 13 years as bishop, the farm served as a source of food for the poor and needy in the area, as well as the tithing storehouse.

In 1956 the house was purchased by Samuel's daughter Mabel Holt Nelson and her husband Martin Henry Nelson. They maintained the property as a sheep farm. The farm continues to be a gathering place for the Holt family, drawing over 400 Holt relatives every April and August to celebrate Samuel and Geneva Holt's birthdays.

The farm was listed on the National register of Historic Places in 2001.



Above photograph was taken c. 1915 with Samuel Holt and three of his younger children standing on the porch. This Victorian-Eclectic style house features projecting bays, decorative red brickwork, fish-scale shingle gable end trim and a classically inspired front porch. Note the large hay barn at the rear of the house, which was destroyed in the 1940s.

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