

How Mona City received its name

Towering, Mt. Nebo looks directly down upon a peaceful Valley and growing community, surrounded by productive farms, and orchard and accessible range land. Mountain Streams flow westward into an elongated reservoir and the water then flows through a gap in the mountains northward and supplies water for the Goshen Dam.

The first settlers arrived about 1850. In 1852 Indian Raids forced the settlers to move to Nephi. Later other settlers came and soon a little village was established around the Clover Spring.

On a visit to the little community President Brigham Young advised the settlers to move farther East to a more healthy location. Accordingly Erastus Snow was sent down from Salt Lake City to aid in laying out and planning the present town site.

The New town was first Called Clover creek and Later Willow Creek, taking their names from the streams which flowed through the valley.

One day Jacob Bigler and Joel Grover of Nephi came to attend a meeting in the Ward Meeting house. With them was Dr. Matthew McCune a former Surgeon in the British Army. He was asked to speak and he suggested that they should give their community a more impressive name. He suggested the name MONA which is the name of his home town on the isle of Mann in the British Isles.

This Suggestion was acted upon favorably and this the little community at the foot of old Mt. Nebo became MONA.