

Alter, J. Cecil. *Early Utah Journalism: A Half Century of Forensic Warfare, Waged by the West's Most Militant Press*. Salt Lake City: Utah State Historical Society, 1938.

EXCERPTS:

[**Southern Utonian**, 1881. Published in Beaver. Headnote marks importance of Beaver, volume of newspaper activity there. From Iron County Record, March 18, 1895:] ‘J.T. Jakeman is now identified with the Beaver Utonian.’ (Alter 34)

[**The County Register**, 1890; Ephraim]

James T. Jakeman was the publisher of the Register, according to the Provo Enquirer: ‘It presents quite a fine typographical appearance and is a credit of Ephraim City.’ The Home Sentinel of August 12, 1890 mentions ‘Mr. Dorius of the Register of Ephraim’; and again the next week, August 19, 1890: ‘Mr. Jakeman of the Ephraim Register has purchased a place in Ephraim and intends moving his family there this week. We congratulate Ephraim on this acquisition and wish Mr. J. success in his new home.’ ... (Alter 69)

[April 21, 1891 issue of Register shows J.T. Jakeman as President of Register Company; lists others as director, secretary, treasurers. Register replaced by Ephraim Enterprise Sept 16, 1891]

[Manti. **Home Sentinel**, 1885. Comments from Salt Lake Democrat, Jul 11, 1887:] ‘The Home Sentinel and the Nephi Ensign are both published and edited by Jim Jakeman, the first mentioned at Manti, Sanpete County, and the latter at Nephi, Juab County. There is nothing unusual, of course, in the fact that one man publishes two papers, but Jakeman has hit upon a daisy plan to fill the columns of his sheet: the editorials of one are the editorials of the other, and much of the other matter is just the same. For running a newspaper, Jakeman has a Henry Clay head on him, more clay than Henry!’ (Alter 111) [one paper in two also noted by other papers]

[Sept 9, 1887: JTJ listed as Business Manager]

The story is told by old-timers in Manti, that Manager Jakeman was too busy to cut wood, consequently Mrs. Jakeman dragged a firelog into the house and placed one end of it in the fireplace, and the other end on a chair—Jakeman’s easy chair—so the atmosphere would be suitably warm for his homecoming! (Alter 112)

[Jan 1889: JTJ manager, N.H. Felt to be partner, ‘outside manager’]

On November 11, 1889 Felt’s name was dropped from the masthead, and Ellen Jakeman was added; though N.H. Felt was still listed as Assistant Manager, in another column. Then on January 22, 1890, we get the rest of the story from the Provo Enquirer: ‘Mr. Harry Felt, late of Provo, has sold his interests here, and purchased the entire plant, circulation and accounts, of the Home Sentinel. ...

‘March 4, 1890. Since the Jakemans sold the Home Sentinel, that paper has failed to improve, which is a pretty hard thing to say of it. (Alter 113)

[**The Mercur Miner**, Toole County, 1895.]

S.A. Kenner in *Utah As It Is*, 1904, says the *Miner*, established 1895. 5 columns, quarto, was conducted by J.T. Jakeman, who also issues the *Stockton Sentinel*, both weekly, the former Independent, the latter Republican, \$2.50 per year. *Ayers Newspaper Annual* for 1905 shows 600 circulation, Jakeman and Gray, publishers. At the same time James T. Jakeman is shown to be the editor of the *Stockton Sentinel*. (Alter 122)

[**Milford Times**. Beaver County.]

‘*Milford Times*, C.T. Harte, publisher, only Republican paper in southern Utah, only newspaper publisher in Beaver County.’ This we found in the 1903-04 *Gazetteer*. ‘Friday, Republican, 8-pages, 11 x 18, \$2, circulation 700, established 1902, J.T. Jakeman, editor and publisher,’ says *Ayer’s Newspaper Annual* for 1905. [Jakeman not mentioned in 1908-9] (Alter 124)

[**Nephi Ensign**]

Volume 1, number 1, 6 columns, 4-pages, weekly, Friday, June 10, 1887, James T. Jakeman, publisher. A couple of prenatal announcements heralded the *Ensign*. The first was in the *Territorial Enquirer*, Provo, May 31, 1887: ‘The irrepressible Jakeman, editor of the *Manti Sentinel*, contemplating a paper in Nephi, visited Beaver a short time ago for the purpose of obtaining assistance from their typographical line. Mr. D. Martin or J.T. Field* became a desirable adjunct to the Nephi office.’ Then the *Deseret News*, Monday, June 1, 1887, says: ‘J.T. Jakeman of the *Home Sentinel*, was in the city today, and he has everything in readiness for the publication of the *Ensign* at Nephi, which will appear one week from next Friday.’ (Alter 135)

[March 1888 names new editors, publishers—Rollo and Field*; Alter follows the paper’s history to 1892, recounts Jakeman’s trial in Provo for disposing of mortgaged property, suggesting the property was that of the Nephi paper; I think he may be mistaken since the property was in Spanish Fork?]

[**Sevier Valley Echo**, 1884; J.T.J. publisher; announced in 1885 that it would move to Manti] Jakeman published the *Echo* until May 1, 1885, when it was superseded in Richfield by the *Manti Home Sentinel*, which had a good circulation there, and deserved it! (Alter 218)

[**Washington County News**, 1898]

...the editor states, ‘Our Position. Do the people of Washington County want a local newspaper? We...put in an entirely new plant, but so far we certainly feel very much discouraged. We were informed that the field had been served by some very scurvy tricks by a man named Jakeman and

others; and that some of the people looked with suspicion upon all newspapermen as a consequence.’ (Alter 240)

[Spanish Fork Index]

Spanish Fork Index, by Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Jakeman. ‘Saturday, Independent, established 1891 (sic) 4-pages, 15 x 22, \$3, James T. Jakeman, editor, Index Company, publishers,’ says the American Newspaper Directory for 1892. ... [recounts rivalry with Spanish Fork Sun; Index failed]

As late as October 29, 1892, the monitorial Sun was setting the people right with regard to the Index, which had already died but was as yet without funeral or burial. ‘On going about town we learn that J.T. Jakeman has visited many business men, urging them to assist him in the incorporation of the defunct Index and make out of it a Republican organ. Our prediction for his success is unbounded, but if we are correctly informed, has hasn’t [sic] obtained one assistant.’ And, November 19, 1892: ‘Mrs. J.T. Jakeman, late of the once-upon-a-time Index, but now of Provo was rustivating on our streets this week.’

The Sun gladly preached the funeral November 26, 1892. ‘Sacred to its memory.—This week we speak in earnest that the Spanish Fork Index is no more. It has not appeared before the public for four or five weeks, and now that one of its proprietors is within the folds of the law, and no show of being redeemed for sometime, the Sun has come to [pg] the conclusion that the Index has passed beyond.... Mr. Jakeman, one of the proprietors, forged check after check on various banks of the territory. ... Mr. and Mrs. Jakeman, we predict that you build lofty ruins in some other clime, a foundation of mortal success. ... In closing we will again extend to the Spanish Fork Index a helping hand (to get out of town!).’

Meanwhile (November 24, 1892) the Manti Times-Reporter uncovers: ‘James T. Jakeman was captured at Park City on Friday by Captain Donovan and placed in jail on a charge of forgery. Jakeman is in a tight box, having swindled several persons.’ Which is the end of the Index. (Alter 254-55)

[The **Tooele Times**. JTJ joined by CT Stoney** in running the paper about 1903 (Alter 263)]

[Salt Lake (?) **Argus**—Alter not sure if it is the same Argus; JTJ listed as publisher 1908-9 (Alter 273)]

[table on Alter 385 lists JTJ as Editor and publisher, with Gray, of **American Fork Tri-City Times**, 1903, Republican paper; also, with CT Stoney**, Beaver County Observer, 1900-03; Alter 390 table lists JTJ as Editor and Publisher of Spanish Fork Star, 1892 (see above); Stockton Sentinel, 1899-1915, with J.S. Hollow and F.G. Shelton]

* JS Field (Joeseeph Such Field—James’ half-brother)

**CT Stoney (probably Charles Thomas Stoney—James' nephew)

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Accordingly, on April 17, 1889, the name of "N. H. Felt, Ass't Manager" was added to the masthead of the eight-page paper. He held this position for nine months, until Mr. Jakeman left the Sentinel in January 1890. Mr. Felt wrote a special tribute entitled "Absent But Not Forgotten" to announce the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Jakeman: With this issue we are left without the invaluable aid of those who have been carrying the management and editorial labor of the Sentinel for a period of 4 1/2 years. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jakeman. Words fail us when we attempt to dilate on the invaluable benefits that has been done (sic) the people of San Pete County. In the establishment of the Sentinel in 1885, Mr. Jakeman met with obstacles that would discourage many persons, but he showed his usual indomitable will and conquered. During all these years of uphill work, he has been ably seconded by his cultured and talented wife, a lady who has a reputation in literary circles whose influence is far more extended than that of the Sentinel. Her name is identified more or less with all the great journals of Utah. Besides her literary labors, it seems to be her mission to fill many public positions in both church and other matters.³⁸