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January 17, 2012 – Enthusiasts of Utah pioneer history take note. Copies of original pioneer diaries are now available to order through the J. Willard Marriott Library at the University of Utah.

"While I was lingering about [outside the train] talking with the passengers, [Elder Taylor] found the Salt Lake papers containing President Woodruff's Manifesto. As soon as I entered the car he called to me and showed me the papers containing the document, the headlines of which I read with astonishment," explains B.H. Roberts in his reaction to seeing Woodruff's manifesto disavowing plural marriage (from Roberts's diary 1890-1893, p. 39).

Drawing on the rich manuscript holdings of the library's Special Collections Department, the unique and historically significant diaries of Utah pioneers B.H. (Brigham Henry) Roberts and Frederick Kesler – written in their own hand – are now available to the general public for the first time. This series of fourteen diaries offers glimpses into the personal, business and religious affairs of two men who helped shape the early history of Utah and the region. The diaries can be ordered individually or as a set online at <http://store.lib.utah.edu>. Each diary volume is reproduced on the library's Espresso Book Machine (EBM), through the *Books On Demand* program.

"We are delighted to offer these fascinating diaries in this unique format, a digitally created paperback that is available on demand and can be ordered online," comments Rick Anderson, Associate Dean for Scholarly Resources and Collections at the Marriott Library. The pages of

these diaries have all been digitized and may be viewed online through the library's Web site; ebook versions formatted for various e-readers will be available in the future.

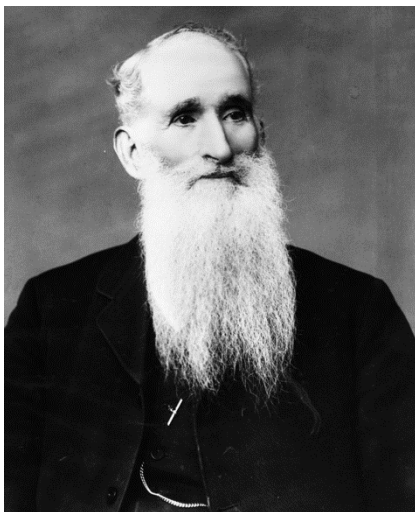
Sometimes referred to as "an ATM for books," the EBM was purchased by the library in 2009 and can print and bind the diaries in minutes. The EBM prints the text block in black-and-white and the cover in color. It glues the cover into place around the text block and trims the entire package to the proper size. To make the diaries legible, they have been printed as 6" x 9" books.

The EBM processes are well suited for self-publishing for items such as personalized journal notebooks and are available for use by library patrons and the general public. A large number of other paperback books can be ordered as well.

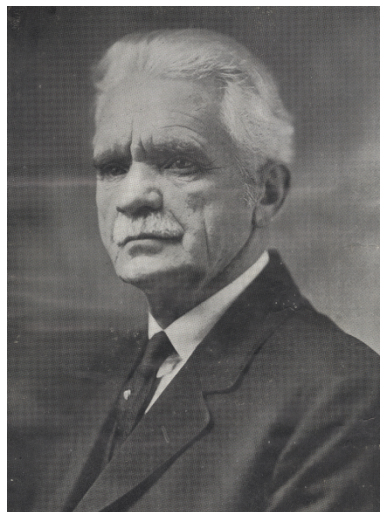
About the Pioneers

Frederick Kesler was many things: orphan, millwright, polygamist, warden, bishop, justice of the peace, school trustee, and confidant to Brigham Young. Born in Pennsylvania in 1816, he moved through Ohio, Mississippi, Iowa, Missouri and Illinois before settling in Salt Lake City in 1851. His full, wide-ranging life is captured in these diaries, written in his own hand, beginning in 1859 and continuing until 1899, the year of his death. Kesler diaries are available in these issues: 1859-1874, 1874-1877, 1877-1881, 1881-1885, 1885-1888, 1888-1890, 1890-1893, 1893-1896, 1896-1898, 1898-1899

B. H. Roberts was born in England in 1857 and immigrated to America in 1866 to join his mother in Salt Lake City. He spent nearly his entire adult life in church service. Always outspoken and sometimes controversial, his writings challenged some of the positions and teachings of his church and he was not allowed to fill his seat in the U. S. House of Representatives in 1898 because of his earlier polygamist lifestyle. Roberts diaries are available in these issues: 1882-1883, 1884-1885, 1886-1887, 1890-1893



Frederick Kesler



B.H. Roberts