Memorandum of Recollection: South Weber Door-to-Door Visit

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This memorandum records, from memory, an unrecorded conversation in South Weber, Utah, in the early 2000s, in which a resident described being taunted as a “Morrisite” as a child.

To	File, Morrisite research (morrisite.org)
From	Eric Paul Rogers
Written	November 1, 2026
Events recalled	Door-to-door inquiry, South Weber, Utah, before February 2004
Subject	A resident’s account of “Morrisite” used as a schoolyard taunt

Circumstances

I went door to door in South Weber asking residents what they knew of the Morrisites and the 1862 siege of Kington Fort, in preparation for my presentation “The Morrisites and the Sociology of Religious Schism” at the annual meeting of the John Whitmer Historical Association in 2006. I took no notes or recordings of the conversations at the time.

The visit can be dated only approximately. Photographs I took on the same occasion survive as scanned prints whose digital files date from early February 2004, so the visit took place before then, probably in 2002–2003, during my early research for that presentation.

- **Exact date of the visit:** not recalled
- **Streets or area canvassed:** not recalled

The conversation

One of the residents I spoke with was a woman who appeared to be in her sixties. She told me that as a child her elementary-school classmates had called her “Morrisite” as a taunt, because of where in South Weber she lived.

I understood her to mean that the name still clung to the part of town associated with the fort and its Morrisite residents, and that classmates used it as an insult more than a century after the siege. If she was in her sixties at the time, her elementary-school years would have fallen roughly in the late 1940s or the 1950s.

What I can and cannot recall:

- **Her name and address:** not noted at the time and not recalled
- **The part of South Weber she named:** not recalled
- **Her school:** not recalled
- **Family connection to the Morrisites:** she said her family had none; the taunt attached to where she lived, not to her ancestry
- **Anything else she said:** nothing further recalled

Related contact on the same occasion

During the same canvass I called at the home of Al Peek in South Weber. His wife, then elderly, invited me in. When I explained my family connection through Mary Christoffersen Anderson, who was wounded by the first cannon shot at Kington Fort, she asked me to sit and give her ten or fifteen minutes. She returned with a cannonball the family kept from the siege. I photographed it together with the family’s portrait of Mary Christoffersen Anderson; those prints are now MO-IMG-051 to 053 on morrisite.org.

- **Mrs. Peek’s first name:** not recalled
- **How the Peeks came to have the cannonball and the portrait:** not recalled
- **The portrait:** the same image of Mary Christoffersen Anderson as the family photograph published on morrisite.org as MO-IMG-062

Status of this record

This is a memorandum of recollection, written more than twenty years after the events from memory alone. The woman’s words are paraphrased, not quoted. Her age is my estimate, and the dates are approximate. The memorandum should be cited as the editor’s

recollection, not as an interview, and read as evidence that “Morrisite” survived locally as a slur, not as a precise account of what she said.

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Signed:



Date: November 1, 2026

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