

*Charles C. Rich DVD Library*, produced by the BYU Studies Staff (Provo, Utah: Brigham Young University, 2005)

Charles C. Rich and his colorful life and career warrant a work as comprehensive as this DVD publication. Born in 1809 in frontier Kentucky, he spent a good part of his life pioneering and colonizing the expanding American frontier in his effort to establish The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and build up the kingdom of God.

The documents included in the *Charles C. Rich DVD Library* reflect Rich's life and his pursuit of "purity and holiness." Beyond the necessary system requirements, foreword and acknowledgments, and DVD bibliography, the collection has seven sections. The first section is a chronology of Charles C. Rich, his wives, and his family beginning in 1809, the year Rich was born, and continuing through 1917, when Emeline Grover Rich, the last of Rich's wives, died. Next follows a Biographies section and a Family Histories section, which include biographical studies of Rich and his wives. A letters section follows containing six letters written by Charles C. Rich. The Manuscripts section of the DVD contains high-resolution scans of handwritten manuscripts from as early as 1833 such as journals, mission records, financial papers, certificates, blessings, family documents, and personal, ecclesiastical, and business correspondence. Many photographs of Rich and his family have been included in the collection as well as some speeches he gave as a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Unfortunately, there is one drawback to this DVD collection. The collection, because it contains so many scanned documents, is not fully word

searchable. This means that though some individual documents can be searched, no searches can encompass the whole collection. This minor problem notwithstanding, I wholeheartedly recommend the *Charles C. Rich DVD Library* to scholars of Mormon or Western history, as well as those who are interested in studying the family dynamics of a nineteenth-century Latter-day Saint family.

—Craig Foster

*Women in Utah History: Paradigm or Paradox?* edited by Patricia Lyn Scott and Linda Thatcher (Logan: Utah State University Press, 2005)

In 1983, the relatively new Utah Women's History Association met in the Salt Lake City Public Library and proposed that a volume on the history of Utah's women be written. In 2005 that goal finally came to fruition when two members of that organization, Patricia Lyn Scott, a section manager at the Utah State Archives, and Linda Thatcher, the Historic Collections Coordinator for the Utah State Historical Society and former president of the Utah Women's Association, published *Women in Utah History: Paradigm or Paradox?* in connection with the Utah State Historical Society.

Scott and Thatcher have compiled a series of essays from an all-star cast of historians, and the result is the most comprehensive look at the experience of Utah women yet. While the study of Utah's women has burgeoned in the past several decades, most works have focused on individual women or distinct groups of women. This book surveys the experience of a much larger category, from polygamous and monogamous Mormon women to Protestant and Catholic women to a variety of ethnic groups of women. It also examines the evolution of their lives within a multiplicity of contexts,