

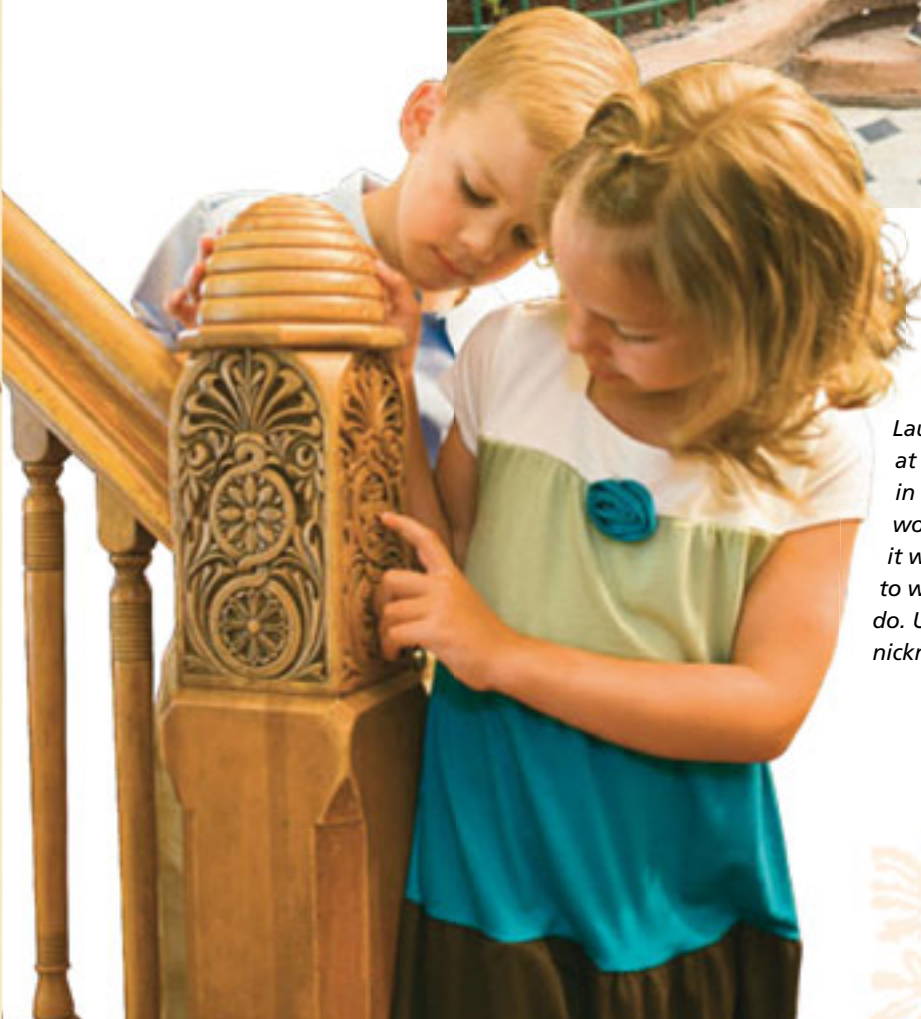
# The Beehive House



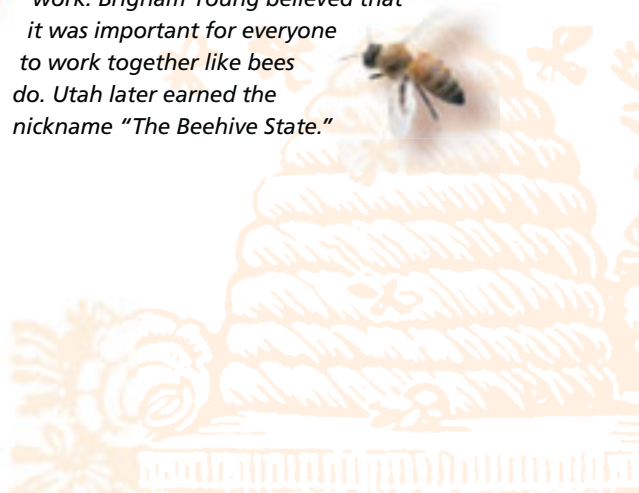
Come with us this month for a look at an important place on Temple Square.

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Bees buzzed outside as Lauren and Nate C. of Pleasant View, Utah, stepped inside the Beehive House for a tour. Join them to learn more about this historical place—the house of the prophet Brigham Young, the second President of the Church.



*Lauren, age 8, and Nate, age 6, look at the beehives engraved on a staircase in the house. Beehives represent hard work. Brigham Young believed that it was important for everyone to work together like bees do. Utah later earned the nickname “The Beehive State.”*





Lauren really enjoys playing the piano. She was excited to learn that Brigham Young's children also liked to play the piano and other musical instruments. At night, the family gathered in the sitting room to play music, learn about the gospel, and read the scriptures.



Brigham Young was not only the prophet, but also the governor of Utah Territory. For this reason, many important people came to the Beehive House, including U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant. The prophet's children would watch the guests arrive from the windows of a small room they called "the fairy castle."



The sister missionaries explained to Lauren and Nate that Brigham Young felt it was important for children to play. The house has a room filled with toys, including this box of marbles.



Lauren and Nate loved visiting the Beehive House. Watch a video at [friend.lds.org](http://friend.lds.org) to learn more about their visit.

## Did You Know?

- The Beehive House was built in 1854.
  - Every day Brigham Young's wife Lucy would make 24 pies and 24 loaves of bread to feed her family, as well as the workers building the Salt Lake Temple.
- Brigham Young always ate last so he could make sure that everyone else had enough to eat.
- The house had its own store! Family children, members of the Church, and Native Americans in the area could go there to trade supplies for food, clothing, and shoes.
- The early pioneers didn't have a lot of money and had to decorate with what they had. A popular decoration was wall wreaths made of human hair!
- Brigham Young's bedroom was near the front door so he could greet visitors without disturbing his family.

