

William Neeley once found a ledge of gold and showed a sample to Brigham Young, but Brigham said to him, "You're not the man and this isn't the time." He then said that it would be hid up until a future time when the saints would need it. Neeley never found the mine again.

Elder Croslin, an English convert, discovered a ledge of gold near Tooele, but Brigham Young told him:

"Digging gold would frustrate the plans of the church. We could dig tons of gold and line the streets with it," he told Croslin, "but it would not feed a single hungry Mormon. We need to grow grains to feed ourselves and others to come, and raise sheep for wool for our clothing, but we don't need gold. Perhaps sometime in the future the time may come when we need it but that time is now now." (Western Treasures, Aug. 1968, p. 21)