

**Lemuel Hardison Redd**  
**FROM "ZEALOTS OF ZION"**  
by Hofman Birney

"Three Georges and a Lemuel composed the quartet that set out from the camp at Hole-in-the-Rock on December 1, 1879 .... Ordinary standards of comparison are futile in attempting to describe the western portion of San Juan County, the region through which the three Georges and Lemuel Redd were striving to blaze a trail. It was unlike any other section in the United States.

"The four must have been men of iron. Ninety-six hours of starvation, to say nothing of other hardships they had undergone, left little mark upon them."

"The Mormon pioneers gave Lemuel Redd's name to one of the big canyons that head into the Clay Hills and wind westward to the Colorado. Some of the maps show the general location and course of that gorge, but cartographers could see no necessity for the final "D" and it appears as only "Red " Canyon, one of the thousand odd Red Canyons that are to be found in the west. Through such errors does all memory of the pioneers vanish. Redd Canyon was the only place name in the San Juan County that preserved the memory of any of the dauntless men who blazed the first trail through that unknown wilderness of sandstone."