

Logan Fontenelle

Patricia L. Record, a Utah state archivist wrote, The Trapper, the Indian, and the Naming of Logan in 2007 . It describes the story of Logan Fontenelle, an Omaha chief. It is believed that Logan Utah, was named after him. [Changed for easier reading using ChatGPT.] Original found at https://issuu.com/utah10/docs/uhq_volume75_2007_number4/s/10243075

Logan Fontenelle was the son of Lucien Fontenelle, a skilled mountain man.

Lucien had attended several famous rendezvous, including the 1826 Cache

Valley Rendezvous and the 1827 Bear Lake Rendezvous. He also spent the

winter of 1830–1831 in Cache Valley. Later, Lucien and another fur trapper

named Andrew Drips owned a fur trading post in Bellevue, Nebraska, on the

Missouri River. In 1835, Fontenelle and his partner, along with Fitzpatrick,

Sublette, and Bridger, bought Fort William, which later became Fort

Laramie...Logan's mother was Meumbane, the daughter of Chief Big Elk,

the main leader of the Omaha tribe. In 1838, when Logan was thirteen years

old, he traveled with his parents to the Wind River Rendezvous and became

an experienced trader himself...After Chief Big Elk's death, Logan joined the

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Logan Fontenelle was the son of Lucien Fontenelle, an experienced mountain man who was at the 1826 Cache Valley Rendezvous, the 1827 Bear Lake Rendezvous, and was in Cache Valley during the winter of 1830-1831 and, who along with another fur trapper, Andrew Drips, owned a fur trading post at Bellevue, Nebraska, on the banks of the Missouri River. In 1835 Fontenelle and his partner along with Fitzpatrick, Sublette and Bridger purchased Fort William (Laramie). Logan's mother was Meumbane, daughter of the Omaha's principal, Chief Big Elk, In 1838, at the age of thirteen Logan traveled with his parents to the rendezvous at Wind River and Became an experienced trader in his own right...After the death of Chief Big Elk, Logan was inducted into the Council of Chiefs that ruled the tribe. He became the principal chief of the Omaha when they ceded their land west of the Missouri River to the United States.