
Mountain Meadows Memorial

DEDICATION CEREMONIES



September 15, 1990

10:00 a.m.

Centrum, Southern Utah State College

Cedar City, Utah

Mountain Meadows Memorial Dedication

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

I need thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like thine
Can peace afford.

I need thee, oh, I need thee;
Every hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior;
I come to thee!

I need thee every hour;
Stay thou nearby.
Temptations lose their pow'r
When thou art nigh.

I need thee, oh, I need thee;
Every hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior;
I come to thee!

I need thee every hour,
In joy or pain.
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

I need thee, oh, I need thee;
Every hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior;
I come to thee!

I need thee every hour,
Most holy One.
Oh, make me thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son!

I need thee, oh, I need thee;
Every hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior;
I come to thee!

Prelude Music	Iron County Mountain Meadows Choir
Conducting	Dixie Leavitt, State Senator Cedar City, Utah
Musical Selection	Choir <i>Sine Nomine</i> by Ralph Vaughan Williams
Invocation	J.E. Dunlap, Publisher <i>Harrison Daily Times</i> Harrison, Arkansas
Musical Selection	Choir <i>A Psalm Folksong</i> arranged by Edwin Penhorwood
Speaker	Roger V. Logan, Jr. Chancery Judge, 14th Judicial District Harrison, Arkansas
Speaker	J.K. Fancher, Writer Harrison, Arkansas
Musical Selection	Choir <i>I Sing the Greatness of Our God</i> by Isaac Watts
*Paiute Indian Prayer Ceremony	Geneal Anderson Tribal Chairwoman Cedar City, Utah introducing Clifford Jake Paiute Spiritual Leader Cedar City, Utah
Speaker	Rex Lee, President Brigham Young University Provo, Utah
Musical Selection	Choir <i>Draw Near Unto Me</i> arranged by Nancy Lee Oliver
Speaker	President Gordon B. Hinckley First Counselor, First Presidency The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Dedicatory Prayer	President Gordon B. Hinckley
Closing Song	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i> Choir and congregation
Benediction	Verne R. Lee, President Lee Ferry Foundation Loomis, California
Postlude Music	Choir

*Please, no photographs or recordings.

Inscription on Mountain Meadows Memorial
dedicated September 15, 1990

IN MEMORIAM

In the valley below,
between September 7 and 11, 1857,
a company of more than 120 Arkansas emigrants
led by Capt. John T. Baker and Capt. Alexander Fancher
was attacked while en route to California.

This event is known in history as the
Mountain Meadows Massacre.

Those believed to have been killed at or near the
Mountain Meadows were:

William Allen Aden, 19

George W. Baker, 27

Manerva A. Beller Baker, 25

Mary Lovina, 7

Wards of George and Manerva Baker:

Melissa Ann Beller, 14

David W. Beller, 12

John T. Baker, 52

Abel, 19

John Beach, 21

William Cameron, 51

Martha Cameron, 51

Tillman, 24

Isom, 18

Henry, 16

James, 14

Martha, 11

Larkin, 8

William's niece:

Nancy, 12

Allen P. Deshazo, 20

Jesse Dunlap, Jr., 39

Mary Wharton Dunlap, 39

Ellender, 18

Nancy M., 16

James D., 14

Lucinda, 12

Susannah, 12

Margerette, 11

Mary Ann, 9

Lorenzo Dow Dunlap, 42

Nancy Wharton Dunlap, 42

Thomas J., 17

John H., 16

Mary Ann, 13

Talitha Emaline, 11

Nancy, 9

America Jane, 7

William M. Eaton

Silas Edwards

Alexander Fancher, 45

Eliza Ingram Fancher, 32

Hampton, 19

William, 17

Mary, 15

Thomas, 14

Martha, 10

Sarah G., 8

Margaret A., 7

James Mathew Fancher, 25

Frances "Fanny" Fulfer Fancher

Robert Fancher, 19

Saladia Ann Brown Huff

William

Elisha

Two other sons

John Milum Jones, 32

Eloah Angeline Tackitt Jones, 27

Daughter

Newton Jones

Lawson A. McEntire, 21

Josiah (Joseph) Miller, 30

Matilda Cameron Miller, 26

James William, 9

Charles R. Mitchell, 25

Sarah C. Baker Mitchell, 21

John, infant

Joel D. Mitchell, 23

John Prewit, 20

William Prewit, 18

Milum L. Rush, 28

Charles Stallcup, 25

Cynthia Tackitt, 49

Marion, 20

Sebron, 18

Matilda, 16

James M., 14

Jones M., 12

Pleasant Tackitt, 25

Armilda Miller Tackitt, 22

Richard Wilson

Solomon R. Wood, 20

William Wood, 26

Others unknown

Other names associated with the caravan included:

(George D.?) Basham
(Tom?) Farmer
(Thomas?) Hamilton
(James C.?) Haydon
(David?) Hudson
Laffoon family
(Charles H.?) Morton family
Poteet family
Poteet brothers
(John Perkins?) Reed
(Alf?) Smith
(Mordecai?) Stevenson

The following children survived and were returned to their families in northwest Arkansas in September 1859:

Children of George and Manerva Baker
Mary Elizabeth, 5
Sarah Frances, 3
William Twitty, 9 months

Daughters of Jesse and Mary Dunlap
Rebecca J., 6
Louisa, 4
Sarah E., 1

Daughters of Lorenzo Dow and Nancy Dunlap
Prudence Angeline, 5
Georgia Ann, 18 months

Children of Alexander and Eliza Fancher
Christopher "Kit" Carson, 5
Triphenia D., 22 months

Daughter of Peter and Saladia Huff
Nancy Saphrona, 4

Son of John Milum and Eloah Jones
Felix Marion, 18 months

Children of Jos. and Matilda Miller
John Calvin, 6
Mary, 4
Joseph, 1

Sons of Pleasant and Armilda Tackitt
Emberson Milum, 4
William Henry, 19 months

At least one other survivor remained in Utah.

This memorial
erected September 1990
by the State of Utah
and the families and friends of
those involved and those who died.

Inscription on new plaque,
placed September 1990,
on memorial constructed in 1932

MOUNTAIN MEADOWS MASSACRE

This stone memorial marks the burial site for some of those killed in the Mountain Meadows Massacre in September 1857. The Baker-Fancher party camped here – a well-known stopping place along the Old Spanish Trail.

The first memorial was erected at this location in May 1859 by Brevet Major James H. Carleton and 80 soldiers of the First Dragoons from Fort Tejon, California. Assisting were Captains Reuben P. Campbell and Charles Brewer, with 207 men from Camp Floyd, Utah. The bones of about 34 of the emigrants were buried here. The remains of others were buried one and one-half miles to the north, near the place of the massacre.

The original memorial – consisting of a stone cairn topped with a cedar cross and a small granite marker set against the north side of the cairn – was not maintained. The Utah Trails and Landmarks Association built a protective wall around what remained of the 1859 memorial and, on September 10, 1932, installed a bronze marker. That marker was replaced with the present inscription in conjunction with the dedication of the nearby memorial on September 15, 1990.

Inscription on interpretive plaque located near new memorial

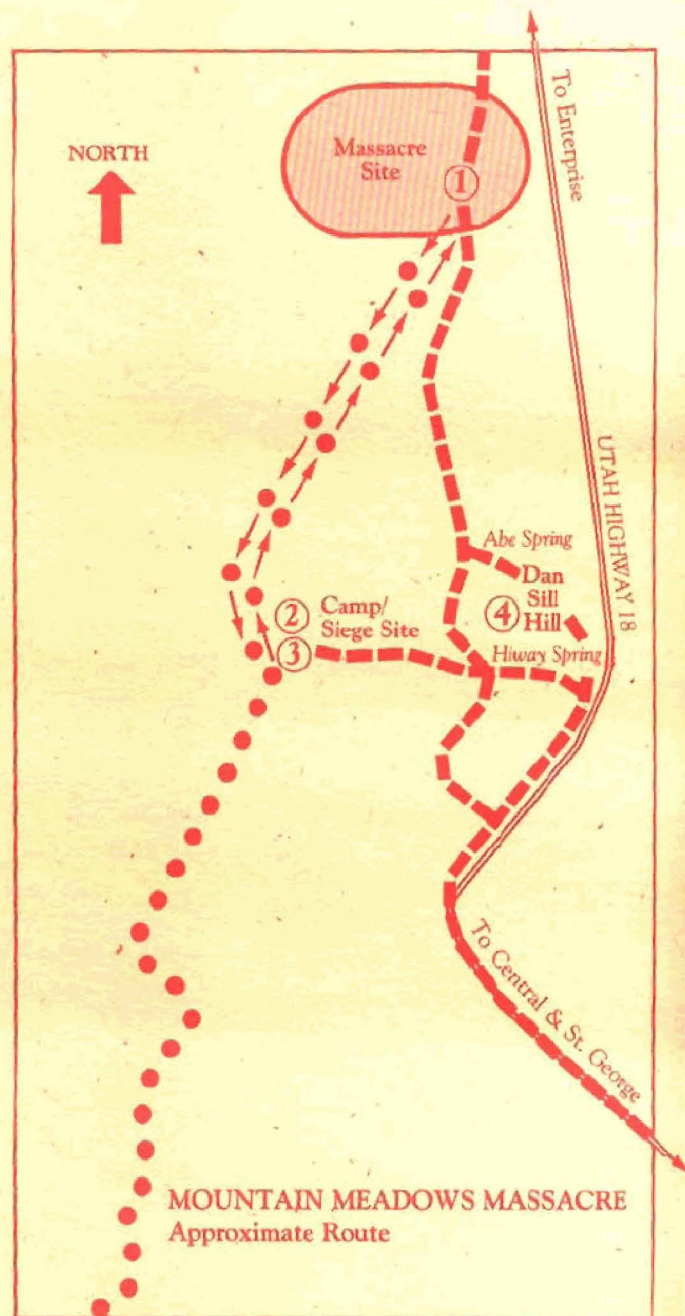
THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL AND THE CALIFORNIA ROAD

An arduous 1,200-mile route between Santa Fe and Los Angeles, the northernmost variant of the "Old Spanish Trail" passed through Mountain Meadows during its heyday, between 1830 and 1848. The trail served traders who loaded their pack mules with woolen goods from Santa Fe each fall and returned from California each spring with Chinese goods and mules and horses for markets in Missouri. The trail followed along the west side of the Mountain Meadows to a campsite at the south end of the valley, then down Magotsu Creek.

Attempts to blaze this trade route began as early as 1765, when Juan Maria de Rivera explored from Santa Fe to the Gunnison River, in Colorado. Fathers Athanasio Dominguez and Velez de Escalante were turned back by heavy snows in 1776 in an attempt to reach California. Traveling as far north as the Provo area, they gave up the venture while camped between modern Milford and Cedar City. Later, Spanish traders made frequent visits from New Mexico to barter with the Utes for pelts and slaves. Jedediah Smith explored the western stretch of the trail from Utah to California in 1826-27.

The first to complete the circuit from Santa Fe to Los Angeles was Mexican trader Antonio Armijo in the winter of 1829-30. Ewing Young's trapping party from Taos may have followed the trail about the same time. In 1830-31 William Wolfskill proved its utility for pack trains, and a brisk trade flourished for a dozen years. After 1848, the trail fell rapidly into disuse.

Discharged members of the Mormon Battalion en route to Salt Lake City from San Diego drove the first wheeled vehicles over the trail in 1848. This opened a new emigrant wagon route known as the "California Road." It was used by gold seekers and other California emigrants and by Mormon travelers. The wagon road shifted to the east side of the meadows to avoid Magotsu Creek. It was this route to California that brought the Baker-Fancher party to Mountain Meadows in September 1857.



LEGEND

- ● ● ● Old Spanish Trail
- — — — California Road
- ← ● → Baker-Fancher route along Old Spanish Trail
- ① Massacre site 1859 marker erected by army. Later removed.
- ② Siege site 1859 marker erected by army. Replaced in 1932.
- ③ Siege site 1932 marker.
- ④ 1990 memorial.

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