

***Late News From The Meadows***  
**The Mountain Meadows Association Newsletter**  
**Honoring the Dead, Historic Preservation, Fellowship, & Reconciliation**  
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### **National Landmark Status**

On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, the public comment period will begin. Comments made after this date will be included in the record that will be reviewed by the Landmark Committee. The National Park Service suggests that letters be sent in bundles. Before and after this date, please send your letters supporting this nomination to Terry Fancher at tnf49@aol.com. Letters need to follow specific criteria. You may read the requirements by using any internet search engine such as Google and looking for National Historic Landmark Status. On this home page, click on criteria, read the requirements, write your letter, and e-mail to President Fancher.

On Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, in Washington D.C., the Landmark Committee of the National Park Service Advisory Board will consider designating the Mountain Meadows Massacre site as a National Historic Landmark.

Granting Landmark status does not depend on beating the competition, but it will be based on meeting the requirements. There are also twenty-five other applications, and the Committee will only devote thirty minutes to each request. During the first ten-minutes, the National Park Service will explain how the Meadows meets the technical requirements for Landmark Status. In the second ten minutes, landowners, Forest Service, the Utah State Historic Preservation Officer, and any other interested parties will comment. In the last ten minutes, the Landmark Committee will discuss our application and ask questions.

If you want to participate in this meeting, contact Terry Fancher at tnf49@aol.com and Lysa Wegman-French at Lysa\_Wegman-French@nps.gov. If you attend the meeting and do not want to make a statement, you will be introduced and acknowledged.

### **Cottam Archeology**

Sometime in October, the BYU Office of Public Archeology will coordinate the archeological testing on the Cottam property. This office will make a general inspection, stake and map the potential burial sites, remove and replace the stones, clean up the vegetation, inspect the ground, and write a limited-scope report.

Hager GeoScience Corporation will conduct ground-penetrating radar and resistive testing to get an “electronic peek under the ground” without being invasive. Then, Richard Terry, a BYU soils expert, will test the soil for PH levels for human remains. Shannon Novak, who examined bones found at the Meadows in 1999, will observe the testing. Elder Marlin Jensen has invited members from all three Associations to observe this exploration for burial sites on the Cottam property. We will notify our membership when we learn the exact dates.

### **Membership**

We honor the dead, work for historic preservation, and promote fellowship, and reconciliation. If you know people who share these goals and would be willing to serve on the MMA Board, please send your recommendations to President Fancher.

If you have not paid your dues since January 2010, please fill out the form below and e-mail it to Terry Fancher at tnf49@aol.com. or mail it to the Mountain Meadows Association at 12703 Whisper Spring Cove, Draper, Utah 84020. You may also pay dues on line at <http://www.mtn-meadws-assoc.com/dues form.htm>.

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