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NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

It has been a long process of filling out application papers, sending documents, writing supporting letters, attending meetings, and reaching all the deadlines. Finally, Secretary of Interior, Ken Salazar, took the last step by signing the document that designates the property owned by the LDS Church at Mountain Meadows a National Historic Landmark. We express our deep appreciation to Richard Turley, Elder Marlin Jensen, and all others who helped in the process of gaining this recognition.

TRANSMISSION LINE

Terry Fancher wrote a letter to Bureau the of Land Management regarding the proposal of Sigurd to the Red Butte transmission line. After reviewing the sacred nature of Mountain Meadows, he explained that the Secretary of Interior, Ken Salazar, has designated Mountain Meadows Massacre site as a National Historic Landmark. Fancher then voiced our concern that the current designated route S2-IPP West has a great visual impact over the boundaries of this Historic District. He suggested a "hybrid alternative" to the east and north of Holt Canyon that was proposed by the National Park Service, which "is not invasive to the skyline" at the Meadows. SATURDAY FAMILY

EVENT

On Saturday September 10th at 10:00 am, all three associations are inviting their members to join for a combined meeting in the tent at the siege site. Attendees will receive box lunches compliments of the LDS Church and get a unique opportunity to walk or drive to the northern grave site to see the land. A brief ceremony will take place at the northern grave site, and attendees may also get a chance to see other property being considered as part of the northern grave site. The Saturday family event also presents an opportunity to view the second "Friendship Quilt" with the help of Barbara Jones Brown. The event will be completed by about 1:00 pm. After walking through the northern grave site, we will either walk or drive to the Elder Cottam property, if is able to make Jensen arrangements with the family.

ANNUAL MEETING

In the evening on Saturday September 10th, we will hold our annual Association meeting at the Meadows between and 7:00 and 8:30 pm. We will meet at the siege site. The theme will be "The Meadows At Dusk." We are making arrangements for music, food, and time for meditation and reflection. We have arranged for Rick Turley, Elder Marlin Jensen, and Lysa Wegman French to speak. We anticipate a spiritual meeting that will honor those who were killed and had their bodies scattered across the Meadows on September 11th, 1857.

DEDICATORY SERVICE

On Sunday September 11th, we will join with the Mountain Meadows Foundation and the Mountain Meadows Descendants for a dedication service. We have invited Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, to be the keynote speaker. There will also be speakers from each of the three associations. In addition, we will carry on the tradition of reading the names of the victims and the survivors of the massacre. Our plans also call for a color guard with a 21 gun salute as well as the singing of "Amazing Grace." There is no charge, and the box lunches are being graciously provided by the LDS Church. When we complete all the arrangements, we will make this information available to our membership. Please fill out the no cost registration form on the next page to help us accommodate all who attend.

In order to make plans for everyone, please fill out the registration form below and e-mail it to President Terry Fancher at <u>tnf49@aol.com</u> or mail it to 16 Spencer Street, Braintree, MA 02184.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

MMA reserved twenty rooms for our members at the Crystal Inn in St. George beginning September 9th through the 11th. The rate is \$79.99 per night for a room with two double or one king size bed and includes a hot breakfast buffet ending at 9 am. For reservations, please call 1-877-688-7177 and mention you are a member of the Mountain Meadows Association. More information and on-line registration can be found at http://www.crystalinnstgeorge.com The address is 1450 South Hilton Drive, St. George, UT 84770.

Membership extends from January to January for each year. If you have not paid your dues since January 2011, please fill out the form below and send 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 your dues on-line at http://www.mtn-meadws-assoc. com/dues form.htm.

REGISTRATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING 2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s):

E-Mail:

Please check the following meeting you plan to attend:

Saturday September 10th, 2011 "Dusk at the Meadows" meeting from 7:00 pm. to 8:30 pm.

Sunday September 11th, 2011 meetings in St. George (locations will be published later)_____

MEMBERSHIP

Name: ______Address:

Phone Number(s):

E-Mail:

Dues are \$20.00 per year. Please check the following appropriate categories:

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