

**MARKER ERECTED AT
MOUNTAIN MEADOWS
ON SEPTEMBER 10TH.**

A Beautiful Bronze Tablet Set in a
Stone Wall Which Was Erected
to Protect the Graves

APPROPRIATE SERVICES HELD

On September 10th I was present
by invitation at the ceremonies un-
veiling a bronze tablet at the site
of the Mountain Meadows Massacre
which date was the 75th anniver-
sary of the week of September 7th
to 11th 1857

The Utah Pioneer Trails and Land
marks Association of which George
Albert Smith of the Twelve is Pres-
ident and Master of Ceremonies in
co operation with the people of
southern Utah had the matter in
charge and in a very suitable and
reverent spirit conducted the dedi-
cation Between 180 and 200 peo-
ple of the surrounding towns wit-
nessed the event

On August 20th 73 persons regis-
tered to volunteer their services at
the Meadows and erected a fine
substantial permanent stone wall
completely enclosing on all sides the
original cairn near the spring they
removed all weeds dust debris or
other material from around the pile
of stones and tidied the spot up
very nicely on the east wall where
the deep wash threatens to encroach
upon the common tomb they went
down deeply set rocks in cement to
stay erosion and erected the wall
upon that footing elsewhere the
walls rest upon a foundation a foot
in depth Then on the west side
stone steps were built both inside
and out so that ingress and exit
was provided a hand rail assists

This work was due primarily to
the energy of President Wm R Pal-
mer of Cedar City

The bronze tablet is exceptionally
large and handsome it bears a fac-
simile of the celebrated buffalo head
upon which Brigham Young wrote
his message on the plains that he
had passed that spot and all is
well Either side of that are the
words No 17 meaning that this is
the 17th marker placed by that asso-
ciation Then follows the wording
Erected 1932

MOUNTAIN MEADOWS

A favorite recruiting place on
the old Spanish Trail

In this vicinity Sept 7 11 1857
occurred one of the most lamentable
tragedies in the annals of the west
A company of about 140 Arkansas
and Missouri emigrants led by Cap-
tain Charles Fancher en route to
California was attacked by white
men and Indians All but seven
teen being small children were kill-
ed John D Lee who confessed par-
ticipation as leader was legally exe-
cuted here March 23 1877 Most
of the emigrants were buried in
their own defense pits

This monument was reverently
dedicated September 10 1932

by the Utah Pioneer Trails and
Landmarks Association

and the people of Southern Utah

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The Program

The ceremonies were simple ap-
propriate and feelingly conducted

The program was as follows

Singing by the choir

Invocation by John T Woodbury
of St George who said in part

In sorrow and humility we this
day place a marker over the scene
of the Mountain Meadows Massacre
We are deeply sorrowful that it has
been necessary to place a marker
over such a place and we pray
Thee O Lord to sanctify this thing
which has happened to the people
so that they may learn the lesson
that it may never be repeated in the
history of the earth

Quartet The Rock of Ages

John D Giles Secretary of the Utah
Pioneer Trails and Landmarks As-
sociation spoke giving a complete
roster of the various places which the
association had marked of which
this spot is No 17

President Wm R Palmer thank-
ed the people for their cooperation
and expressed his appreciation to all
who participated and accepted the
tablet the enclosing wall and these
ceremonies in behalf of the people of
southern Utah

Dr George W Middleton spoke of
his life riding the hills with these
very people and of his later profess-
ional life curing their sick and of his
further co-operation with the people
of southern Utah in this act don to
day He spoke glowingly of the ag-
nificent and heroic spirit of the early

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pioneers and asked that they be always held in sacred memory

Frank Beckwith spoke of the pleasure of seeing a noble spirit manifest itself in this act so appropriate so fitting and the ceremonies conducted in such a commendable spirit and praised all who made such an expression possible

M J Urie President of the Cedar City Commercial Club spoke of their part and of their willingness to respond

America sung by all

Uniformed members of the Utah National Guard fired a salute to the dead and unveiled the bronze tablet

George Albert Smith spoke of the spirit of cooperation and finished by thanking the people who aided in this day

Benediction by Luther M Terry of Enterprise

John D Giles then read the wording on the tablet slowly and impressively for the benefit of all