

**Late News From The Meadows**  
**The Mountain Meadows Association Newsletter**  
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*(Submitted by Larry Coates)*

**MOUNTAIN MEADOW SERVICES**

At 9:00 am on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, members of the Mountain Meadows Association, Mountain Meadows Massacre Descendants, Mountain Meadows Foundation, and the LDS Church will meet at the siege site monument. We will gather under a tent. The LDS Church provided this tent, as well as the tents at the monument for the men and boys and at the site of the new monument for the women and children. To honor the victims who were killed at these locations, we will hold a solemn memorial service by singing a hymn, reading the names of the victims, and offering prayer. We will also place a wreath by each of the monuments.



In 1857 after members of the wagon train had surrendered their arms, the local Mormon militia leaders promised to guide them to safety. Instead, these leaders separated the wounded, the women and children, and the men and boys into groups and slaughtered them at different locations along the trail.

Our memorial service will include the option for walking the route where these victims also trudged without knowing their fate. Clint Lytle will conduct this tour from the siege site to the two locations where the militia massacred the men and boys and all of the women and children except for seventeen young children.

For those who do not wish to walk, the LDS Church will provide shuttle service to the monument where the men and boys died. We will gather under a tent and conduct services to honor those who were killed near this location. Finally, we will gather on the former Cottom property, where the women and children suffered the pains of death. A shuttle will also be provided to this location. In addition to singing a song, reading the names, and offering prayer, this ceremony will include dedicating a new monument to honor those who died near this location.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

After returning from Mountain Meadows, we will hold the annual Association meeting in St. George. This meeting will be held at the Hotel Lexington 8:00 a.m. on Friday September 12.

**OPEN HOUSE**



Tom Lamb met with the Chamber of Commerce and arranged for us to hold a ceremony for placing the friendship quilt permanently in the historic courthouse in St. George. The courtroom has enough room for an open house. The tentative date for this ceremony is September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, and the time is 7:00 to 8:00 pm. This historic building is located on 97 East St. George Boulevard in St. George, Utah.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

We have reserved twenty rooms in the Hotel Lexington in St. George, Utah, for Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup>. When you make your reservation, please indicate you belong to the Mountain Meadows Association. Please call 435-628-4235 and make your reservations soon, because this block of rooms will be closed on August 31<sup>st</sup>. For each night, the price per room is \$79.99 plus local taxes. The location is 850 Bluff Street.

## MMA MEMBERSHIP

If you have not paid your annual dues, please do so. Membership dues cover from January to January. Individual memberships are \$20.00. Family memberships are \$35.00. Lifetime membership for an individual is \$250.00. Lifetime family membership is \$400.00. Lifetime memberships of those who currently hold lifetime memberships will still be honored. Members who donate money beyond their basic membership fees will receive formal recognition in the following categories: Bronze for donations of an extra \$100.00; Silver for donations of an extra \$250.00; Gold for donations of an extra \$500.00; and Platinum for donations of an extra \$1,000.00.

These funds are used exclusively to pay for the expenses of the Association. None of the money pays for any personal income for the administration. We are a tax exempt non-profit organization. Please, keep your receipts for tax deduction purposes.

Please pay your membership dues by following the instructions on the form below. Furthermore, please forward this newsletter to relatives and friends and encourage them to join the Mountain Meadows Association. If you have not paid your annual dues since January 2013, please fill out the form below and send it to Terry Fancher at tnf49@aol.com or mail it to 16 Spencer Street, Braintree, MA 02184. You may also pay dues on line at <http://www.mtnmeadowsassoc.com/duesform.htm>. And you may also send your membership to Tom Lamb, M.M.A. Treasurer, c/o 1035 McKinley Way, Saint George, UT 84790.

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Please check the following appropriate categories:

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