

Late News From The Meadows
The Mountain Meadows Association Newsletter
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(Respectfully submitted by Larry Coates)

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

On September 11th, 2011, we celebrated National Historic Landmark recognition for the land owned by the LDS Church at Mountain Meadows. After acquiring the property from the Cottom family where the women and children died in the Massacre, the LDS Church applied to add this land to the National Historic Landmark status. On May 28th, 2014, members of the various Mountain Meadows associations and LDS Church leaders met with NHL leaders in Washington D.C.; and this property was subsequently added to the region of the Mountain Meadows Historic Landmark Site.

MOUNTAIN MEADOW SERVICES

On September 11th, 2014, the Mountain Meadows Association will join with the Mountain Meadows Massacre Descendants, the Mountain Meadows Foundation, and the LDS Church in honoring those who died in the Massacre at Mountain Meadows. We will bring together the descendants of the perpetrators and the victims as well as other interested persons to remember those who died at Mountain Meadows on this date in 1857.

At 9:00 am, Rick Turley will welcome the congregation at the siege site monument, where a number of people died. While remembering this horrible Massacre, we will participate in memorial services that will include singing a hymn, reading the names of the victims, and offering prayer. We will then move to the site where the men and boys died after giving up their arms in exchange for the promise of freedom and safety. We will next conduct a similar service to honor those who were killed near this location. Finally, we will gather and conduct a service at the new memorial site on the former Cottom property, where the women and children suffered the pains of death.



The LDS Church has made arrangements for the people who want to walk from the siege site to the monument for the men and boys and then to the new monument for the women and children. For the individuals unable to or preferring not to walk, shuttle vans will provide transportation between each of the sites.

ANNUAL MEETING

After returning from Mountain Meadows, we will hold the annual Association meeting in St. George. The details of the location and time for this meeting will be reported in the next newsletter.

OPEN HOUSE

Tom Lamb arranged with the Chamber of Commerce for us to hold a sacred ceremony for locating the friendship quilt permanently in the historic courthouse in St. George. The courtroom has enough room for an open house. The tentative date and time for this important occasion is September 11th, 1214, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. This historic building is located on 97 East St. George Boulevard in St. George, Utah.

ACCOMMODATIONS

As soon as we make arrangements for lodging in St. George, we will inform you of the hotel, prices, and location.

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 tfn49@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.

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Please check the following appropriate categories:

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