

OUR PIONEER HAPPENINGS

CALIFORNIA PIONEER HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Preserving the Pioneer Heritage

WINTER 2016

"In June 1851, 500 Mormon Pioneers came through this pass to enter the San Bernardino Valley where they colonized and established a prosperous community. Erected by Sons of Mormon Pioneers May 15, 1937".

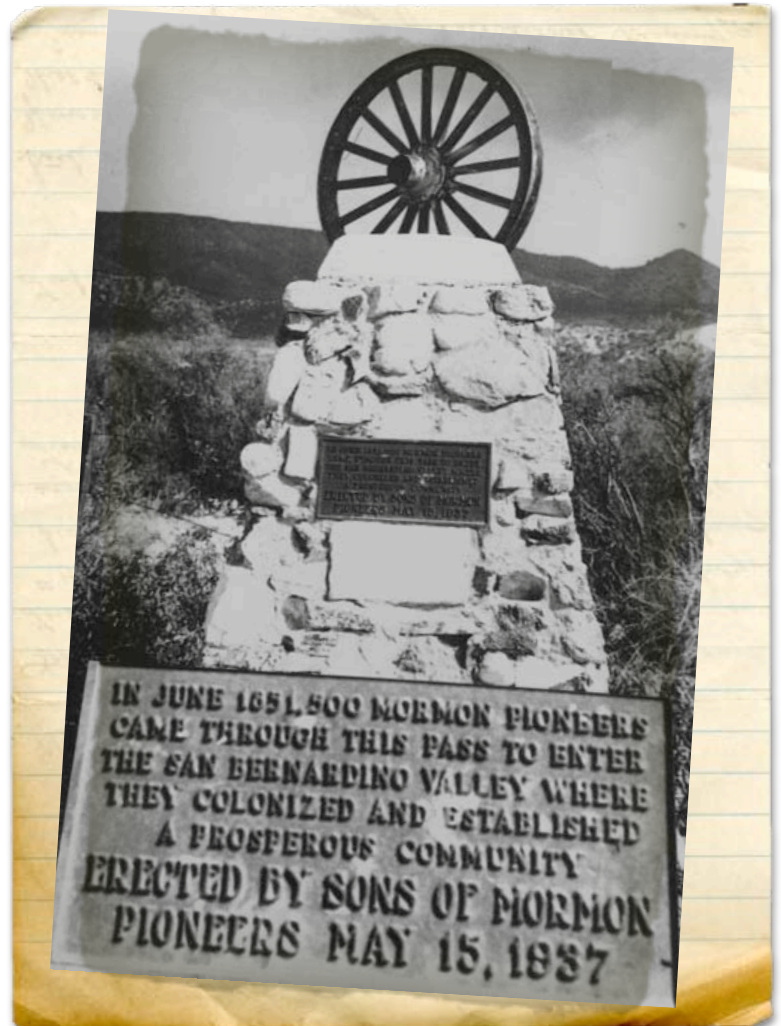
This is the inscription on the plaque that was placed on what has become known as the "Wagon Wheel Monument." It was placed on Highway 138 (off Interstate 15 just west of "Mormon Rocks") just before you come to the Wrightwood exit (Hwy 2). Over the years thousands have come to see the wagon wheel that points to the trail used by the pioneers and many others coming through the Cajon Pass. Boy Scout Troop 1, sponsored by the San Bernardino 1st Ward, San Bernardino Stake, LDS Church, built the monument in 1937. (It is not known at present who organized, designed and paid for the project.)

Trail History:

The newly cut trail by William T. Sanford, was first used in 1850 by one small group, the Pomeroy's, before the Mormon Pioneers discovered it to be preferable to the rocky Crowder Canyon route (aka Coyote Canyon) (just south of the 138 Hwy - south of Macdonalds in the pass). They were the largest group to traverse it. In 1851, 437 Mormon and Black pioneers used the trail. They were the first colonists to settle in Southern California after statehood. Many wagons came weekly for several years over this trail. Southern California, specifically the San Bernardino Valley where they settled, became the economic center of the Southwest - long before Los Angeles assumed that title. This trail was the gateway into Southern California for wagon travel.

The monument has had the wagon wheel stolen from the top and Cal Trans has plans to widen the 138 that has necessitated moving the monument. The monument has been re-located on the north end of the trail over the hogs-back and the mesa (Baldy Mesa) in the Phelan area on the private property of Harold Gabriel, at his Wagon Train Ranch.

Cal trans has agreed to rebuild the monument on Highway 138 and provide a turn-out for motorist to safely stop and view the monument and the trail. The new site will also include a story board detailing more of the history and a viewing tube to allow visitors to more accurately identify the hogs-back where wagons went over the peak of the Baldy Mesa ridge and then slid down 60 feet to the new cut trail.



Friends of the monument are trying to raise \$2,000 to pay for the replacement plaques, wagon wheels on the new and old monument and storyboard.



California Pioneer Heritage Foundation - A Year in Review

FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA TO COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA TO SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Date	Event	City	Event Details
1/16	Hands on History	Sutter's Fort	Trappers, Traders, and Treaties
1/23	Gold Discovery Day	Coloma	Marshall Gold State Park
1/30	Mormon Battalion Day	San Diego	Old Town San Diego
1/31	5 th Sunday Presentations	Various	2 Wards – Roseville
2/15	American Heritage Day	Citrus Heights	Mt Vernon Memorial Park
2/20	Hands on History	Sutter's Fort	By Land and By Sea
3/5	Sacramento History Day	Sacramento	Inderkum High School
3/5	John Adams Revolution Run Day	Roseville	Historical display and games
3/12	Swallows Day Parade	San Juan Capistrano	Downtown San Juan Capistrano 9 AM
4/9	DUP Convention Flag Ceremony	Rancho Cordova	Mormon Center
4/14	Trader's Faire setup	Sutter's Fort	Sutter's Fort – 5 PM
4/15-17	Hands on History	Sutter's Fort	Traders Faire
5/19-22	Columbia Diggins	Columbia	Tent Town
5/21	California Pioneer History Day	Coloma	Tent City, Mormon Battalion Parade, Cannon Firing
6/4-5	California Trail Days	Elko, NV	California Trail Interpretive Center
6/18	Hands on History	Sutter's Fort	War in California
7/4	4th of July Parade	Carmichael	Carmichael Elks Lodge
7/7-10	MB Enlistment 160 th Celebration	Council Bluffs, Iowa	Enlistment reenactment, wagon train, displays
7/16	Hands on History	Sutter's Fort	Mining the Miners
7/20	Stockton Stake Youth Trek	Tragedy Springs	Fireside presentation 4:30 PM
7/23	Pioneer Day - Yuba City Stake	Yuba City	Stake Center 10 AM-2 PM
7/23	Pioneer Day – Perkins Ward	Sacramento	Wisemann Building 10 AM-2 PM
7/25	Sunrise Service & Honor Guard Days of '47 Parade	Salt Lake City, UT	Salt Lake City Tabernacle and parade
7/31	Yuba City 5 th Sunday	Yuba City	Fifth Sunday Presentation
8/13	CPHF Bus trip	Various	Sutter's Fort to Coloma
8/20	Hands on History	Sutter's Fort	Fun on the Frontier
9/1	Gold Rush Days - Setup	Old Sacramento	7 AM to 10 AM
9/2-5	Gold Rush Days	Old Sacramento	Old Sacramento State Park
9/11-18	World Gold Panning Championships	Placerville	Various activities and parades
9/17	Hands on History	Sutter's Fort	Harvest: Real Gold on California
9/15-18	Gold Rush Live	Coloma	Gold Discovery State Historic Park
11/11	Veterans Day Parade	Folsom	Mormon Battalion
11/19	Hands on History	Sutter's Fort	Donner Party and Westward Migration
12/10-11	Open Houses/Mormon Cabin	Coloma	Holiday Time in Coloma

American Heritage Day at Mount Vernon Memorial Park

Citrus Heights, CA
February 15, 2016



Audrey Gomm, Sheryl Haumschilt, and Carol Tullis



Peter Guilbert, Dick Williams, Robert Heyward



The First California Pioneer History Day Draws Thousands to Coloma



MAY 21, 2016

An inaugural event celebrating California Pioneer History Day was held May 21 at the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park in Coloma, California. Park officials stated it was the best single day activity in park history.



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Robin Cook, Director of the Third District Agricultural Association, presented a resolution from five members of the California Legislature that explains the importance of the contributions made by the Mormon pioneers. © 2016 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved



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Mormon Battalion Marches in Carmichael's 4th of July Parade



Beautiful weather with a nice Delta breeze kept things cool while nearly 30 of our group marched in position #15 in the annual 4th of July parade. Little Elizabeth Garbett dressed in a new outfit that received a lot of attention from the mothers in the audience. I think we had 10 adult marchers and several young men with small toy muskets. The Amaral's wagon pulled by Don and Doc thrilled the public and served as a sag wagon for those who could not walk all the way.



A small group band from several local Catholic churches in the area walked ahead of us. Toward the end of the parade they played "As the Saints Coming Marching In" several times as both groups ended the parade at the Elks Lodge.





Smokey Bassett, Paul Hoffman, and Peter Guilbert stand at attention in the Iowa heat and humidity.



Iowa Hosts the Re-enactors from California at the 170th Grand Encampment

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

July 8-10, 2016

To commemorate the 170th anniversary of the Grand Encampment and the mustering in of the Mormon Battalion in July of 1846, 12 participants and their families from California traveled to the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The grounds were beautiful with green grass and trees lining the parade grounds. The mustering in was a small portion of the whole activity which included a 2-day wagon train trek; a handcart trek; a seminar with speakers and panel discussions throughout Saturday; children's activity area; displays of pioneer art, research displays, and vendors; entertainment at the parade grounds; and a mustering-in activity

with a march of the Mormon Battalion through Ft Leavenworth, Santa Fe, and California. The historical re-enactors from the Fort Leavenworth area, from Albuquerque representing Santa Fe, from Denver representing Pueblo, and our California contingent representing San Diego, Los Angeles, and Sutter's Fort all talked about Mormon Battalion events particular to their area.

Historically, there were members of the Mormon Battalion who returned to their families in Council Bluff and remained in Iowa after 1847. Of the California contingency who came to the 170th Grand Encampment, a few were also descendants of members of the Mormon Battalion. Those descendants whose ancestors shared a common beginning over 170 years earlier greeted one another warmly and discussed family histories together.



Wagon teams circle up at the Iowa School of the Deaf



Group attends Memorial Service at the Kaneshville Tabernacle

CALIFORNIA LIVING HISTORY MISSIONARIES PARTICIPATE IN UTAH'S DAYS OF '47 SUNRISE SERVICE HOSTED BY THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS IN SALT LAKE CITY



Hans Koepsel, Deseret News

Re-enactor Keith Bond portraying Jean Baptiste Charbonneau



Re-enactor Russell C. Harper portraying Thomas Rhoades



Hans Koepsel, Deseret News

On July 25, 2016 California Living History Missionaries marched in the Days of '47 Parade in the second position out of the more than 100 parade entries.

California Living History Missionaries March in Utah's Days of '47 Parade



The Mormon Battalion arrives at Liberty Park after marching on the parade route



Maurine Smith, President of the International Daughters of the Utah Pioneers with Hannah Harper



PIONEER HERITAGE TOURS
*YOUR CHANCE TO MEET LIVING
HISTORY RE-ENACTORS IN PERSON*



At least once-a-year, the California Pioneer Heritage Foundation sponsors an opportunity to tour local historic sites to meet the likes of John Sutter, Sam Brannan, Thomas Rhoads, Angelina Lovett, Sydney Willes, Melissa Coray, and more! There are also subject matter experts from the Folsom Powerhouse, Sacramento Valley Railroad, Pony Express, and a representative of Chinese history – just to name a few! The goal of the bus tours is to educate the public about the accomplishments of California pioneers. The purpose of the bus tours



are to specifically integrate Mormon pioneer accomplishments with the vast cultural, technological, and political hurdles apparent in the mid to late 1800s. Included in the tour is a short shopping spree on Sutter Street in Folsom where merchants offer specials just for the bus tour passengers! The tour takes a lunch in the beautiful surroundings of Pioneer Village in Old Folsom!



Re-enactor Dennis Amaral approaches tour passengers in Old Folsom.



Re-enactors Smokey Bassett and Toni Amaral

GOLD RUSH DAYS IN OLD SACRAMENTO



Old Sacramento, CA
September 2-5, 2016



California Living History Specialists portray members of the Mormon Battalion of the US Army of the West prep and fire the cannon twice a day during Gold Rush Days.



Going back in time to California's mid 1800s is what brings thousands of

visitors down to Sacramento Gold Rush Days. This once a year opportunity is when Sacramento's historic district transforms into a real life Gold Rush mining town with old-time scenery, tons of dirt, performers in period clothing portraying historical figures, playing the popular music of the time, and displaying their various talents from the exciting historical period.





GOLD RUSH LIVE AT GOLD DISCOVERY STATE HISTORIC STATE PARK

*September 15-18, 2016
Coloma, California*



The Mormon Workers' Cabin was staffed during Gold Rush Live event so that visitors from over two dozen countries could hear the story about the Mormon Battalion and the Mormon "Boys" as John Sutter called them. They were at the mill when James Marshall found shining flecks of gold in the tailrace of the sawmill he was building for himself and John Sutter. The journals of the Mormon "Boys" set the date for the discovery of gold and helped start the largest human migration in US history. Plans have been submitted to build a new Mormon Worker's Cabin near the site of the original saw mill.



Pioneer Activities Shared With Students

CALIFORNIA LIVING HISTORY SPECIALISTS WORK TOGETHER WITH THE DAUGHTERS OF THE UTAH PIONEERS AT WILL ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

In mid October, students quickly joined the fun with the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and learned how to pan for gold, churn butter, wash laundry, use wash boards, pull sticks, make rope, craft pioneer toys and rubbings like young pioneers in the mid 1800s. Daughters of the Utah Pioneers volunteer to bring Outreach programs to local schools and teach about the contributions and heritage of the westward movement and early pioneers. California Living History Specialists are also volunteers who coordinate with schools to share the early contributions of California pioneers.



John and Rhonda Corless (CLHM & DUP), Judy Rosenlof (DUP), Carolyn Loveridge (DUP), Sue Kashow (DUP), Christy Satfield (DUP), Naomi (CLHM & DUP) and Russ Harper (CLHM), Arnold Loveridge



California Living History Specialists are also re-enactors and promote recognition of the contributions made by the men and women who came to California prior to 1869. The goal of the specialists is to build bridges of friendship and understanding with schools.

Folsom's 16th Annual Veterans Day Parade



Members of the Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers, Boy Scouts of America, California Living History Specialists and families with LDS missionaries joined together to represent and portray members of the Mormon Battalion, 1846-1847, U.S. Army of the West. The participants marched the 1.5 miles in the 16th annual Folsom's Veterans Day parade honoring those men and women who served or are serving in America's armed forces. The Mormon Battalion consisted of 500 men and a few women were mustered into the Army in Iowa to help fight the war with Mexico and marched over 2,000 miles to San Diego. Peter Guilbert, SNMP Group Commandant, felt the participants marching today were "honoring the Mormon Battalion veterans who passed through the area many years ago." Guilbert also reported, "Our group has been present at this event for at least 10 years now. We have received several awards in the Community category. We have always enjoyed a wonderful presence at this event. With everyone totaled, we had about 42 men, women and children marching, walking, or riding in Dennis and Toni Amaral's wagon. Wearing period battalion clothing, the men and youth were outfitted with military accouterments and muskets. I had a feeling we were not the only ones marching today!"



Fresno Mission District Opened in the Central Valley

CALIFORNIA LIVING HISTORY MISSIONARIES MEET WITH CENTRAL VALLEY DUP

December 11, 2016
Fresno, California

Michael and Terri Payne are the newest missionaries in the California Living History Mission and will serve in the Fresno area. In a joint effort to present pioneer stories and experiences to elementary students in California and acquaint them with the contributions early members of the Church have made to California History, the California Living History Mission is reaching out to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers in various California companies and camps to work together to accomplish both the goals of the DUP Outreach program and the mission goals. The Paynes will work together with the DUP Fresno Company to coordinate to increase the opportunities for outreach in the Fresno area. The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers in California are divided into 32 companies with 94 camps which include hundreds of daughters and associate members. Working together will increase our outreach.



Russ Harper, Keith Bond, Gordon Urry, James Payne, Terri and Michael Payne, Bishop Larson, and Hannah Harper



Keith Bond, California Living History re-enactor who portrays Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, military scout for the Mormon Battalion during the Mexican-American War, Maurine Smith, International President of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, Hannah Harper, California Living History Missionary and DUP member from the James Marshall Camp, Sacramento Company meet after the Days of '47 Parade in Salt Lake City, Utah



From left to right Naomi Harper, California Living History Missionary and DUP member from the James Marshall Camp, Norma Burdick, DUP President of Fresno Company, Sheryl Moala, California Living History Missionary Terri Payne, Hannah Harper, California Living History Missionary and DUP member from the James Marshall Camp, Gwen Bain,

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Thank you for your interest in preserving California's pioneer heritage. Your contribution will assist us in identifying and preserving historical sites and records, and educating others about the contribution of California's pioneers.

Limited Time Special! For a donation of \$100 or greater we will be happy to send a gift of the book "Mormon Gold", a regular \$49.95 value. (request book at time of donation)

The mission of the California Pioneer Heritage Foundation is to promote recognition of the contribution made by the men and women who came to California prior to 1869, with particular emphasis on the contributions of pioneers who were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

We will accomplish this by:

- Encouraging research;
- Producing and distributing educational materials;
- Preserving and establishing monuments and historical sites;
- Sponsoring and supporting commemorative events and activities.

