

Late News From The Meadows
The Mountain Meadows Association Newsletter
Honoring the Dead, Historic Preservation, Fellowship, & Reconciliation
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PRESIDENT FANCHER'S LETTER

“As president of the Mountain Meadows Association I want you to know how much I truly appreciate your membership, and the trust you place in our organization.

We are proud of our ability to have a diverse membership, and to have the ability to work for the common good with both the Mountain Meadows Descendants and the Mountain Meadows Monument Foundation.

We are also happy to be able to work with representatives of the LDS Church in getting the site of the Mountain Meadows Massacre protected for the future.

A master plan has been created, with input from all three of our organizations, which will govern the plans for protecting the recently acquired site, now called the northern grave site. We are pleased with its progress.

This year, we continue to work towards the granting of National Historic Landmark status, an effort which continues into its second year. If you are interested in submitting a letter to show your support for that effort you may either email me at tnf49@aol.com or mail to 16 Spencer Street, Braintree, MA 02184. We can also provide you with, what we believe to be, the salient points of the application.

Later this year the LDS Church will also be doing some exploratory work on a piece of property further north, and to the east of the northern grave site area. It is our hope that later this year we might go to Utah, as a part of our annual meeting, and be a part of the process to determine whether that property holds value as a further area where victims of the massacre may have been buried.

With this newsletter you will find a membership dues sheet. We hope to consider the work we have done, and continue to do, on your behalf. Dues run from January first each year to the next. We would prefer to email you our newsletters, but can mail them, if need be.

We have an excellent web-site, which has been used as a valuable resource for many years, by thousands of people nationwide. People continue to use our web site when trying to find out more about the massacre, and their own family relation to the massacre.

We are always on the look out for individuals who have a similar mission to ours, to go onto our Board of Directors. I would be happy, at any time, to talk to you about that as well. In addition, we are always searching for new members. If you know someone you think might be interested, please give us the contact information. We will let them know what our association has been doing, and continues to do, on behalf of all descendants from the massacre.

It continues to be a pleasure to serve you.

Terry N. Fancher, President, MMA

NEWS ON MEMORIAL DAY MAY 31, 2010

On this Memorial Day, let us remember those who died in September 1857. In 2009, the LDS Church examined over 200 acres of the Cottam property in an effort to find burial sites. The study revealed three locations for conducting additional “non-invasive investigations.” This step would include three phases. First, removal of the abandoned fences, brush, and rocks. Second, photographing of each site and canvassing the area with a detector to locate metal. Finally, troweling the top two inches of soil in “search for a pit scar.”

LDS Elder Marlin K. Jensen asked the Mountain Meadows Foundation, the Mountain Meadows Massacre Descendants, and the Mountain Meadows Association for their position on this proposed investigation on the Cottam property. The MMA Board supports this non-invasive research. Since we have not decided an agenda for our annual meeting, members of the MMA Board are seriously considering holding this meeting in conjunction with these investigations.

We have asked permission to watch the team examine these possible burial

sites, but we have not learned when various phases of this study will be done. We will keep our membership posted on the plans for this investigation.

In the coming months, we intend to have discussions with other like-minded associations on the possible use of web-camera technology at the Mountain Meadows Massacre site. It is our belief that there is a need to use the technology of the internet to show what the site looks like at any particular moment.

The MMA Board urges all members to support the National Historic Landmark status petition for Mountain Meadows. We need our membership to send letters that support this recognition to President Terry Fancher. He will forward them to the government board that decides whether or not to grant this status. It may be possible for members to go to Washington when the hearing is held on the National Historic Landmark status for Mountain Meadows. To read the 42 page application for Landmark status, please visit the Mountain Meadows website.

QUESTIONNAIRE

We want to improve our communication with our membership. Please help us by filling out this questionnaire, and e-mail or slow mail it to President Terry Fancher at tnf49@aol.com or mail to 16 Spencer Street, Braintree, MA 02184.

1. Do you always get the newsletters? Yes ___ No ___
2. If you have e-mail, please record your e-mail current address. _____
3. In case we have trouble contacting you by e-mail address, please record your slow mail address and phone number. _____
4. Do you visit the Mountain Meadows Association website? Yes ___ No ___
5. If yes, how frequently do you visit the site? Weekly___ Monthly _____
Occasionally ___
6. Will you please write a letter supporting National Historic Landmark Status? Yes ___
No ___
7. Our goals include honoring the dead, Historic Preservation, Fellowship, and Reconciliation. We need additional MMA Board members. If you know member who share these goal and would be willing to serve, please make your recommendations by contacting President Fancher.
8. Membership last from January to January for each year? If you have not paid your dues since January 2010, please fill out the form below and send it to Terry Fancher at or mail it to the Mountain Meadows Association at 12703 Whisper Spring Cove, Draper, Utah 84020. You may also pay dues on line at <http://www.mtn-meadws-assoc.com/dues form.htm>.

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