

Late News From The Meadows

The Mountain Meadows Association Newsletter

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EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

The Mountain Meadows Association Board of Directors expresses gratitude to leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for their efforts in making Mountain Meadows a sacred place. Elder Marlin Jensen, Richard Turley, and others have spent many hours and considerable money building monuments, buying land, acquiring historical recognition, and making this area a place for mourners to pay their respects for those who died at the Meadows in 1857. We are pleased that the collaboration of groups and individuals is preserving this historic site and helping to maintain there an atmosphere in which the memory of those who died there more than 150 years ago may be honored in perpetuity.

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK STATUS

Last year, Richard Turley and several others made a strong case for granting Landmark Status for Mountain Meadows. The Landmarks Committee accepted their recommendation. Visit the YouTube website <http://www.youtube.com/user/tnfanher9613> to see and hear the report at the meeting held in Washington, D. C.

On April 13th, 2011, the final step will be taken in San Francisco when the Advisory Board meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Argonaut Hotel, Golden Gate C room. Even though there will be no time for public comment, our Association will be represented at this meeting.

POWER LINE INVASION

TransWest Express 600 KV Direct Current Transmission Project proposes building a power line from Cheyenne, Wyoming, through Southern Utah to Las Vegas, Nevada. One proposal passes through Mountain Meadows. Because of the sacred nature of Mountain Meadows, LDS Church leaders have collected opinions from all involved groups and written letters requesting that TransWest use an alternate route in order to bypass the sensitive and sacred Mountain Meadows site. To view the maps, the announcement, and the list of meetings, visit <http://www.bim.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/hdd/transwest.html>.

The public comment period will remain open until April 4, 2011. The Board recommends that you visit this site, submit your ideas in writing, and attend the meeting. The Association will submit testimony stating our concerns.

COTTAM PROPERTY

In February 2011, Jenny Lund, the LDS Church's Historic Sites manager, reported that two subcontractors, Hagar Geophysics and Dr. Richard Terry, will soon finish their studies of the soil samples that were taken on the Cottam property. The final report will be written by the Office of Public Archeology. It will pull together from all the data the possible grave sites for the women and children. This report should be available later in the spring.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Association will hold their annual meeting this year. If you have a preference for themes and/or a location, please contact President Terry Fancher either by e-mail or regular mail. The Board has discussed several possibilities but has not made a decision.

MMA WEB PAGE

Visit the Association's web page at <http://www.mtn-meadws-assoc.com> for frequent updates, photographs, back issues of the newsletter, and plans for activities as well as new information on the Massacre site.

MEMBERSHIP

We honor the dead, work for historic preservation, and promote fellowship and reconciliation. If you know people who share these goals and would be willing to serve on the MMA Board, please send your recommendations to President Fancher.

If you have not paid your dues since January 2010, please fill out the form below and e-mail it to Terry Fancher at tfn49@aol.com. 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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