

# MARKER ERECTED AT MOUNTAIN MEADOWS ON SEPTEMBER 10TH.

A Beautiful Bronze Tablet Set in a  
Stone Wall Which Was Erected  
to Protect the Graves

## APPROPRIATE SERVICES HELD

On September 10th I was present  
by invitation at the ceremonies un-  
veiling a bronze tablet at the site  
of the Mountain Meadows Massacre  
which date was the 75th anniver-  
sary of the week of September 7th  
to 11th 1857

The Utah Pioneer Trails and Land  
marks Association of which George  
Albert Smith of the Twelve is Pres-  
ident and Master of Ceremonies in  
co operation with the people of  
southern Utah had the matter in  
charge and in a very suitable and  
reverent spirit conducted the dedi-  
cation Between 180 and 200 peo-  
ple of the surrounding towns wit-  
nessed the event

On August 20th 73 persons regis-  
tered to volunteer their services at  
the Meadows and erected a fine  
substantial permanent stone wall  
completely enclosing on all sides the  
original cairn near the spring they  
removed all weeds dust debris or  
other material from around the pile  
of stones and tidied the spot up  
very nicely on the east wall where  
the deep wash threatens to encroach  
upon the common tomb they went  
down deeply set rocks in cement to  
stay erosion and erected the wall  
upon that footing elsewhere the  
walls rest upon a foundation a foot  
in depth Then on the west side  
stone steps were built both inside  
and out so that ingress and exit  
was provided a hand rail assists

This work was due primarily to  
the energy of President Wm R Pal-  
mer of Cedar City

The bronze tablet is exceptionally  
large and handsome it bears a fac-  
simile of the celebrated buffalo head  
upon which Brigham Young wrote  
his message on the plains that he  
had passed that spot and all is  
well Either side of that are the  
words No 17 meaning that this is  
the 17th marker placed by that asso-  
ciation Then follows the wording

Erected 1932

## MOUNTAIN MEADOWS

A favorite recruiting place on  
the old Spanish Trail

In this vicinity Sept 7 11 1857  
occurred one of the most lamentable  
tragedies in the annals of the west  
A company of about 140 Arkansas  
and Missouri emigrants led by Cap-  
tain Charles Fancher en route to  
California was attacked by white  
men and Indians All but seven  
teen being small children were kill-  
ed John D Lee who confessed par-  
ticipation as leader was legally exe-  
cuted here March 23 1877 Most  
of the emigrants were buried in  
their own defense pits

This monument was reverently  
dedicated September 10 1932

by the Utah Pioneer Trails and  
Landmarks Association

and the people of Southern Utah

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## The Program

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The ceremonies were simple ap-  
propriate and feelingly conducted

The program was as follows

Singing by the choir

Invocation by John T Woodbury  
of St George who said in part

In sorrow and humility we this  
day place a marker over the scene  
of the Mountain Meadows Massacre  
We are deeply sorrowful that it has  
been necessary to place a marker  
over such a place and we pray  
Thee O Lord to sanctify this thing  
which has happened to the people  
so that they may learn the lesson  
that it may never be repeated in the  
history of the earth

Quartet The Rock of Ages

John D Giles Secretary of the Utah  
Pioneer Trails and Landmarks As-  
sociation spoke giving a complete  
roster of the various places which the  
association had marked of which  
this spot is No 17

President Wm R Palmer thank-  
ed the people for their cooperation  
and expressed his appreciation to all  
who participated and accepted the  
tablet the enclosing wall and these  
ceremonies in behalf of the people of  
southern Utah

Dr George W Middleton spoke of  
his life riding the hills with these  
very people and of his later profess-  
ional life curing their sick and of his  
further co-operation with the people  
of southern Utah in this act don to  
day He spoke glowingly of the ag-  
nificent and heroic spirit of the rally  
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pioneers and asked that they be always held in sacred memory

Frank Beckwith spoke of the pleasure of seeing a noble spirit manifest itself in this act so appropriate so fitting and the ceremonies conducted in such a commendable spirit and praised all who made such an expression possible

M J Urie President of the Cedar City Commercial Club spoke of their part and of their willingness to respond

America sung by all

Uniformed members of the Utah National Guard fired a salute to the dead and unveiled the bronze tablet

George Albert Smith spoke of the spirit of cooperation and finished by thanking the people who aided in this day

Benediction by Luther M Terry of Enterprise

John D Giles then read the wording on the tablet slowly and impressively for the benefit of all