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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mountain Meadows massacre is bringing a flurry of activities and publicity on that tragic event. Our MMMF group dedicated a library collection at the Butler Center on April 4; participated with Patty Norris's group at an observance at Beller Spring on April 21-22; took part in a showing of September Dawn in Salt Lake City and a follow-up roundtable discussion on April 25; and attended the premiere of September Dawn in Hollywood on May 2, followed by a press conference with CNN on May 3. I will keep my message short to allow space for photos related to these events. We are making progress in achieving our expressed goals and look forward to the outcomes of our September meeting in Utah.

2007 MEETING IN UTAH ON SEPTEMBER 10-11

Our Foundation will meet at the Cedar Creek Restaurant in Cedar City, Utah on September 10-11. The meeting place is adjacent to Best Western El-Ray and two blocks from Best Western Town & Country motels. It will be left up to individuals to secure their own lodging. A tentative hold has been placed on 20 rooms at the BW El-Ray. A room with one queen bed was quoted at \$69. Two twin beds go for \$79. Individuals must make their own reservations one month in advance. Please reserve by August 10. The motel phone numbers are BW El-Ray (435-586-6518) and BW Town & Country (435-586-9900).

BUTLER RESEARCH CENTER LIBRARY  
Mountain Meadows Monument Foundation Special Collection  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
April 4, 2007

On behalf of the Mountain Meadows Monument Foundation, Diann Fancher and Burr Fancher dedicated a library collection of Mountain Meadows related materials to the Butler Research Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. The collection included 128 books, documents and photographs. Over 170 people attended the Power Point presentation on the massacre. Harley and Diann Fancher and Burr and Ada Fancher sponsored this collection. Lesson plans for history teachers will be added to the collection in the near future. The Butler Center will serve as a clearinghouse for materials to assist teachers in bringing the history of the Mountain Meadows massacre into Arkansas classrooms.



*Diann Fancher introduces MMMF library collection to Butler Center*



*Burr Fancher makes Power Point presentation to Butler Center Lunch & Legacy group*



*Over 170 people listened to the Power Point presentation on Mountain Meadows*



*One of the 14 tables of books in the MMMF collection at the Butler Center*

**JUDGE LOGAN ENCAMPMENT**  
April 21-22, 2007

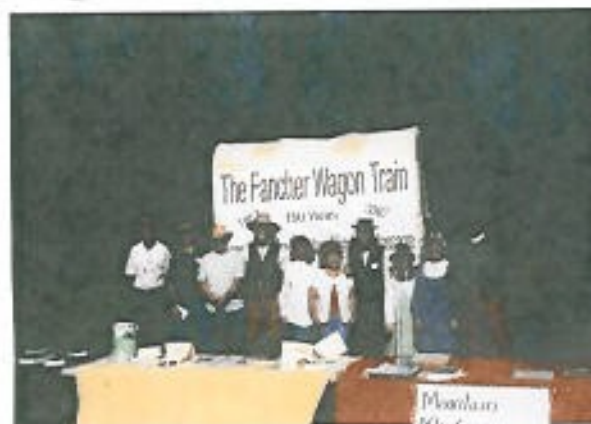
Phil Bolinger and other MMMF members helped Patty Norris's group in commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the departure of the wagon train from Beller Spring. The event was built around the theme of an encampment with Judge Roger Logan as the driving force. Our Foundation provided wagons, family flags, interpretative historical documents, and firearm displays to assist Patty Norris in her efforts to highlight the starting point of the wagon train. MMMF members Rusty and Chris Carleton provided period clothing, firearms and tents for bringing realism to the encampment. Phil Bolinger supplied the family flags used in the MMMF wagon train last September. The weather remained cooperative throughout the encampment.



*Rusty Carleton's firearm display*



*Judge Logan relates the Mountain Meadows story*



*MMMF members with Patty Norris and Judge Roger Logan at Phil's wagon yard*



*Chris Carleton and Diann Fancher tend MMMF exhibit*

### SALT LAKE CITY ROUNDTABLE

April 25, 2007

MMMF President Phil Bolinger, Board member Bob Fancher, and member Bob Jowett attended a showing of *September Dawn* in Salt Lake City on April 25. The film was followed with a roundtable discussion amongst 23 historians and other key stakeholders. Phil and Bob were able to meet with high level LDS Church officials in regard to the agenda for the 150<sup>th</sup> gathering in September.

The Salt Lake visitors visited Brigham Young's grave, site of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and other historic sites around the Salt Lake City area. Bob and Phil reported that they were accorded excellent hospitality in their visits with LDS Church hierarchal leaders.

The Church offered some positive signs of accommodations in our quest for stewardship change and extending apologies to relatives of massacre victims.



*Phil Bolinger and Bob Fancher meet with LDS official Merlin Jensen to plan 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of MountainMeadows massacre.*



*Phil and Bob at a meal hosted by Deseret News editor and wife who is editing Turley book on massacre.*



*Bob Fancher, Phil Bolinger and Bob Jowett at showing of "September Dawn" in Salt Lake City*



*Phil plays tabernacle pipe organ or maybe he is pretending*

**PBS DOCUMENTARY FILM**  
April 30-May 1, 2007

Helen Whitney came to Arkansas in 2004 to interview MMMF members on the massacre for the PBS Frontline Series on Mormonism. It seems we all wasted our time with Mrs. Whitney in giving her 12 hours of interviews. When it aired, she gave Phil Bolinger a full two seconds in her documentary. Something must have happened to Helen Whitney during the production of the film that changed her perspective. She did not deal with the "unfinished business" of Mormonism in relation to relatives of wagon train people as inferred during extensive interviews in Arkansas.

PREMIERE OF SEPTEMBER DAWN MOVIE  
May 2, 2007



*MMMF Board member Ron Wright and wife Susan visit with Jon Voight who was a true star in his role as the fanatical Bishop who ordered the massacre.*

*Burr Fancher visits with Shaun Johnston who played the part of Captain Alexander Fancher quite well.*



*Wagon train descendants (direct and collateral) pose with actor Jon Voight at premiere of September Dawn*

## MMM PRESS CONFERENCE

May 3, 2007



*Five members of the MMMF Board participated in a press conference with CNN to express our opinions September Dawn. (Left to right) Bob Fancher, Burr Fancher, Phil Bolinger, Ron Wright and Susan Fancher.*

*Four MMMF Board members and auctioneer Dan Dotson visit grave of John Calvin Miller in Artesia Cemetery in Cerritos, California after the press conference.*



*This is believed to be the final resting place of John Calvin Miller, survivor of the Mountain Meadows massacre. It is located in Artesia Cemetery in Cerritos, California. Validation efforts are in progress.*

We have many more photos than can be presented in a one-stamp newsletter. A complete photo album of MMMF activities will be available for viewing in Utah this fall. It will then be sold at our auction so that we can continue funding our good work. It will include photos of graves, library dedications, dedication of replica, wagon train, September Dawn and our memorable meetings in Oregon, California, Arizona, Utah and Arkansas.