

William W. Hatch, News Editor

Our Purpose

The years have come and gone. Since our inception in Kingston, Arkansas September 11, 1999, the Mountain Meadows Monument Foundation has continued to grow. Our determination to seek out the truth of what really happened at Mountain Meadows, Utah Territory, September 7-11, 1857 has never wavered. Let us now move forward in our purpose to clearly establish the plans for implementation, the goals that we seek and, ultimately, God Willing, to bring closure..

These goals as established by the membership at our September 10, 2005 annual meeting in St. George, Utah are presented in this issue of our Newsletter under “MMMMF Presidents’ Report – November 2005”

The Editor

BOARD MEMBERS and OFFICERS for 2005

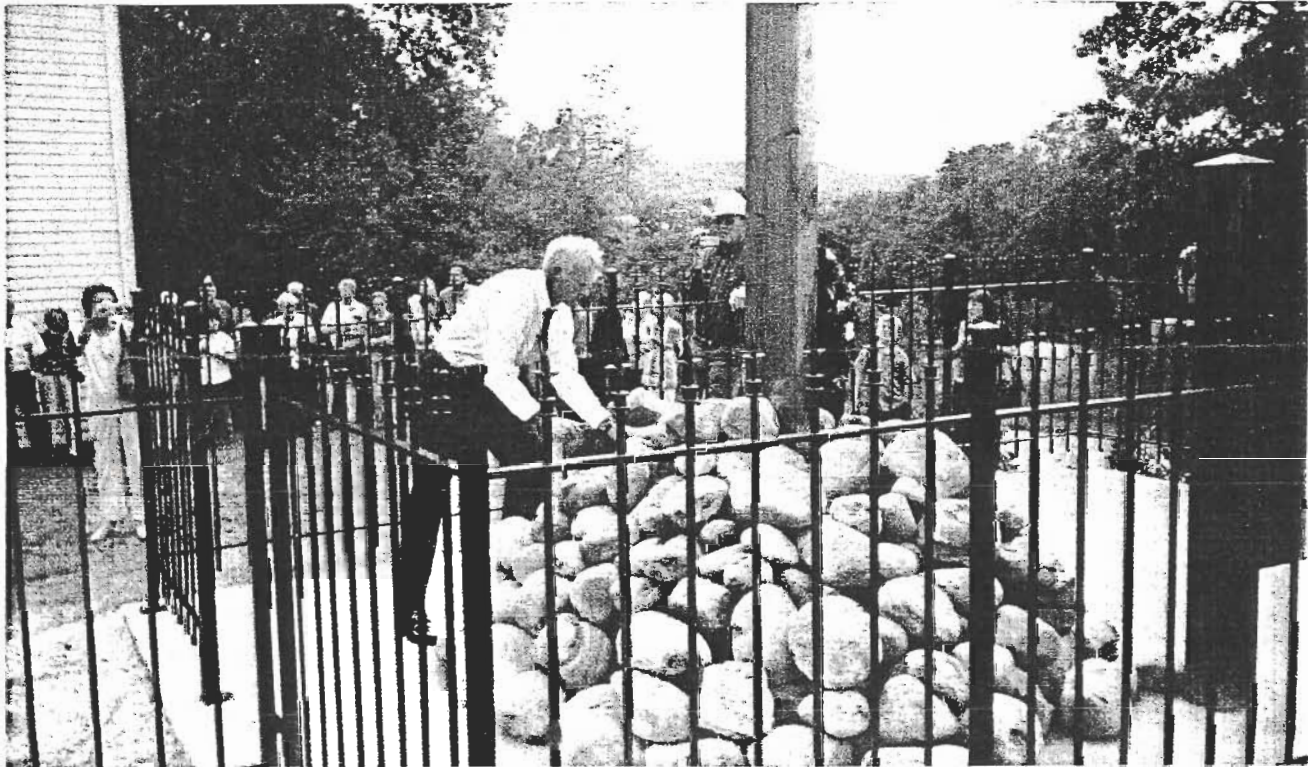
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DUES for 2005-2006

If you have not paid your 2006 dues, please mail \$20.00 to the Mountain Meadows Monument Foundation, 8002 Wind Rock Lane, Harrison, Arkansas 72601. Any additional donations will be greatly appreciated. The renewal date for dues is printed on your mailing label.



J.K. Fancher prepares to lay a memorial stone at the dedication of the Carleton grave replica at Carrollton, Ar September 25, 2005



Scott Fancher lays a memorial stone in memory of those slain at Mountain Meadows, September 7-11, 1857.

Memorial Dedication on September 25

The dedication of the Carleton grave replica at Carrollton went very well. An estimated crowd of 75-80 people showed strong support and enthusiasm for our memorial. The Foundation will now concentrate on placing interpretative materials inside the Yell Lodge. Wall displays will focus on the 17 survivors of the massacre. A collection of materials on the general massacre will be available as "History in a Box" for visiting students and historical groups.

Annual Meeting in St. George, Utah on September 9-11

The MMMF meeting went very well. Aside from snafus on dinner hour and the keynote speaker, everything else was very smooth. Forest Cuch sent me an e-mail after we left for Utah canceling the speaking engagement because of family needs. I asked him to commit to speaking to our group at some future time. Our auctioneers filled the time voids with stand-up comedy and auction proceeds of \$2,500. Our next annual meeting will occur at Carrollton, Arkansas next September. A wagon train trip is being planned along the caravan's first day of travel by wagon master Phil Bolinger. A joint meeting with Patti Norris's Descendant group has been proposed for September 2005.

Proxy Baptism

The issue of proxy baptism continues to surface in our annual meetings. Our Board promised to gather information for the families who showed concern. Some families view proxy baptism in a positive light. Others are deeply offended by such actions. Our Board decided to provide background information to individual families who wished to have their next of kin removed from the International Genealogical Index. The Foundation believes it can best be handled on a family by family basis.

In early October 1993, nearly a 100 descendants of John D. Lee met in the St. George Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints to participate in temple ordinances for the victims of the Mountain Meadows massacre. These ordinances included endowments and sealing. Those facts were published in the St. George Daily Spectrum on October 16, 1993. The news article stated that Ron Loving of the Mountain Meadows Association participated as a representative for the wagon train families.

If this is a concern to next of kin to the victims (i.e. Robert Paul Wilson and Mary Triphenia Anderson are grandchildren of a survivor), send a request for removal to: Kendall@LDSChurch.org and ask that the person or persons be removed from the IGI and Ordinance Index, and all other LDS records with misleading information about your family members. First, check with the IGI and get file

Four Generations of the Dunlap Family.



L-R: Jerry Hayes, "Beth" Hayes, Dorothy Nesser, Hannah Barry, Tami Barry, Harold Nesser.



Anna Jean Backus, author of Mountain Meadows Witness addresses group in St. George.

numbers for the individuals to be included in the request. Mail requests may be made to:

Stephen Kendall
Church and Family History Department
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
35 North West Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150-3400

After you submit requests for removal of names, follow up to determine if your request was honored. Requests should be made by next of kin family groups (Baker, Dunlap, Camron, Fancher, Prewitt, Tackitt, etc.) to be effective.

MMMF Board Positions

The Board positions of Robert Paul Wilson and Mary Migliore are to be filled by membership ballot. A ballot has been included in this newsletter. Please vote for the two individuals listed on the ballot or write-in names of others. We have a very busy program of work for the next few years. Our Board members will have opportunity to shape the future of Mountain Meadows history. We express our appreciation for the contributions of Robert Paul and Mary in the growth and development of our organization. We expect them to continue as MMMF members.

Long Range Plan

Our long range plan was reviewed and approved by the overall MMMF membership at our September 10 meeting in St. George, Utah. A full slate of projects was defined in terms of philosophy, goals, objectives, activities, timelines and responsibility agents. The goal-based format clarifies the why, what, how, when and who of a robust agenda. This plan will be reviewed and updated annually.

Our major projects are:

- marking burial sites of massacre survivors;
- updating our four repositories of Mountain Meadows related literature;
- integrating the Mountain Meadows massacre into Arkansas history;
- providing schools with historical information on the massacre;
- developing an interpretative center at Yell Lodge in Carrollton; and
- supporting VFW in restoration of historical Yell Lodge.

Members of the Mountain Meadows Monument Foundation believe that:

1. graves of massacre victims at Mountain Meadows, Utah should be under federal stewardship instead of LDS Church ownership;
2. federal stewardship is the only feasible route to closure for relatives of massacre victims;
3. the Mountain Meadows story should be included as part of history curriculum in public schools;

4. our Foundation should focus on Arkansas-based projects to maximize the impact of limited resources;
5. graves and/or cemeteries where massacre survivors are buried should be properly marked;
6. massacre-related historical sites (i.e. Yell Lodge) should be restored to honor the 17 children orphaned at Mountain Meadows;
7. comprehensive collections of massacre-related library materials should be established and maintained at key locations so that current and future generations can study and make their own interpretations of the massacre;
8. an Arkansas-based interpretative center should be established to enhance student field trips and historical visitations related to the massacre;
9. our organization will always be governed by consensus; and
10. the Foundation will maintain positive and open communication with members and general public.

The long range plan is open for revision at annual membership meetings in September. Any member who wishes to add new projects, divert funds, revise our philosophical base, or introduce new issues should contact their Board members in advance of the meeting and make sure that it is translated into an action agenda item. Resources are allocated to projects one year in advance.

Restrooms at Mountain Meadows

I was contacted by the LDS Church about support for restroom construction at the Meadows. We are aware of the past history of MMA's efforts to solve the restroom problem and the frustrations encountered by some well-intentioned people. Now the MMA and Descendant groups are taking another shot at it. Since the restrooms have not been a priority in our plan, our resources have been allocated elsewhere. A joint meeting with the Descendant group has been proposed for September 2006. If the joint venture comes to pass, we can determine where we fit in the project and formulate an appropriate response to their request. Our Foundation is supportive of the restroom project at the Meadows and will include it as an agenda item at our next MMMF Board meeting.

A Farewell Note from the Editor.

Mark Twain once said "There was (sic) things which he stretched, but mainly he told the truth". Huckleberry Finn (1884), ch. 1. This is to be my last Newsletter as editor, and, hopefully, regarding truth I will be remembered. Twain also said, "Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre, but they are more deadly in the long run". The Facts concerning the Recent Resignation, (1900), p. 350. I think I know what Twain meant. My sage advice for all of you is to be very careful when seeking favors from Mormon officialdom, as in time, you may regret it. Restrooms at the massacre site may be nice, but are no substitute for federal stewardship of that property.

Goodbye and God speed! May I wish everyone "Happy Holidays" and a prosperous New Year.

Bill

William W. Hatch

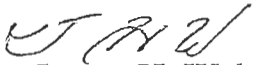
October 18,2005

To Our MMMF Friends:

First, this letter is to thank the Foundation for your contribution of \$1,500 which we received on September 25th. Your generous support to our veteran's organization is most appreciated. Over the past several years we have shared common challenge in restoration of the Old Yell Lodge and today we can appreciate the labor of those efforts. The Lodge is a showcase of old Carrollton and the by-gone days of old Carroll County.

The dedication of the replica of the Carleton's cairn on September 25 is also a fitting memorial to the 17 survivors of the Mountain Meadows Massacre and for the descendents living here in Arkansas. As we continue our completion of the restoration of Old Yell Lodge we look forward to share mutual areas of interest for increased participation of school students visiting the lodge.

As we end the year 2005 we thank your organization for your continued support and we look forward to renewed challenges in the new year.



James H. Walter

First Vice Commander VFW Post 300



"The Family", Carrollton Lodge, September 25, 2005

BALLOT

Please vote for two (2) members to serve on the Board of Directors for the Mountain Meadows Monument Foundation, Inc. You have an option of writing in candidates.

_____ **Susan K. Fancher of Carlsbad, California**

As the wife of JACK E. FANCHER, a descendant of Grey Bynum Fancher, I would be honored to serve on the MMMF Board of Directors in any capacity as needed. I am a graduate of the University of Arizona (Elementary Education) & a post-graduate of Arizona State University with Masters degrees in both Elementary Education & Special Education. I am a member of the Carlsbad Village Optimist Club, along with husband Jack, & we are actively involved in church & local activities, with great emphasis on youth-education & sponsorship. Willing to serve, SUSAN K. FANCHER

_____ **Ron Wright of Bend, Oregon (John & William Prewit family)**

I am Ron Wright, and my connection to the wagon train is through my Great, Great Grandmother, Barbara Prewit-Wright. Two of her brothers, William (20) and John (18) Prewit, were murdered in the Mountain Meadows massacre. Last September is the first time I've visited the site, and I am both awed and saddened by the tragic event as well as the outrageous cover-up. I think the MMMF is unique in its dedication to preserving the truth and allowing future generations to remember the innocence that was so brutally destroyed on another September 11th. My background seems to have been ordained by my last name. I have been in the aviation world my entire career; starting at Boeing in 1962 and now as a Vice President of Columbia Aircraft Manufacturing Corporation in Bend, Oregon. Aviation is my passion, and learning more and more about my wonderful family has become my hobby – thanks to my cousin, Robert Jowett, who has piqued my interest and made me go beyond the intellectual and deeply into the very soul of my family's existence. I felt at once at home last September at the MMMF gatherings. You all made my wife, Susan, sister, Marianne, cousins Mike Kupfer and Bob Jowett feel completely like family during the gathering. I hope to be able to travel to Arkansas soon to visit the new monument and more kin-folks.

Write-In: _____

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