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Proxy Baptism: Harley Fancher

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT GRUBBS

Robert Grubbs, MMMF member, passed away September 14 from West Nile virus and was buried at Alabam, Arkansas on September 22. He was 78. Robert was the owner and operator of a gift rock shop in Bliss, Idaho. He has been an MMMF member since it was formed in 1999. We will miss you Bob.

2006 MEETING IN ARKANSAS

If you did not attend our Arkansas meeting, you missed a good one. Everybody was busy as cranberry merchants. Phil Bolinger coordinated some 30 wagons and carriages, 150 riders on horses and mules. I left Arkansas 62 years ago because I was tired of looking at a mule's tail over a double-shovel plow. They looked much better in the wagon train. In fact, I may buy one. I have included photos to show some of the activities of our 2006 gathering at Carrollton. BOUQUETS FOR WAGONMASTER PHIL BOLINGER!

See Photos of the 2006 meeting at

http://1857massacre.com/MMM/mmmfphotos2006_p1.htm

Issues Considered in 2006 Meeting

Federal Stewardship

The major issue before our membership was federal stewardship of the Mountain Meadows site. Since next year is the 150th anniversary of the massacre, it seems to be an appropriate time to pursue this goal. Ron Wright made a Power Point presentation on the need for moving the stewardship of Mountain Meadows from the LDS Church to federal ownership. A change in stewardship is necessary for closure of the issue among relatives of the victims. As a starter, MMMF agreed to gather 10,000 petition signatures to be presented to the LDS Church and key politicians. A committee was appointed to assist Ron Wright in his efforts. A blank petition form is provided on the back of this page for your convenience. Use this form to duplicate petition forms. Get your friends to support us by signing this petition. We need the signatures to get the ear of politicians who can make our dream of federal stewardship come true. **HELP US MAKE MOUNTAIN MEADOWS A NATIONAL MONUMENT INSTEAD OF AN LDS TROPHY.**

Proxv Baptism

Harley Fancher presented a resolution to request that the names all members of the Fancher-Baker wagon train be removed from the International Genealogical Index and baptismal rolls of the LDS Church. MMMF members voted to ask for their removal from LDS rolls. The Descendant organization expressed a willingness to join us in this request. **THIS REQUEST WILL BE MADE IN COMING WEEKS.**

Arkansas History

Diann Fancher reported on our giant strides in getting the Mountain Meadows story into history curriculum in Arkansas. A chapter on the massacre has been approved for the Arkansas History textbooks. Our group has been asked to sponsor a library collection for the Butler Center in Little Rock. The Butler Center is devoted to providing historical information to Arkansas schools. If you would like to sponsor all or part of this collection, please call Burr at (541) 926-3125. The total cost of the 100 + items is approximately \$1,000.

On-Going Projects

Our members showed full support for the on-going projects of the Mountain Meadows Monument Foundation. Burr explained projects using a Power Point presentation. Those projects seek to mark graves of the 17 survivors of the massacre; place interpretative materials for surviving children in the Old Yell Lodge; keep the four major library collections updated on a timely basis; get the story back into classrooms; and assist VFW in the restoration of the Old Yell Lodge to preserve the history of the returning survivors of the massacre. **ALL OBJECTIVES ARE BEING MET IN A TIMELY FASHION!**

150th Anniversary of Mountain Meadows Massacre

The coming year will be a watershed year for our group. Plans are being made for a commemoration in Utah for September 2007 (specific details in January 2007 newsletter.) **MARK YOUR CALENDER.**

Ballot for Board Member Election

A mail back ballot is enclosed for the election of a new Board member to replace Jim Fletcher. Ballots will only be mailed to members whose membership dues are current as shown on mailing labels. **VOTE!**

Premiere of September Dawn Movie

The premiere of "September Dawn," based on the Mountain Meadows Massacre, is slated for late February or early March and will be in New York and/or Hollywood. MMMF members who would like tickets to the premiere and party should contact Murray Weissman at (818) 760-8995, FAX (818) 760-4847, or e-mail murray@publicity4all.com. **RENT YOUR TUXEDOS AND LOWCUT DRESSES NOW!**

PETITION

PLACEMENT OF THE MOUNTAIN MEADOWS MASSACRE SITE INTO THE CUSTODY AND CARE OF APPROPRIATE STEWARDSHIP

We, the undersigned, call for the *Mountain Meadows Massacre* site, located in Southern Utah, to be under the custody and care of all the People of the United States of America. It is our strong belief that the current stewardship is not appropriate for the care and preservation of this battleground and the bodies interred there.

The *Mountain Meadows Massacre* is one of the most significant events in the history of Americas's westward migration. One-hundred twenty American citizens, most of whom originated from Arkansas, were tragically killed on September 11, 1857 during the so-called *Utah War*.

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