

Summer Newsletter 2023



Mark your Calendars 2024 Event

Event: MMMD 20th Anniversary Celebration

When: April 2024

Where: Harrison, Arkansas

Stay tuned for more details on this reunion!

Mark your Calendars 2023 Event

Event: Our MMMD organization has been invited to join the MMMF organization at their annual gathering.

Members of our MMMD Board will be there to represent our organization.

When: September 8-10, 2023 in Utah.

Annual Membership

Membership renewal is required every year! Go to our website, mmmd1857.org, to update your information and send in your membership (mail or email). The form is also included below. No dues for 2023! Include your family when you renew.

Mountain Meadows Massacre Descendants is run by direct and close next-of-kin, and is open to everyone interested in promoting historically accurate massacre details and securing and honoring the final resting place of our families who died at Mountain Meadows in 1857.

Boone County and Carroll County Museums—Mountain Meadows Exhibits

With grateful hearts we dedicated the Boone County Mountain Meadows museum room on September 10, 2022 to Judge Roger Logan, our friend, mentor and "walking encyclopedia on Mountain Meadows." We had a wonderful day of remembering him and fellowshipping with his family and one another as we enjoyed a chuck wagon lunch of ham and beans, delicious homemade biscuits, and peach, apple and blackberry cobblers!

Your MMMD Board is working with each museum to ensure this beautiful wagon is enjoyed and the story of our ancestors is remembered long into the future.

Museum Locations:

- Boone County Historical Society John Forrest Annex Building 601 W. Central Ave Harrison, Arkansas
- Carroll County Historical & Genealogical Society Heritage Center Museum 403 Public Square, Berryville, AR 72616

Watch Judge Roger Logan's April 2, 2022 speech:

https://youtu.be/LZ8M2q5wlac (Part 1), https://youtu.be/UGWDmbgAMdY (Part 2)



News & More



New Book Available May 2023

Vengeance is Mine: The Mountain Meadows Massacre and Its Aftermath, written by authors Richard E. Turley Jr. and Barbara Jones Brown.

Get it on <u>Amazon</u> or <u>Oxford University Press</u> (Ebook also available)

Possible New Graves

Kenny Hightower and Skip Myers, representing the MMMD, visited possible new grave sites on Oct. 6, 2022 at the Mountain Meadows Massacre site. These possible new grave sites were scouted by cadaver dogs for potential confirmation. A detailed report is being compiled by the dog handlers on their findings. The dogs made a total of four alerts for potential new graves. At this time we will not share exact locations for the protection of the possible grave sites, however, three alerts were found in a wash on the northeast side of Highway 18 and one alert was found on the northwest side. Photos of each alert have been posted to our Facebook group.

Did you know?

Ron Mitchell shared information on the Mitchell boys and newly found articles written by Sarah Dunlap Lynch at the 2022 annual meeting in Harrison, Arkansas. His presentation included the Marion County War [Tutt-Everett Feud] Volunteer Muster roll, dated November 11, 1849, which demonstrates our families' close connections prior to attempting to resettle in California. More information can be found by searching the <u>Arkansas Digital Archives</u> for "muster roll 1849".

National Historic Landmark (NHL)

The Mountain Meadows Massacre Site in Washington County, UT, approximately 30 miles north of St. George, UT, is designated a NHL. Proposals have been raised for additional signs and security, as well as adding new areas to the boundaries, such as for the latest graves. Multi-ownership of the land at the site increases complexity for implementing each change.

Juanita Brooks Utah History Conference - Juanita Brooks Lecture Series (JBLS)

Honoring the life and legacy of southern Utah's Mormon historian, this conference is held annually at Utah Tech University. It is free and open to the public.

The March 23-25, 2023 conference panels may be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4x2WV8dXEA. Past lectures may be viewed here: https://library.utahtech.edu/special-collections/juanita-brooks.html.



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Have ideas or want to give feedback? Let any board member know your input. We'd love to hear from you!

MOUNTAIN MEADOWS MASSACRE DESCENDANTS

Membership Application 2023---No Membership dues for 2023

(You must fill out and send in to become a MMMD Member)

Please print clearly

NAME	
ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
PHONE HomeCell	-
E-MAIL	
CONNECTION TO WAGON TRAIN Direct (descended from a victim or survivor)-please name	
Collateral (descended from a parent or sibling of a victim)	
I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH:	
Victim Family Name	
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