



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

**SEPTEMBER 8th, 2017, 7:00 p.m. annual meeting** of Mountain Meadows Massacre Descendants. Clarion Hotel, St. George, Utah. (435) 673-7000. Identify with our group for our rate. \$95.00+tax. **RONALD E. LOVING**, who has been involved and has worked for the MMM victims many years, will provide a Power Point presentation of the discovery of bones of 29 victims in 1999; Mr. Loving was also responsible for the discovery of the child's remains in the museum.

**SEPTEMBER 9th, 2017**, Meet at Main Monument at Mountain Meadows at **10:00a.m.** for a tour of the newly installed Interpretive Signs, guided by (Retired Circuit Judge) Roger V. Logan, Jr.

**LUNCH:** 11:30 a.m. at tent. (Cost \$10 per person)

**FUNERAL SERVICE:** 2:00 p.m. for MMM child victim

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### DNA or NO DNA?

I want to give explanation as to whether DNA should be done on the child's skull that will be buried at Mountain Meadows on September 9th. MAMD found this child's remains in a museum and has worked **for over eight (8) years** to get this child's remains released for a proper Christian burial at Mountain Meadows. During this time, we have done extensive research and talked to numerous professionals on DNA. This is what we have discovered:

1) At the beginning, **Patty Norris and MAMD requested DNA done on this child's remains**; however, talking with museum experts, as well as having done extensive research and talking with many DNA professionals and family members, experts agree, though not impossible, after 160 years, and given the industrial revolution, environmental and other factors, plus the fact that several direct lineal kin in each family would have to be found and tested, **it is highly unlikely a positive result could be attained**. There are twenty (20) child victims of the MMM, ages 4-12. (The museum has determined this child was between 6-10 yrs of age.) This would not only be a monumental task of finding appropriate relatives, but it would be expensive and very very time consuming. A recent article sent to me was about a 6 year old child who died 140 years ago. The article said that through DNA the child was identified;

**HOWEVER**, it took (3) people 3000 man hours of research and work! The cost wasn't given. {We have 20 children, plus at least one other possible family with children). **Where would this manpower come from? Who would pay for it?**

2) Through all of this, we came to the conclusion the best solution is to bury this child's remains at Mountain Meadows, (where it would have been buried in 1859 by the U.S. Army with other victim

remains), had the Army not taken it from the killing field, and sent it to the museum in Washington DC. Mountain Meadows is where this child's parents are most likely buried, as well as any other physical remains of this child.

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## FUNERAL SERVICE

March, 2017, MMD was finally officially notified all the necessary steps had been taken and the museum would be delivering this child's remains to Mountain Meadows for burial. **For anyone to label this child's funeral and burial as "anonymous" is offensive and inaccurate.**

We are planning a beautiful, Christian funeral service for **ALL** the children in this age group. {None of these children have ever had a funeral service} This skull will be delivered by museum personnel; lovingly wrapped in a handmade quilt **by family members**, This quilt will be embroidered with the names of **ALL** the children and the families involved. Then shrouded by a handwoven cloth, similar to the one used in the 1999 burials, with Arkansas Dogwood blossoms spun into the cloth. We are having a oak casket handmade in Harrison, Arkansas. This is where the wagon train began. Families will sing, beautiful 1857 period music will be played and prayers will be spoken at this funeral service. The casket will be tenderly taken down a path, lined with family members, to a specially prepared vault for burial at the main monument alongside those 29 buried in 1999. It will be placed on a layer of Arkansas soil, as was done for those buried in 1999.

All plans are preliminary and direct lineal descendants are encouraged to participate and offer suggestions and help with any and all of the plans. Email Patty at [mmmdpres@hotmail.com](mailto:mmmdpres@hotmail.com).

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**MY PERSONAL NOTE:** In the course of my job as president of the Mountain Meadows Massacre Descendants, I have endured being lied about, accused of things I've never even thought about doing, and called very defamatory names. Yet I remain committed to working for the victims and see a little justice for them. I encourage and welcome calls or comments and suggestions. Please, contact me if you have any concern or suggestion. [mmmdpres@hotmail.com](mailto:mmmdpres@hotmail.com)