

OCTA AT THE CROSSROADS

12th Annual Convention
Oregon-California Trails Association
Salt Lake City, Utah, August 9-13, 1994
Salt Lake Hilton

Salt Lake City, located in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, is the site of this year's Oregon-California Trails Association national convention. Hosted by Utah Crossroads, the convention will feature the trails of Utah, destination of the Mormon migration and crossroads of America's move west. Come enjoy the company of the world's most dedicated trail buffs for a week of first-rate presentations, high adventure, entertainment and fun!



CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

- ☞ **Tours**—Follow Mormon Pioneers, the Donner Party and Gold Rushers over three major trails, plus pre and post-convention field trips.
- ☞ **Papers**—Choose from 20 original papers by leading scholars from Utah, California, Washington, Wyoming and Illinois.
- ☞ **New Workshops**—Learn genealogy from LDS Church experts and join an Archaeological Field Workshop on the Pony Express Trail.
- ☞ **Donner Spring Dedication**—Help Utah Crossroads dedicate a new monument at Donner Spring, oasis on the Salt Desert Trail.
- ☞ **Dutch Oven Dinner**—See the sun set over Great Salt Lake as you enjoy great food where Brigham Young said, "This is the place."
- ☞ **New Books**—Get your copy of the new Utah trails guide, *Trailing the Pioneers, 1829-1869*, and the revised *West from Fort Bridger*.
- ☞ **Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal**—Be there when this world famous choir sings for OCTA the great hymn of the Mormon emigration.
- ☞ **Special Offering**—Only at the convention can you purchase a copy of the limited edition of *Discovery and Exploration of the Great Fur Trade Road, 1739-1843*, by Dr. Fred R. Gowans.
- ☞ **Temple Square Tour**—Visit historic Temple Square, LDS Museum of Church History and Art, and Family History Library.
- ☞ **Awards Banquet**—Join the fun at this year's event featuring western music, short speeches and plenty of surprises.
- ☞ **Book Room**—Find those old volumes you've been looking for and get the newest additions to your library signed on Author's Night.
- ☞ **Raffle**—Win your share of goodies in this always popular OCTA conventions event.



CONVENTION PROGRAM

Monday, August 8

- 8:00 Pre-Tour, Hastings Cutoff to Grayback
9:00 Pre-Tour, Fort Bridger to The Needles

Tuesday, August 9

- 8:30-4:00 Board of Directors Meeting
9:00-5:00 Archaeology Field Workshop
1:00-5:00 Tour of Temple Square, LDS Museum of Church History and Art

Wednesday, August 10

- 7:00-8:00 Chapter Presidents Breakfast
8:00-8:45 Annual Membership Meeting
9:00-9:30 Welcome and Orientation
9:40-10:50 Plenary Paper: "Discovery and Exploration of the Great Fur Trade Road, 1739-1843"
11:00-12:00 Concurrent Papers
11:45-1:00 National Committee Chair Lunch
12:00 Lunch on your own
1:30-4:00 Workshops
4:30-5:30 COED Data Entry
Chapter Meetings
7:00-9:00 Get-Acquainted Social

Thursday, August 11

Field Trips & Adventures

7:00-5:00

- Tour A—Mormon (Donner) Trail
Tour B—Mormon (Donner) Trail Hike
Tour C—Hensley's Salt Lake Cutoff
Tour D—Hastings Cutoff (Salt Desert Trail)

8:00-12:00

Tour E—Salt Lake Valley Historical

- 7:00-8:30 Author's Night, Meet the Editors
8:15-9:30 Mormon Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 12

- 8:30-9:30 Plenary Paper: "Mormon Migrations of 1846-68 in Perspective"
9:45-12:00 Concurrent Papers
12:00 Lunch on your own
1:30-5:00 Concurrent Papers
6:00-7:00 No-Host Social Hour
7:00-10:00 Awards Banquet

Saturday, August 13

Field Trips & Adventures

7:00-5:00

- Tour A—Mormon (Donner) Trail
Tour B—Mormon (Donner) Trail Hike
Tour C—Hensley's Salt Lake Cutoff
Tour D—Hastings Cutoff (Salt Desert Trail)

8:00-12:00

Tour E—Salt Lake Valley Historical

- 6:30-9:00 Dutch Oven Dinner
Pioneer Trail State Park

Sunday, August 14

- 7:00 Post-Convention Tour
Floating Island to Donner Spring
8:00 Post-Convention Tour
Pony Express Trail (BLM)
9:15-10:00 Tabernacle Choir Broadcast
2:00 Donner Spring Monument
Dedication

NOTE

These scheduled times and activities are subject to change. A final schedule will be provided at registration.

We reached the flat shore of the magnificent Salt Lake, the waters of which were clear as crystal, but as salty as the strongest salt brine. It is an immense expanse of water and presents to the eye ... nothing but sky and water.... The land extends from the mountains down to the lake in a splendid inclined plane broken only by the fresh water running down from ever-flowing springs above.... The clear, sky-blue surface of the lake, the warm sunny air, the nearby high mountains, with the beautiful country at their foot through which we on a fine road were passing, made on my spirits an extraordinarily charming impression. The whole day long I felt like singing and whistling; had there been a single family of white men to be found living here, I believe that I would have remained.—Heinrich Lienhard, 1846

REGISTRATION



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Return your completed registration form and check covering all fees in the self-addressed envelope included in your convention packet. If the envelope becomes lost, send your registration and payment to:

OCTA—Registration
P.O. Box 1019
Independence, MO 64051-0519.

Inquiries

Registration Chairman:

George Ivory
5313 So. Penguin Circle
Salt Lake City, UT 84117
(801) 261-2625

Convention Chairman:

David Bigler
11696 So. Oak Manor Dr.
Sandy, UT 84092
(801) 576-9316

THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER WITHOUT PENALTY IS
JULY 1, 1994

Late Registration and Cancellation Policy

The registration deadline is necessary to plan the convention and is not intended to cause undue hardship to any OCTA member.

Late Registration Fee:

After July 1: A late registration fee of \$10 will be charged for registration received after July 1. We will try to accommodate everyone, but cannot guarantee space after this date for those events that involve meals and transportation.

Cancellations:

Prior to July 15: No fee will be charged.

From July 15 to August 1: The registration fee and 10% of all other fees will be forfeited.

After August 1: All fees will be forfeited except those granted by the OCTA Board of Directors after the convention upon special request. Such refunds will be made only in cases of extreme hardship.

Registration Hours

Monday, August 8	12 Noon to 8:00 P.M.
Tuesday, August 9	7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Wednesday, August 10	6:30 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Thursday, August 11	6:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Friday, August 12	7:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Saturday, August 13	6:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M.

Sponsors

Utah Crossroads thanks these supporting sponsors: Utah State Historical Society, Utah Westerners, University of Utah Marriott Library, National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management. The cooperation of the Utah Statehood Centennial Commission, Utah State Parks & Recreation, Mormon Trails Association, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Mormon Battalion Association, Utah Division of the National Pony Express Association, Sons of Utah Pioneers, U.S. Forest Service and the Utah Chapter of the Lincoln Highway Association is also appreciated.

☞ DON'T WAIT TO REGISTER!

THESE EVENTS HAVE LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE WHICH MUST BE FILLED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS. CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT.

☞ Notice

The Utah Crossroads convention team is made up of OCTA members who have volunteered their time and personal resources to make this year's gathering as enjoyable and safe as possible for those who attend. As much as they want you to come, they ask you not to register unless you accept full responsibility for any risk or injury that might be incurred and sign the waiver on the registration form.



CONVENTION TOURS

Tour A: Mormon (Donner) Trail

This tour will follow the route of the Mormon emigration from Yellow Creek, Wyoming, to Salt Lake Valley, which also served as the eastern segment of the Hastings and Salt Lake Cutoffs of the California Trail as well as the line of the Pony Express Trail. It will feature the latest research on trail locations by a leading authority, Dr. LaMar C. Berrett, assisted by Dr. Stanley Kimball.

Tour B: Mormon (Donner) Trail Hike

This shortened version of Tour A will include a 4.6-mile walk from the top of Big Mountain in the Wasatch Range to Mormon Flat on East Canyon Creek. The three-hour descent will start at nearly 8,500-feet above sea level and cover a pristine stretch of trail without restrooms or vehicle access. Once begun, it can only be ended by foot or helicopter. Bring your own water. Tour limited.



Tour C: Hensley's Salt Lake Cutoff

Thousands of gold rushers who rested at Mormon settlements took the Salt Lake Cutoff to return to the California Trail. Follow their trail to Miles Goodyear's Fort Buenaventura. Visit historic Hampton Ford where Fremont crossed the Bear in 1843, and view the Gates of the Bear, where the Bidwell-Bartleson party crossed, and see where the Golden Spike ended the era of overland trails.

Tour D: Hastings Cutoff

Led by top experts, the Salt Desert tour will stop at the Donner-Reed Museum in Grantsville, Burnt Spring in Skull Valley and the western outlet of Hastings Pass. It will cross the Great Salt Lake Desert via I-80 for a good view of the salt flats and offer lunch at historic Donner Spring at the foot of Pilot Peak where some of the tracks across the salt *playa* can still be seen today.

Tour E: Salt Lake Valley

For any who wish to see historic places and still have free time, this four-hour tour of Salt Lake Valley is designed just for you. See the Lion House where Brigham Young and some of his wives lived, the early Mormon leader's cemetery, Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum, "This is the Place" Monument, University of Utah and historic sites in Burton's "The City of the Saints."

PRE-CONVENTION TOURS

Hastings Cutoff

Skull Valley to Grayback Hills
Monday, August 8

This 4WD vehicle caravan will start at 8 A.M. on south side of I-80 Exit 77 (Rowley/Dugway), about 50 miles west of Salt Lake City, and follow the Hastings Cutoff south in Skull Valley to Hope Wells, then retrace much of the actual 13-mile road across Skull Valley to Redlum Spring. The tour will then cross Hastings Pass and include a half-mile hike to the top of Grayback Hills.

NOTE

This tour requires 4WD with CBs recommended. Rental units available by reservation. Bring your own lunch and soft drinks. Registration fee includes one set of tour documents per vehicle. Extra sets available \$5 each. Tour limited to 20 vehicles. Contact:

Rush Spedden, Tour Guide
4131 Cumorah Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84124
(801) 278-2283

Persons who cross the mountains for the purpose of guiding the emigrants merely for the very trifling salaries ... have not time, while acting as guides, to examine the extensive country through which they pass.—Lansford W. Hastings, 1847



CONVENTION TOURS

PRE-CONVENTION TOURS (CONTINUED)

Hastings-Donner-Mormon-California-Pony Express Trail

Fort Bridger to Yellow Creek
Monday, August 8

This tour from Fort Bridger to the Wyoming border will meet at 8 A.M. at the entrance to Fort Bridger State Park. For those who love pristine ruts, variety of terrain and adventure, it will offer a memorable experience. Guide LaMar Berrett is a "place" man who knows where the important sites are. It's scratchy sage brush, dirt roads, river to ford, steep hills, bumpy and dusty—and no restrooms.

NOTE

High-centered 4WD vehicles with CBs, full gas tank, water and lunch are required. Registration fee per vehicle includes one packet with maps and narrative. Extra sets \$5.

Tour limited to 20 vehicles. Contact:

Dr. Lamar C. Berrett, Tour Guide
462 South Palisade Drive
Orem, Utah 84058
(801) 225-5283

After July 15, contact:

Randy Wilson
2354 Sundown Ave.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84121
(801) 943-7380

POST-CONVENTION TOURS

Hastings Cutoff

Floating Island to Donner Spring
Sunday, August 14

This tour will meet at 8 A.M. at I-80 Exit 41 (Knolls), about 80 miles west of Salt Lake City, then take a dike road to Floating Island for a dis-

cussion of the abandoned wagons site and hike of about one-half mile to the trail. It will pick up the trail again at Silver Island and feature a one-mile walk over Donner-Reed Pass before heading to Donner Spring in time for the dedication of a new monument at 2 P.M.

NOTE

4WD vehicles or trucks required with CBs and extra spare tire recommended. Bring your own lunch, snacks and plenty of water. Advance registration of \$10 per vehicle covers maps and handout. Extra sets \$5. Tour limited to twenty vehicles. Contact:

Roy Tea, Tour Guide
2881 East Pamela Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84121
(801) 943-5891

Pony Express Trail

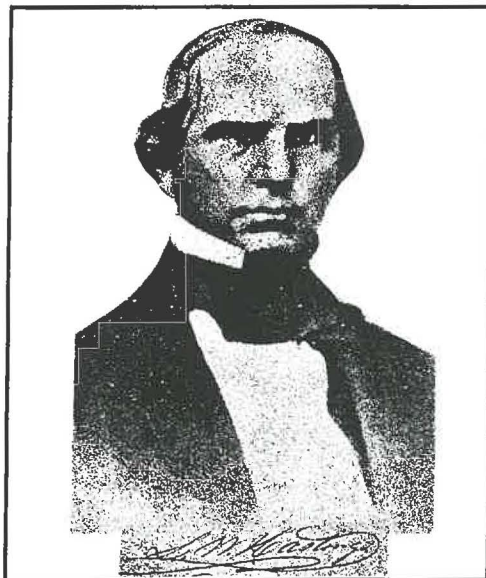
Sunday, August 14
Tour the loneliest stretch of the Pony Express Trail. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and

Utah Division of the National Pony Express Association personnel will meet participants at 8:00 a.m. To join the tour, go south about 20 miles on I-15 from Salt Lake City to Exit 291. Proceed west less than 100 yards to the Rockwell Historic Marker. The tour will head south to Camp Floyd and will visit historic station sites at Lookout Pass, Simpson Springs and Riverbed.

NOTE

4WD or utility vehicles recommended, but passenger cars can make it in good weather. Comfortable clothing and sun protection recommended. Bring your own water and lunch. Advance registration required. Contact:

Signa Larralde
Bureau of Land Management
2300 West 2370 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84119
(801) 977-4357





PAPERS

The plenary papers establish the convention focus on Utah as the crossroads of America's move West and destination of the Mormon emigration. The subsequent concurrent papers expand on many vital aspects of these themes.

PLENARY PAPERS

The Great Fur Trade Road, 1739-1843: The Opening of the Oregon Trail, Dr. Fred R. Gowans, Professor of history, Brigham Young University. A noted scholar on the fur trade shows how the way West was opened by the discovery and exploration of the Great Fur Trade Road.

The Mormon Migrations of 1846-68 in Perspective, Dr. Stanley B. Kimball, Professor of History, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. An OCTA founder and leading authority presents an overview of latter-day Israel's gathering, prior to the railroad, to build the Kingdom of God in the Rocky Mountains.

CONCURRENT PAPERS

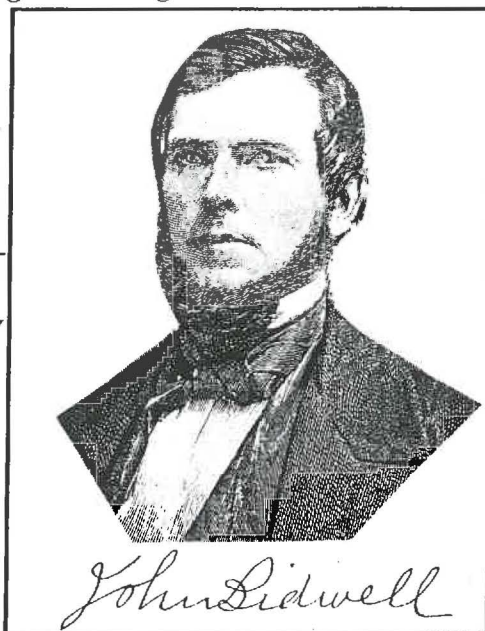
First Wagons across Utah: The Bidwell-Bartleson Party, Roy D. Tea, retired engineer, Utah Department of Highways. From Soda Springs to Pilot Peak, travel with the first overland party to California in 1841, including 18-year-old Nancy Kelsey.

Lansford W. Hastings: Scoundrel or Visionary? Will Bagley, OCTA director and author, turns his considerable research skills to an old question and answers it, once and for all, with surprising new evidence that leaves little room for doubt.

'This is the Place': The Mormon Trail from Fort Bridger to Salt Lake Valley, Dr. LaMar C. Berrett, Professor Emeritus, Brigham Young University. Walk in the footsteps of Brigham Young and the Donner Party with Utah's leading authority on this trail.

'The Fearful Long Drive': The Hastings Cutoff over the Salt Desert, Rush Spedden, retired mining engineer and author. The tragedy of the Donner Party has forever made this desolate path across the Great Salt Lake Desert a subject of high interest.

The Gold Rushers Meet the Mormons, Dr. Floyd A. O'Neil, Director, American West Center, University of Utah. The discovery of gold exposed the Mormon Kingdom to a flood of quarrelsome gold-seekers, hell-bent to "see the elephant."



Pushing It Too Far: The Drama and Drudgery of the Mormon Handcart Emigrants, Lyndia McDowell Carter, history and English teacher. The largely untold story of the handcart emigrants, the greatest tragedy on the trail, its heartbreak and heroism.

Pioneer Odometers: 'Today, we traveled 16 3/4 miles and camped,' Professor Norman E. Wright, Computer Science

Department, Brigham Young University. Measuring the distance "by guess and by golly" and by instruments, manufactured and handmade.

From California to Utah in 1848: Gold-Rich Saints and the Opening of the Mormon-Carson Emigrant Trail, Dr. Kenneth N. Owens, Director, History Department, California State University, Sacramento. The story of the Mormon Company that blazed this trail in 1848 and the later founding of Mormon Station.

The Montana Trail: Salt Lake City-Corinne to Fort Benton, 1862-82, Dr. Brigham D. Madsen, Professor Emeritus, University of Utah. One of Utah's most respected historians throws light on this important, but often overlooked route north to Montana.



PAPERS

Tracing the Spanish Trail from Santa Fé to L. A. Steven K. Madsen, teacher and author. Journey with a caravan over this historic trade route with the co-author of the forthcoming work, *In Search of the Spanish Trail from Santa Fé to L. A.*

The Opening of the Salt Lake Cutoff, Michael N. Landon, Associate Archivist, LDS Church Historical Department. California pioneer Samuel J. Hensley opened this major segment of the California trail in 1848 and a Mormon Battalion party took the first wagons over it.

'The Roughest Country You Ever Seen'—Carving a Mormon Wagon Road across the Colorado Plateau, William B. Smart, author, retired editor and general manager, *The Deseret News*. The incredible story of Hole-in-the-Rock where pioneers lowered wagons through the precipitous ravine.

The Overland Stage West; or with Gun and Camera through Wildest Kansas to California, John M. Townley, Director, Great Basin Studies Center, Reno, Nevada. Go with the Townleys as they walk or drive over the entire Overland Stage route from Atchison to Sacramento.

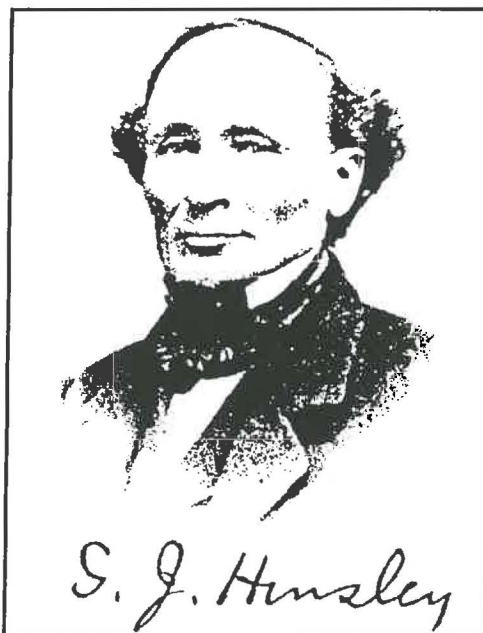
Excavation of the Donner-Reed Wagons on the Great Salt Lake Desert, Dr. David B. Madsen, Utah State Archaeologist and Adjunct Professor, University of Utah. What did they find when Utah excavated the last remaining evidence of the Donner-Reed wagons before a pumping project started up?

On the Heels of the Handcart Tragedy: Mormonism's Forgotten 1856 Wagon Companies, Melvin L. Bashore, Senior Librarian, LDS Church Historical Department. The unknown chronicle of two companies, with 450 people and 90 wagons, that followed the handcart pioneers and suffered as much as they did.

Salt Lake City and Terminus of the Cherokee Trail, Patricia K.A. Fletcher, author, teacher and

supervisor, Eastern Washington University. In 1849, Captain Lewis Evans led a party of Cherokee and white gold seekers over a new trail through Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming to Salt Lake City.

What Women Were Told: Culture in Mid-19th Century America, Barbara R. Sullivan, English teacher, Laramie County Community College, Wyoming. People journeying westward had views about themselves, the West, Indians, Mormons and the roles of the sexes, prevalent in sermons, speeches, papers and novels of



the day.

Mormon Colony at Mission San José: East San Francisco Bay in Gold-Rush California, Dr. Lorin K. Hansen, author, physics researcher. Mormon beginnings in California reflect the grand scale of the faith's plans in the West and how they had to be modified.

BOOK ROOM

Utah publishers and dealers will join old book trade friends in providing the latest works on western history as well as the scarce treasures you have been looking for. A convenient room has been selected in the main convention area at the Salt Lake Hilton to accommodate book sellers. Specific hours will be posted on the OCTA Bulletin Board and listed in the program material you receive upon registering. Authors will be available at the Book Room on Thursday evening to autograph their books. For more information, contact Curt Bench, Bookroom Chairman, Benchmark Books, P.O. Box 9027, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109, (801) 532-3100.



WORKSHOPS

ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD STUDY

Tuesday, August 9

This all-day field workshop by the BLM begins at 9 A.M. at Camp Floyd at Fairfield, Utah, 50 miles south of Salt Lake City, on the Pony Express Trail. It will cover how to map, interpret and record surface remains; archaeological investigations at Camp Floyd; past work at Lookout Pass Pony Express Station; and using the Global Positioning System and historical research to aid on-the-ground investigation. Teams will map Lookout Pass Pony Express Station. Registration fee includes box lunch and soft drink. Contact:

Signa Larralde
Bureau of Land Management
2300 West 2370 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84119
(801) 977-4357

All other workshops will be held from 1:30 to 4 P.M. on Wednesday, August 10, at the Salt Lake Hilton or the location indicated.

GENEALOGY

Learn to trace emigrants on the trail or research your own ancestry from LDS. (Mormon) Church specialists at this special workshop in the Auditorium of the Church Museum of History and Art, just west of Temple Square, 45 North West Temple Street. Ken Nelson, OCTA member, U. S. military records expert and senior reference consultant for the LDS Family History Library, will discuss the library system and genealogical research and present an overview of genealogical sources for trail research.

PRESERVATION

OCTA's Preservation Officer Tom Hunt will present a complete discussion of the preservation process with special emphasis on historic trails preservation. The workshop will include a "how to" syllabus detailing the steps in orchestrating a successful preservation effort and the resources available to such campaigns. It is especially recommended for chapter preservation officers and all those who wish to become active in this vital OCTA purpose.

MAPPING

Led by David Johnson and Don Buck, the Mapping workshop will provide a forum for sharing and conferring about current mapping projects and OCTA's Mapping Emigrant Trails program. Participants will discuss use of the revised *Mapping Emigrant Trails* manual, share progress on mapping at chapter and national levels, examine field problems in mapping and present ways to organize chapter mapping outings. Harland Tompkins will furnish information on the Global Positioning System. Registration fee does not include mapping manual, which is available for an additional \$5.00.

COED

The Census of Overland Emigrant Documents (COED) Committee is offering this workshop on surveying emigrant documents. COED is a national OCTA program whose goal it is to survey all known (and locate/survey previously unknown) emigrant documents in order to compile a computer database for research purposes. Volunteers locate documents, read them and fill out forms with information about the documents, the journey and names and places mentioned. If you are interested, please plan to attend.

COED DATA ENTRY

For the first time since the 1988 St. Joseph, Missouri, convention, the COED Committee will offer a workshop on data entry to instruct how to enter data from COED survey sheets that have been completed by survey volunteers. If you are interested in doing data entry for COED and have access to IBM compatible computer equipment, we look forward to seeing you there.

NATIONAL OCTA CONVENTIONS

Learn the nuts and bolts of "how to." Meet with National Convention Chair Mary Ann Tortorich, those who have lived through "it" and those who are one, two or three years away from doing "it." All are welcome. Helpful handouts and worksheets will be available, plus the revised convention manual.

SPECIAL EVENTS & FEATURES



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TRAILING THE PIONEERS

Utah Crossroads salutes OCTA's 1994 convention by publishing with Utah State University Press a new guidebook to Utah's five emigrant trails: Spanish Trail, Bidwell-Bartleson Trail, Pioneer (Mormon-Donner) Trail, Hastings Cutoff, and Hensley's Salt Lake Cutoff. Written by chapter members, it will include maps and be dedicated to Utah's early trails historians: Charles Kelly, J. Roderic Korn, David E. Miller and Dale L. Morgan.

DONNER SPRING HISTORIC MONUMENT DEDICATION

A lasting contribution to historic preservation will be the completion and dedication on Sunday, August 14, of a new monument at Donner Spring, the oasis at the end of the Salt Desert trek, designed, financed and constructed by Utah Crossroads, as a special convention event. OCTA members and guests are invited to attend the brief ceremony at 2 P.M. at the TL Bar Ranch, some 24 miles north of Wendover, Utah. Directions to the site can be obtained at the convention.

TABERNACLE CHOIR REHEARSAL

Come to the rehearsal of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at historic Temple Square on Thursday evening, August 11, to hear the world famous choir perform for OCTA members the great hymn of the Mormon emigration, "Come, Come, Ye Saints." The choir will break from its regular preparation for Sunday morning broadcast to sing this hymn ("And should we die before our journey's through, Happy day! All is well!") as a special offering for convention participants.

WEST FROM FORT BRIDGER

Just in time for the convention will be publication by Utah State University Press of a new edition of this work, revised and updated by Utah historians Harold Schindler and Will Bagley to incorporate much exciting new material, including the Salt Desert journal of Edward Kern and two "waybills" by Lansford W. Hastings. Although he credited the book to his deceased friend, Roderic Korn, Dale L. Morgan did much of the work that makes this book a classic.

PIONEER TRAIL PARK DINNER

A dutch oven dinner of ribs and chicken on Saturday, August 13, at Pioneer Trail State Park at the mouth of Emigration Canyon near where Brigham Young said, "This is the place," will be the climax of this year's convention. It will feature wagon tours of Pioneer Village, a real Pony Express mail delivery and trail music by the "Cottonwood Gang." Topping it off will be the big Raffle. Buses to and from the Salt Lake Hilton will be provided.

THE GREAT FUR TRADE ROAD, 1739-1843

Only at Salt Lake City can you purchase a personal, limited edition of this important work on the opening of the Oregon Trail by Dr. Fred R. Gowans, leading authority on the fur trade and plenary speaker at the convention. This original work, which includes journal entries and the earliest archival maps, will be available only to those who attend the convention.

TEMPLE SQUARE TOUR

See historic Temple Square and the Museum of Church History and Art in this special tour for OCTA members that will begin at 1 P.M. on Tuesday, August 9, at the west entrance of Temple Square on West Temple Street. The afternoon tour is expected to include a showing of the outstanding new film on the Mormon emigration, "Legacy." There is no cost, but those who wish to take part are asked to so indicate on the registration form.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY CREDITS

In recognition of the distinguished speakers scheduled for the convention, Brigham Young University will issue fully transferable workshop credits for attending specified lectures. One credit will be awarded for attendance with an additional credit for submission of a summary paper. Full details may be obtained from Brigham Young University, Salt Lake Center, 1521 East 3900 South, Salt Lake City, UT, 84121, or call (801) 277-1777.



PLACES TO VISIT

DAUGHTERS OF UTAH PIONEERS MUSEUM

The DUP Museum houses the finest collection of pioneer memorabilia in the Mountain West, including paintings by pioneer artists, guns, quilts, flags, furniture, books, handmade clothing and too many other items to innumerate. Located at 300 North Main Street, just west of the State Capitol, the Museum is open from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. weekdays and 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. on Sunday with tours conducted daily and self-guided tours available upon arrival.

PIONEER TRAIL STATE PARK

Pioneer Trail State Park at the mouth of Emigration Canyon is at the end of the 1,300-mile Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail from Illinois to Utah followed by some 68,000 Mormon pioneers prior to the coming of the railroad. See the monument honoring Utah pioneers and other historic figures from the state's past. Tour Old Deseret and observe everyday life in pioneer Utah. Stand where Brigham Young stood when he said, "This is the place."

TEMPLE SQUARE

On a secluded, lushly landscaped ten-acre block in the heart of the city stands the multi-spired granite structure that took forty years to build and the dome-shaped Tabernacle, home of the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the great Tabernacle organ. Other features include the pioneer Assembly Hall, Handcart Pioneers sculpture, Sea Gull Monument and two visitor centers. Free guided tours daily from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M.

MUSEUM OF CHURCH HISTORY AND ART

History comes alive through exhibits about LDS origins, migrations, settlements, historical activities and people. Valued artifacts, art and documents are enhanced with interactive media, films, puppet shows, and demonstrations. Located at 45 North West Temple Street, just west of Temple Square, the museum is open from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. on weekdays and 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. on Sunday. No fee.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

The Family History Library, located at 35 North West Temple, has the world's largest collection of genealogical materials. The Library welcomes the public; there is no fee to use the collection. The Library is open weekdays and Saturday; closed on Sunday.

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

Utah has a number of libraries and archives that contain a wealth of unexploited source documents for overland research, including the Marriott Library at the University of Utah, the Harold B. Lee Library at BYU, the Utah State Historical Society, and the Library-Archives of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

MORMON HANDICRAFT

Organized in the 1930s by the LDS Church's Relief Society, Mormon Handicraft still provides a way for industrious artisans to earn a supplemental income at home. Now operated by Deseret Book, the store carries over 9,000 different items made by some 1,900 contributors. It also offers one of the largest inventories of quilting fabrics and supplies—as well as beautiful handmade quilts in the Salt Lake area. Located at 105 N. Main Street.

AWARDS DINNER

Short on talk, long on fun will be the Awards Dinner at the Salt Lake Hilton on Friday, August 12, when convention-goers will enjoy the music of JoAnn Harmon, staff organist for Salt Lake City's Organ Loft. After the awards, the country music group, "Fire on the Mountain," will have you tapping and clapping with their bluegrass style instrumentals and vocals.

Note: This year's Raffle will be held at the Pioneer Trail Park Dinner on Saturday.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Convention Headquarters

For convenience and to satisfy the occupancy requirement for waiving the rental on meeting rooms, members are urged to stay at the Convention Hotel, the Salt Lake Hilton, an ideal location, where all activities will be centered. Members are advised, too, that Salt Lake City is a popular place to visit in the summer and accommodations are normally booked up well before July, so make your reservations early!

Salt Lake Hilton

Convention headquarters, the Salt Lake Hilton, is located one block north of the 6th South (downtown) Exit of I-15 and I-80 at 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84101, (801) 532-3344.

Special convention rate: \$75 for single or double occupancy, plus tax, prior to July 12 when OCTA's block of rooms will be released for general sale at the standard rate of \$95 single and \$110 double-occupancy. Check in any time after 2 P.M. Check out by 12 Noon. No other discounts available.

Reservations may be made by the enclosed reservation form or by calling this toll free number, (800) 421-7602. To guarantee your reservations, provide a credit card number or deposit equal to one night's charges, plus tax.

Quality Inn City Center, a block of rooms has been reserved for overflow at this nearby motel, located at 154 West 600 South, Salt Lake City 84101, (801) 521-2930 or Toll Free 800-521-9997. Convention rate: \$60, plus tax, for up to four occupants, prior to July 10.

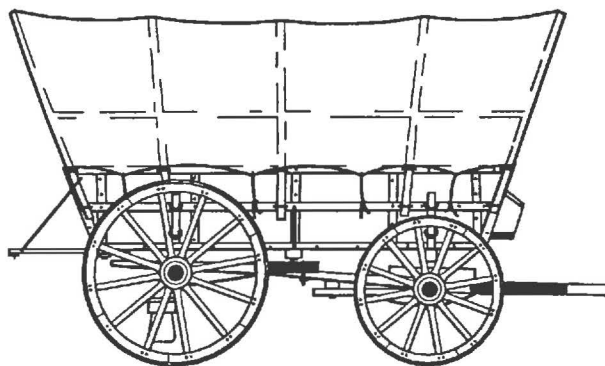
Be sure to identify yourself as a participant in the Oregon-California Trails Association (full name) convention.

Transportation

The Salt Lake Hilton is about 15 minutes from the Salt Lake City International Airport. The Salt Lake Hilton provides a courtesy shuttle service from the airport as do most of the larger hotels and motels. Utah Transit Authority operates a downtown Trolley that runs on West Temple Street between the Salt Lake Hilton and Temple Square from 11 A.M. to 10 P.M., Monday through Saturday.

RV Parks

The number of suitable RV parks in Salt Lake Valley is strictly limited, so make your reservations early. The following are recommended:



Salt Lake City KOA, 1400 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116 (801) 355-1192, located 14 blocks west of Temple Square and 19 blocks from the Convention Hotel. Full hook-up: \$21.95.

Salt Lake City VIP Camp, 1350 West North

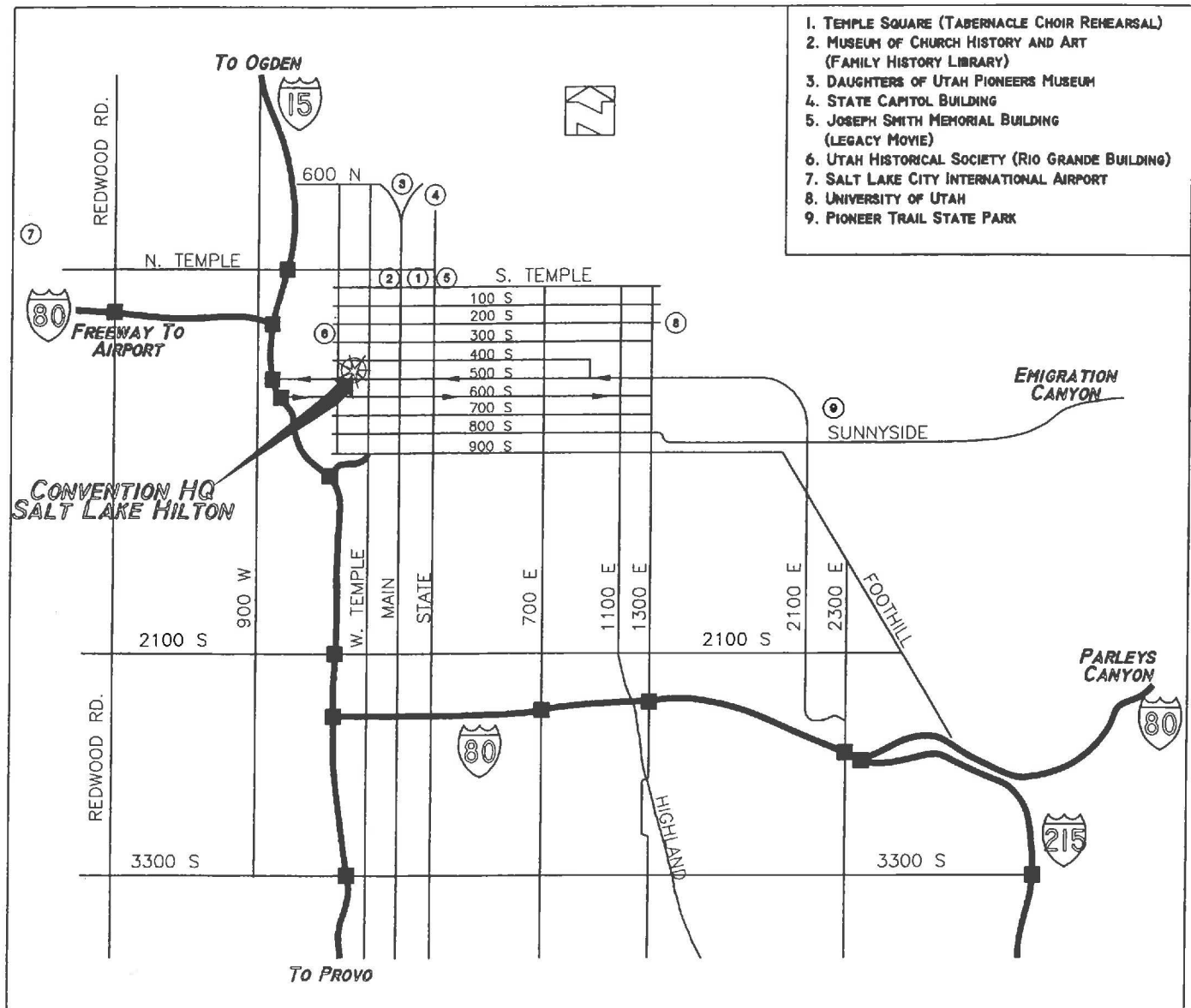
Temple, Salt Lake City, 84116 (801) 328-0224, a half-block east of the KOA Park and about the same distance from Temple Square and the Convention Hotel. Full hook-up: \$19.90.

Mountain Shadows RV Park, the recommended RV park, but located 15 miles south of the Convention Hotel and downtown Salt Lake City at 13275 South Minute Man Drive in Draper, Utah 84020, (801) 571-4024. From I-15 Exit 294, turn east to Minute Man Drive, then go south on this I-15 frontage road about two miles. Full hook-up: \$16.75.

All things considered, Utah Crossroads highly recommends that you stay at the convention hotel and make your reservations as early as possible for the greatest convention yet!



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