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## The Pioneers of 1847

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**Abstract:** A short historical essay on the Pioneers of 1847, including a complete list of the pioneers in the company.

men, who, responding to the call of their country, left their families and friends in the wilderness in destitute circumstances, and accomplished one of the most formidable marches ever performed by infantry, will be held in honorable remembrance among the Saints; and with future genera-

tions their services, sufferings and patience will call forth the greatest admiration, their example will be held up for imitation, and their posterity will be proud of having ancestors who were members of the Mormon Battalion.

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### THE PIONEERS OF 1847.

April 5, 1847, Heber C. Kimball moved six of his teams, which he had equipped and prepared to form part of the pioneer company, out of Winter Quarters, and, after traveling six miles in a westerly direction, they camped in a convenient place, thus forming a kind of nucleus for the gathering place for the Saints.

On the 6th the general conference of the Church was held at Winter Quarters, and on the 7th President Brigham Young started for the West and joined the Pioneer camp, which was then located about ten miles west of Winter Quarters. From that point the Pioneers then continued the journey to Elkhorn River, where the news was received that Elder Parley P. Pratt had arrived at Winter Quarters from England. Consequently President Young and the brethren of the Twelve who were with him returned to that place to hold a council with Elder Pratt. The brethren met in Dr. W. Richards' office.

On the 9th of April, the Twelve again started on their journey westward, and on Sunday, the 11th, joined the Pioneers at Elkhorn, which stream was crossed by means of a raft that had been constructed previously. But before making the final start, President Young and the Twelve once more returned to Win-

ter Quarters to greet Elder John Taylor, who had just arrived from Europe, bringing with him over \$2,000 in gold for the Church.

Leaving Winter Quarters a third time on April 14th, the Apostles joined the Pioneer camp in the evening of the 15th, at a point 12 miles west of the Elkhorn, and about 47 miles from Winter Quarters. The following day (Friday, April 16, 1847) the people in the camp were called together and organized. Two captains of hundreds (Stephen Markham and A. P. Rockwood) were appointed, and also 5 captains of fifties, namely, Addison Everett, Tarlton Lewis, James Case, John Pack and Shadrach Roundy. The following named brethren were appointed captains of tens: Wilford Woodruff, Ezra T. Benson, Phinehas H. Young, Luke S. Johnson, Stephen H. Goddard, Charles Shumway, James Case, Seth Taft, Howard Egan, Appleton M. Harmon, John S. Higbee, Norton Jacobs, John Brown and Joseph Matthews.

The following is a complete list of the members of the Pioneer company:

*First Ten.*

Wilford Woodruff,	John S. Fowler,
Jacob D. Burnham,	Orson Pratt,
Joseph Egbert,	John M. Freeman,
Marcus B. Thorpe,	Geo. A. Smith,
Geo. Wardle.	

*Second Ten.*

Thomas Grover,	Ezra T. Benson,
Barnabas L. Adams,	Roswell Stevens,
Amasa M. Lyman,	Sterling Driggs,
Albert Carrington,	Thomas Bullock,
George Brown,	Willard Richards,
Jesse C. Little.	

*Third Ten.*

Phineas H. Young,	John Y. Green,
Thomas Tanner,	Brigham Young,
Addison Everett,	Truman O. Angell,
Lorenzo D. Young,	Bryant Stringham,
Joseph S. Scofield,	Albert P. Rockwood.

*Fourth Ten.*

Luke S. Johnson,	John Holman,
Edmund Ellsworth,	Alvarus Hanks,
George R. Grant,	Millen Atwood,
Samuel Fox,	Tunis Rappleyee,
Harry Pierce,	Wm. Dykes,
Jacob Weiler.	

*Fifth Ten.*

Stephen H. Goddard,	Tarlton Lewis,
Henry G. Sherwood,	Zebedee Coltrin,
Sylvester H. Earl,	John Dixon,
Samuel H. Marble,	Geo. Scholes,
Wm. Henrie,	Wm. A. Empey.

*Sixth Ten.*

Chas. Shumway,	Andrew Shumway,
Thos. Woolsey,	Chauncy Loveland,
Erastus Snow,	James Craig,
Wm. Wordsworth,	Wm. Vance,
Simeon Howd,	Seeley Owen.

*Seventh Ten.*

James Case,	Artemas Johnson,
Wm. C. A. Smoot,	Franklin B. Dewey,
Wm. Carter,	Franklin G. Losee,
Burr Frost,	Datus Ensign,
Franklin B. Stewart,	Monroe Frink,
Eric Glines,	Ozro Eastman.

*Eighth Ten.*

Seth Taft,	Horace Thornton,
Stephen Kelsey,	John S. Eldredge,
Chas. D. Barnum,	Alma M. Williams,
Rufus Allen,	Robert T. Thomas,
James W. Stewart,	Elijah Newman,
Levi N. Kendall.	Francis Boggs,
David Grant.	

*Ninth Ten.*

Heber C. Kimball,	Howard Egan,
Wm. A. King,	Thomas Cloward,
Hosea Cushing,	Robert Byard,
George Billings,	Edson Whipple,
Philo Johnson,	Wm. Clayton.

*Tenth Ten.*

Appleton M. Harmon,	Carlos Murray,
Horace K. Whitney,	Orson K. Whitney,
Orrin P. Rockwell,	Nathaniel T. Brown,
R. Jackson Redding,	John Paeck,

Francis Pomeroy,	Aaron Farr,
Nathaniel Fairbanks.	

*Eleventh Ten.*

John S. Higbee,	John Wheeler,
Solomon Chamberlain,	Conrad Klineman,
Joseph Rooker,	Perry Fitzgerald,
John H. Tippetts,	James Davenport,
Henson Walker,	Benjamin Rolfe.

*Twelfth Ten.*

Norton Jacobs,	Charles A. Harper,
George Woodard,	Stephen Markham,
Lewis Barney,	Geo. Mills,
Andrew Gibbons,	Joseph Hancock,
John W. Norton.	

*Thirteenth Ten.*

Shadrach Roundy,	Hans C. Hanson,
Levi Jackman,	Lyman Curtis,
John Brown,	Matthew Ivory,
David Powers,	Hark Lay (colored),
Oscar Crosby (colored).	

*Fourteenth Ten.*

Joseph Matthews,	Gillroid Summe,
John Gleason,	Charles Burke,
Alexander P. Chessley,	Rodney Badger,
Norman Taylor,	Green Flake (colored)

Besides these brethren there were three women in camp, namely, Harriet Page Wheeler Young (wife of Lorenzo D. Young), Clarissa Decker Young (wife of Brigham Young), and Ellen Saunders Kimball (wife of Heber C. Kimball). Also two children (Isaac Perry Decker and Lorenzo Zobriskie Young), making a grand total in the Pioneer Company of 143 men, 3 women and 2 children, or 148 souls all told. The company had 72 wagons, 93 horses, 52 mules, 66 oxen, 19 cows, 17 dogs and some chickens.

At 2 o'clock p. m., on April 16, 1847, the Pioneers made their final start toward the Rocky Mountains, and arrived in the valley of the Great Salt Lake in the latter part of July following. After laying the foundation of a flourishing settlement (Great Salt Lake City), most of the brethren returned to Winter Quarters, arriving there in October, 1847.