**Objective:**
Perpetuate the names and achievements of the men, women, and children who were the pioneers in founding this commonwealth through written histories of pioneers, locality histories and preserving the histories of DUP camps and companies. Such data shall aid in perfecting a written record of Utah pioneers.

**How do we determine if they are pioneers?**
- Came to Utah Territory or State of Deseret July 24, 1847 – May 10, 1869.
- Died coming to the Utah Territory. (graves)
- Was born in the Utah Territory before May 10, 1869. (native)

**Encourage your daughters to use our resources.**
- Pioneer biographies, autobiographies, clippings, etc.
- Name index on website or binders in ISDUP history department
- Histories can be purchased in person at the museum or by mail using the request form available on the DUP website for 25 cents per page.
- Library (research only- not a lending library)
- Bound family histories, locality histories, early LDS periodicals, etc.
- Resource/locality file
- Clipping file of events, localities, etc.

**Know ISDUP Website ISDUP.org:**
- History Department link: (on left side of web page)
- You will find:
  a. History Index (names of pioneer histories we have in our file)
  b. Mail in Request Form
  c. All Title Pages
- Forms and applications which contain the following:
  a. Request Form
  b. Both Pioneer History Title Pages
  c. Company Historians’ Submission Log
  d. Camp Historian’s Submission Log
Company/Camp Historian Responsibilities and Guidelines

1. **Encourage the Writing of Pioneer Histories**
   Assist and encourage the Daughters in your company/camps to do research and write ALL their pioneer ancestor’s histories. Take a few minutes in company/camp meetings to assist with ideas for writing histories. (see attached ideas) Use your August seminar to its best advantage.

2. **Historian Log Book**
   Obtain and maintain the Company/Camp Historian’s Log Book. If your predecessor did not have one, it is important that you start one. (company or camp should provide funds)
   The Historian’s Log Book should contain:
   a. **Instructions** from International DUP History Department available on our website.
   b. **Both Blank Title Pages** - for Daughter prepared to send in histories (not just presenter, all should be encouraged to prepare history/histories to be sent in).
   c. **Company Submission Log** (form printable from ISDUP website for company historians) vitally important to accurately keep track of histories sent, so as not to duplicate histories.
      - Name of pioneer
      - Date history received from author
      - Date history is sent to International
      - Date acknowledging International received history
      - Notify Camp Historian history received by International
   d. **Camp Submission Log** (form printable from ISDUP website for camp historians)
      - Name of pioneer
      - Date history received from author
      - Date history is sent to company
      - Date acknowledging International received history

3. **Title Pages**
   Both title pages must accompany every history turned into international DUP History Department and must be filed out to their best knowledge. We need complete addresses and emails. (Address of person submitting and the historian). All information is valuable.
   - Every history turned into camp historian must have both title pages.
   - The two title pages will be separated. The second page containing names and addresses will be filed separate (copyright and privacy laws). If patrons ask for information regarding the person submitting the history, we can supply that information if the author has approved.
   - Write on the bottom of title pages the date you send the history to ISDUP.
4. **Company/Camp Historian: Submitting Histories to International**

   Check the following before sending the histories:
   - Is the history about a pioneer? (1847-1869)
   - Does the history have **both title pages**?
   - Is all the information complete on second title page?
   - Women use their last married name.
   - Is the Company Historian’s name and address on the second title page?
   - Log your information on the submission log.
   - Company historians send histories to International when you receive them. (don’t hold them until May)
   - Send to ISDUP History Department, c/o Constance Huntsman, 300 North Main, Salt Lake City, UT 84103-1699
   - Company historians should receive an acknowledgement within a three-week period. If not call us. You will be notified with an email or card if we don’t have your email.
   - Company historian acknowledgement to camp historian that histories have been received.

5. **Company Historian**

   Forms for the camp and company historians are on the ISDUP.org website. Make sure every camp historian knows how to access the forms and understands their responsibilities.

   REMEMBER, WE SHALL BE KNOWN BY THE RECORDS WE KEEP!

   WHAT RECORDS ARE YOU PASSING ON TO YOUR SUCCESSOR?

If you have any questions, please contact the International Daughters of Utah Pioneer Historian’s office. Pioneer Memorial Museum History Department is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during summer hours and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during winter hours. Please check the ISDUP.org website or call the ISDUP museum to verify the hours for the museum and history department. Phone 801-532-6479, extension 205. Email constancehunstman@isdup.org.
History Department Reminders

- Both title pages for each history submitted completed in full.
- On second page:
  - Make sure the names, addresses and emails are provided
  - List company historian’s name, address, and email. This is important so that International DUP is able to return the confirmation email or card.
- Title pages can be found on ISDUP.org website under forms and applications.
- Updates and corrections are important when writing histories.
- If the one giving the history received it from ISDUP, do not resubmit it.
- Internet materials are not to be copied directly and sent in as a history. (Copyright laws)
- Internet materials can be used as a source when including information.
- You do not have to read a history at a meeting to send it to ISDUP.
- CD copies are put with the file. We need the hard printed copies.
- Genealogy sheets are digitized.
- Mail-in requests should include only pioneers on our website index.
- Camps and company historians keep a log of histories submitted to ISDUP.
- Historians send the histories as soon as possible – do not wait until the end of the year.
- Locality histories are important with no date restriction and a valuable source for research.
- Historians please familiarize yourself with the ISDUP.org website: Forms and Applications tab contain the title page forms, request form, company and camp log sheet forms.

Library:

- The museum has a small library.
- The library is a research library not a lending library.
- The mission of the library is to collect books dealing with personalities and families of the pioneer period, those who came to the Territory of Deseret or who were born there before May 10, 1869. We do not have room for family history books that include continuing family histories.
- We also appreciate having books donated to us that tell the history of specific towns, cities, counties, and areas within Deseret. We call these locality books.
- We also accept books regarding topics that pertain to pioneer times and culture.

Museum polices regarding computers, cameras, scanners:

Personal computers: You are welcome to use your personal computer as you research in our history department. Please be aware of these stipulations:

- You may use your computer as a reference, and for limited note taking. However, remember a history is copyrighted property of the author and ISDUP and the funds collected through copying histories is a source of revenue for our nonprofit, volunteer organization.
- The use of cameras, video recorders, cell phone cameras, or scanners are not allowed.
- Histories are copied for 25 cents a page.
- Written materials available through the courtesy of ISDUP may not be reproduced for monetary gain. (Article III Section 4 G of the DUP Bylaws)
Tips for Writing Histories

1. Background information is important.
   - What conditions existed at the time your ancestor lived?

2. Interview everyone who might know something about your ancestor.

3. Check family writings, diaries and accounts already written.

4. Use various sources.
   - Libraries
   - Internet
   - Information on historical markers

5. Consider the culture of the ancestors involved.

6. Politics of the time could play an important part
   - Were there racial problems?
   - Any natural disasters that would affect your ancestors?

7. Religion – general religious climate
   - Any religious harassment?
   - What were their specific beliefs?

8. Homes
   - Location, city or farm
   - How were the homes heated?
   - How was the cooking done?
   - Food source – scarce or plentiful?
   - How did the family travel?

9. Culture
   - What type of art, music, literature, dancing, etc. was appreciated or affected the family?

10. Schools
    - Private, public or home
    - Large schools or one room buildings
Simple Suggestions to Write a Pioneer History

As descendants of the pioneers we must research, write and preserve our ancestor’s histories, especially those who died coming across the plains (Graves), or those who were born in the Utah Territory or State of Deseret (Native pioneers) between the dates of 1847 and May 10, 1869. This is considered the “Pioneer Era.” We also need to make sure the pioneer histories of our husband’s family, all pioneer children, pioneer brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and all plural wives; all pioneer histories need to be written and preserved, not just our direct line.

1. **Compile and organize** your personal and family information (and pictures). Use officially recognized group sheet and pedigree charts. This will simplify your work and organize your information.

2. **Record full names.** DO NOT use grandma, grandpa, he, she, etc. These special people have a name. Please use their names. Double check dates and places for accuracy.

3. **Use original sources whenever possible.** Double check all information you obtain for accuracy. Copy information exactly as it is given in the original source. Spellings change from one source to another; list all the variations of the spellings you find. Sources and indexes may not be accurate.

4. **Re-read all your recorded information.** Is it logical? (A person cannot marry before they are born, or give birth two years after they die.)

5. **Contact, organize, and cooperate with other family members.** Share information. Consult with parents, brothers and sisters, cousins, aunts, and uncles, grandparents. It is surprising where you can find information on your family and who has the information. Use a recording device when obtaining information from living sources. After you have transcribed the information, let them check the transcripts.

6. **Research is a very rewarding experience.** It is amazing what you can learn about an ancestor by doing a little research.

7. **Is the ancestor a pioneer?** Check the Mormon Overland Trail on the lds.org website.

8. **Research is a very rewarding experience.** It is amazing what you can learn about an ancestor by doing a little research. There are so many valuable resources available to us today. Consider the following sources to go to for information: The local library or a library located in the locality of your ancestors. Look for state, county, city, and town vital records (birth and death certificates), cemeteries, government land deeds, repositories, wills, military records, probate, early school records, find-a-grave website, census records, ancestry.com website, family search website, etc. Research microfilm and books. Your ancestor’s information is someplace; you just have to find it.
Geographic Area Covered by the State of Deseret and Utah Territory

Map showing the borders of the Provisional State of Deseret and Utah Territory.

Research Guide

Utah History Resources:
- Mormon History Association, 10 W 100 S, #610, Salt Lake City, UT 84101, 801-521-6565
- Sons of Utah Pioneers, 3301 E. 2920 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84109, 801-484-4441
- Utah Museums Association, P.O. Box 2077, Salt Lake City, UT 84110, info@utahmuseums.org
- Utah Historical Society, 300 S. Rio Grande St., Salt Lake City, UT 84101, 801-533-3567
- Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, phone: 801-328-5090
- Fort Douglas Military Museum, 32 Potter St, Fort Douglas, UT 84113; phone: 801-581-1251

Research Tools for Utah History
- Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel (1847-1868) - The most complete index of individuals and companies that crossed the plains to Utah between 1847 and 1868. Includes life dates and links to primary sources, including transcribed excerpts from trail diaries, letters, and newspaper reports.
- Early Latter-Day Saints History of the early Mormon pioneers, their trails, settlements, cemeteries
- Mormon Battalion Association History of the Mormon Battalion, biographies, rosters, photographs, etc.
- Pathways, Volumes 1-11 - Consolidated Index - An index to Pioneer Pathways DUP Publication
- Tracing Mormon Pioneers - The purpose of this web site is to provide tips for those tracing their Mormon Pioneer ancestry from Europe, Scandinavia, Australia, and South Africa to Salt Lake City, Utah. Full Index to web pages related to Tracing Mormon Pioneers
- Utah State History - Online Sources Includes Digital Collections, Photos, Utah Cemetery and Burial Database, and Utah Markers and Monuments Database.
- Willie Handcart Company Day by Day with Willie Company

Newspapers and Primary Sources
- 19th-Century Utah Newspapers
• Book of the Pioneers, digital copy of the 1897 Pioneer Jubilee book with blanks filled out from each of the surviving 1847 pioneers
• Deseret News 1850-1988 Search the newspaper by keyword for any issue within these dates
• Overland Diaries and Letters 1846-1869
• Western State Historical Marriage Record Index Search for marriages in Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah 1850-1951

Maps
• Mormon Trail Map
• David Rumsey Historical Map Collection
• Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection - Historical Maps
• Historical Pioneer Research Group, Research ancestors who lived in Winter Quarters/Council Bluffs area during 1846-1854, interactive tour map of the Middle Missouri River Valley. http://earlylds.com/