

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Emigration Canyon National Historic Landmark

AND/OR COMMON

This is the Place

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Utah Route 65

\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Utah

 VICINITY OF

CODE

49

COUNTY

Salt Lake

CODE

035

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY** DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT**OWNERSHIP** PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION** IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS** OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE** YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO**PRESENT USE** AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Utah State Park and Recreation Commission

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Utah Route 65

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

 VICINITY OF

STATE

Utah

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Salt Lake County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

STATE

Utah

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1962

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FDR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Historic Sites Survey, National Park Service

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE 08/19/82

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The landmark boundaries envelope a thin belt of unspoiled landscape punctuated by small grassy knolls within Pioneer Monument State Park. Upon the tallest knoll, Mormons erected "Pioneer Monument" in 1947 to commemorate the early Mormon emigrants. The native stone monument features a 60' pylon surrounded by bronze figures of Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball and Wilford Woodruff. Bas-relief scenes in bronze around the 86' base illustrate numerous historical events associated with the Mormon exodus from the Missouri Valley. From the small promontory, one can obtain an unimpeded panorama of the magnificent Salt Lake Valley. The stone monument was designed by Mahonri M. Young, grandson of Brigham Young.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|---|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING                | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION                      | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS                         | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING                       | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                          | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION                         |   |  |

## SPECIFIC DATES

1847-1850

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Emigration Canyon National Historic Landmark derives its historical significance primarily from association with the original Mormon emigration of 1847. Brigham Young led the trek westward from the Missouri Valley through the rugged Wasatch Mountains. Threading his way down Emigration Canyon, tradition holds that Brigham Young first obtained an unobstructed view of the valley from the grassy knoll where the native stone monument now stands. Upon ascending this small hill, he is purported to have declared, "this is the place." The route pioneered by Young and his followers later became known as the Mormon Trail, and was the path followed during future migrations to the Great Salt Lake Valley until 1850 when Parley Pratt pioneered the Golden Pass Trail south of Emigration Canyon.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Creer, Leland H., The Founding of an Empire-The Exploration and Colonization of Utah, 1776-1856, 1947.
- Utah Division of Parks and Recreation, "Preliminary Master Development Plan, Pioneer Trail State Park," 1971.
- Utley, Robert M., "Pioneer Monument," Historic Sites Survey Report, 1959.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 25

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 2	4 3 0 5 2 2	4 5 1 1 1 5 0	B	1 2	4 3 1 1 7 0	4 5 1 1 2 9 0
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION (Reference boundaries delineated on U.S.G.S 7.5 minute series Fort Douglas, Utah.)  
 The boundaries have been delineated to include a thin strip of unspoiled landscape stretching westward from the commemorative monument. The boundaries have also been drawn to exclude recent modern development associated with Pioneer Village within the State Park and to provide an unobstructed view of the Great Salt Lake Valley.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Stephen Lissandrello-Historian, Landmarks Boundary Review Project

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey, National Park Service

DATE

11/15/75

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C. 20240

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE     

LOCAL     

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2/10/84

ATTEST

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER