

SEPTEMBER 2017 LESSON, ARTIFACT, AND MUSIC

September 2017 DUP Lesson

“MORMON COLONIES ACROSS THE MEXICAN BORDER”

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An intriguing chapter of Utah pioneer history took place across the border in Mexico. For 27 years, between 1885 and 1912, members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints established nine colonies in the Mexican States of Chihuahua and Sonora in northern Mexico. These Mexican settlements, and similar ones in Alberta, Canada, were founded to provide a refuge for LDS polygamists in danger of persecution and arrest in the United States. Mexico's President, Porfirio Díaz, assured LDS leaders that polygamous families were lawful and welcome in Mexico.

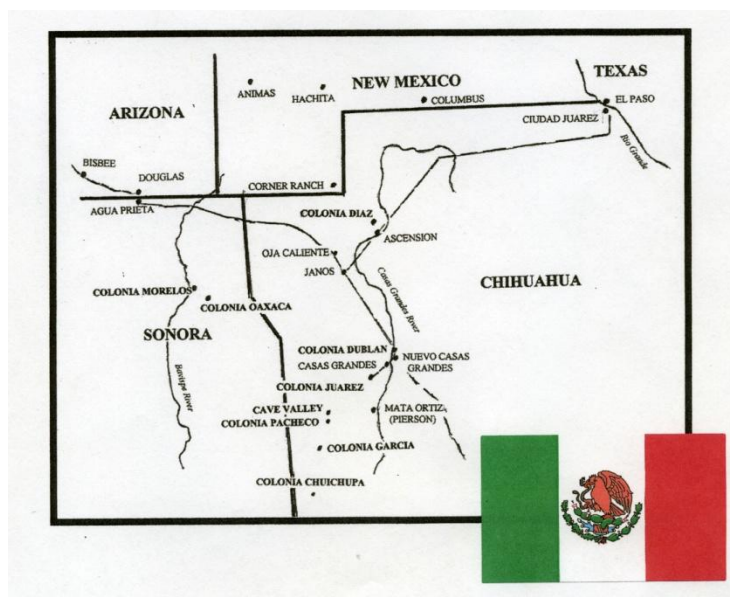
Thousands of Mormons settled in these Mexican colonies. By the mid-1890s, dams, man-made lakes, canals, and irrigation systems had been developed. Resembling the villages left behind in America, these Mormon settlements had wide, tree-lined streets that were unusual in Mexican communities. The self-sufficient Mormon pioneers opened stores, mills, and factories.

The LDS population in these areas reached approximately 4,000. At various times, six LDS apostles resided in the area. As in all Mormon communities, schools took high priority. The Juárez Academy, which still exists today, became the centerpiece of the Mormon Mexican colonies.

These settlements flourished until 1912 when the Mexican Revolution forced a mass exodus back into the United States. Thousands of LDS emigrants abandoned their substantial homes, farms, and businesses. After the exodus, only about one-fourth of the people ultimately returned to Mexico. Of the nine colonies, only Colonia Juárez and Colonia Dublán survive today as LDS strongholds.

You will enjoy reading and learning about the amazing history of these Saints in Mexico.

Lessons pamphlets are available for purchase by contacting the Pioneer Memorial Museum in Salt Lake City at 801-532-6479 ext. 200 or info@isdup.org.



Map of the Mormon Colonies
in Mexico



Erected in 1909, the Colonia Juarez Academy, administrative/classroom building. (DUP Photo Collection)



Early photo of the Juarez Academy building, with faculty members standing in front of the distinctive archway into the building. (DUP Photo Collection)



Colonia Dublan Tithing Office (DUP Photo Collection)



Floor to ceiling steel safe to hold Church records, located in the Dublan Tithing Office. (DUP Photo Collection)



A group of LDS colonists fleeing Mexico waiting to board the train. (DUP Photo Collection)



Mormon men saying goodbye to their wives and children as the train pulls out of Pearson.

September 2017 DUP Artifact

“Lucy Platts Allgood Box”

Coalville DUP Artifact Collection
Where: Coalville DUP Museum
101 South Main Coalville, UT 84017

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This wooden box was carried across the plains by Lucy Platts Allgood, who was born to John and Ann Tomlinson Platts on December 8, 1808 in Coleorton, Leicestershire, England. The wooden box is believed to have come out of the Allgood Japanning shops of Pontypool or Usk, Monmouthshire, South Wales. The museum index card states that the box was 150 years old when given to Lucy. Japanning is an art of producing by heat, a hard coating of colored varnish upon metal, wood or paper mache, with intricate paintings of Asian scenes, flowers, border decorations, people and animals. What a treasure it must have been for her to have brought it upon the ship *General McClellan* and over land in the Joseph Rawlings Company, arriving in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1864.



September 2017 DUP Song



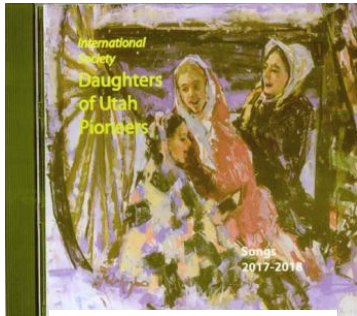
“Oh! Willie We Have Missed You”

Sung by Linda F. Lee on the 2017-2018 Music CD

Written in 1854, Stephen C. Foster is considered to be the master of popular songs of the 1850s. Born in 1826 in Pennsylvania, Foster was largely self taught. His talent enabled him to produce over 200 songs, many of which dealt with events and circumstances of his times. “Willie” was the subject of other songs, including “Willie My Brave,” “Willie Has Gone to War,” and “Willie’s Gone to Heaven.” It’s not clear who Willie was but his father and older half-brother were named William. In spite of popular success Foster’s life was not managed well. He suffered from alcoholism, depression and died in poverty short of his 38th birthday.

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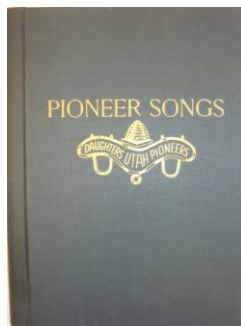
Dr. Morris F. Lee, Instrumental Accompaniment



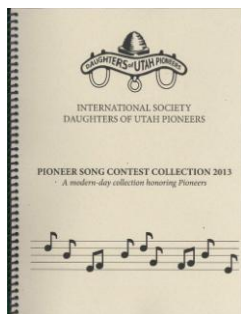
2017-2018 Music CD

Front cover: The painting of pioneer women huddled near the handcart is by artist Julie Rogers. She has said, “I paint the stories for people to enjoy. I especially love the women of the trail.” Her permission was graciously given to use this picture.

Songs include: Oh! Willie We Have Missed You; Rosy Neil; The Vacant Chair; I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day; Oh Dear! What Can The Matter Be?; Grandpapa; The Way We Crossed The Plains; Echo Canyon; Grandmother’s Old Arm Chair; Salute To Our Utah Pioneers.



Pioneer Songs music book: compiled by Daughters of Utah Pioneers and arranged by Alfred M. Durham, was first published in 1932. Music for the pioneers served as a source of enjoyment as well as inspiration. The songs have a legacy, each one with a story that could be told about life’s trials, hardship, and joy.



Pioneer Song Contest Collection: To commemorate Pioneer Day of July 24, 2013, ISDUP had a song writing contest of modern-day composers and lyricists. They wrote in honor of a rich pioneer legacy of faith, fortitude, courage, freedom and industry.

Eighty-nine entries, representing over eleven-hundred DUP Camps, were divided into six categories for assessment. The songs of all the winners and twenty "close contenders" entries are published in this collection.

This volume represents the first modern-day song collection ever printed in the history of DUP other than the original book of Pioneer Songs published in 1932.

The CD, Pioneer Song Contest Collection, and hardbound Pioneer Songs music book, are available for purchase at the Pioneer Memorial Museum in Salt Lake City or from our online shop at isdup.org.