

“THE HUMBLE SOJOURN”



Motivated to join their fellow church members in Utah, but lacking funds for an ox or horse team, nearly 3,000 Mormon pioneers made the journey from Iowa or Nebraska to Utah in ten handcart companies. The handcart movement began in 1856 and continued until 1860.

Although less than 10% of the pioneers traveled by Handcart, those who did represented the faithfulness & sacrifice of the pioneer generation

The emigrant companies included many children and elderly individuals. Pushing and pulling Handcarts was difficult work and many deaths occurred along the trail. However, journal entries reflect the optimism of these rugged pioneers, even amid their hardships. The helpfulness, brotherly love, courage, endurance and human kindness of these people in the midst of raw horror, is unparalleled in western history.

The true “Mormon Trail” was not on the prairie, but in the spirit of those rugged handcart pioneers as they made “The Humble Sojourn.”