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PIONEER MONUMENT

WITH STATUE OF BRIGHAM YOUNG

Erected in honor of Utah's Pioneers. Unveiled July 24, 1897

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A Narrative of  
Its History and Romance  
Its People and Cultures  
Its Industry and Commerce  
Its Attractions and Grandeurs  
Its Bright and Promising Future  
with Chapters of Utah's General  
Resources and Progressiveness

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## PREFACE.

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It is a duty which the author of a publication owes to the public in presenting the product of his work, to give, at the commencement of his book, a concise statement of the contents and object of the publication, so the reader may, under the caption of a Preface or Introductory, know what may be expected within the following pages. The author of this little publication desires to mention that he is quite well aware of the fact that he is not first in the field by any means. Utah generally and Salt Lake City particularly have received attention from all kinds of observers and writers; but the additional fact remains that all has not yet been said. The theme is a growing one, and the foundation subject is so great and important that no one volume nor all of them combined have placed the picture in all its variegated attractiveness before the eyes of those who must needs see from a distance. So this little volume does not pretend to "tell it all," or shed more enlightenment than others have done, but expects to be a useful addition to those which have preceded it. Accuracy has been the chief aim in dealing with circumstances, and impartiality the unvarying rule as to all matters relating to the different phases of society. It is hoped and believed that the reading will be found free from prosiness or dullness, being as it is entirely original except where credited to other sources, and that details and statistics are so classified and arranged as to be convenient and interesting; while the views and portraits so lavishly presented will be found so new, so artistic and so striking as to be alone worth all that the volume costs and more. It will surely do to keep and show.

In the preparation of the matter herein contained acknowledgment is cheerfully made of the assistance rendered by S. A. Kenner, whose experience in such work is too well known to need commendation. Favors otherwise received from different sources are also not forgotten, and especially the generous patronage and substantial support received from our public-spirited citizens and business men in general, which has materially aided the accomplishment of this undertaking.

Having said which, my work is confidently submitted to the public.

E. V. FOHLIN.



THE PIONEERS' FIRST GLIMPSE OF THE SALT LAKE VALLEY, 1847  
"This is the Place!! Here will the House of the Lord be Erected!!"—*Brigham Young* From Sketch by Geo. Ottinger

# Founding and Developments of Salt Lake City,

THE METROPOLIS OF OUR INTERMOUNTAIN EMPIRE.



It is not the object of this book to present a history of this city or state in detail (which in numerous editions has already been published and given to the world), but to present to those interested a brief review of the story of this community to whose people honor and credit must be given for the toil, energy and enterprise displayed in changing a barren and unbroken wilderness (believed then to be unfit for habitation by civilized man) into a place which today represents in rich measure the fruits of the unceasing labor and hardships endured by the Pioneers of this intermountain state and the works of those of later years.

About sixty years ago, standing on the edge of the Mississippi river (then the border of the civilized part of our country), was a company of men, women and children bent on a journey towards the western part of the continent. Without inducements, without advice or encouragement from friend or foe and without knowledge of their final stopping point or destination, this company, numbering about one thousand families, in February, 1846, broke camp and prepared to cross the Mississippi river and to traverse the thousands of miles of barren and unsettled prairie of this western country. They were scantily provided with clothing and provisions for undertaking such an unprecedented journey, which must result in untold suffering to all and death to some, and which was the only result looked for by a disinterested world. Within the bosoms of those brave and honored pilgrims, whose journey was towards the setting sun, rested no discouragement, no retreat. Forced to seek a place of refuge, like the pilgrims of Plymouth Rock, they showed no sign of weakness in their hopes, reliance and trust, these being as firm as the rocks created and set in place by that Power to whom only they looked for succor in the hour of distress and oppression.

Under the leadership of Brigham Young, who like Moses of old led his faithful followers from the land of Egypt into the wilderness, were shown the qualities to which the people looked