

Cedar City Chapter of Sons of the Utah Pioneers



SUP Monument CC-15 Blue Knoll Casting

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Longitude: -113.230556; Latitude: 37.050833; Elevation 5,230'; Highway 56; #2:

Go north on the Lund highway until the Escalante pass to the desert, as you come out of the pass, look for a right turn to the road marked to Parowan, the cut-off. Go east on that road to the first windmill and spring to the north of the tank, and work northwest along any visible road through the gap. You will see occasional markers along the way, ...Carsonite... continue on until you intersect a N/S road at a field gate. Pass through the gate and head north a long the two track past Bulloch's ranch house, watching for two Knolls to the North West. the higher knoll is the actual casting site, the lower knoll has the interpretive panel to the site, its is on a low white bluff somewhat between the two knolls and south of the highest one. Continue north along the two tracks past the knolls; intersect a graveled east/west road, traveling east. Look for a sandy low green raise to the north of the east west road, that is THERMAL, their camping site on 10 October 1776.



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Casting of the Lots

October 11, 1776, Dominguez-Escalante Journal:

As the party marched south, the priest decided that Monterey was impossible goal because of the distance yet to be traveled and the approach of winter.

The members of the group “came along very peevish and all unbearably irksome.” The dissension arose from the “grandiose dreams of honors and profit from solely reaching Monterey... And we (Dominguez and Escalante) were very much disheartened by seeing how in the business of heaven the one of Earth was being sought first and foremost.”

After imploring divine mercy and the intercession of our holy patron saints to search a new God’s will by casting lots-putting “Monterey” on one and “Cosnina” on the other and to follow the route which came out.

The lot fell on “Cosnina” their intent to seek a route to the coast was abandoned. The “Cosnina” were Indians to the south along the Colorado River. This (decision) we all heartily accept now, thanks be to God, mollified and please. We started out again quickening our pace as much as possible.