## **Cedar City Chapter of Sons of the Utah Pioneers**



## **CC-23 Frontier Homestead State Park**

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Longitude: -113.062361; Latitude: 37.688611; Elevation 5833'; CC-23 Frontier Homestead State Park, West Side at 685 North Main Street



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Description: This State Park/Museum is on Main Street and has artifacts inside the main building and what is called "The Homestead" with old buildings behind the main building. The following is some history about its creation:

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Lack of iron was a major concern to settlers who arrived in the Utah territory in 1847. When iron ore was discovered in southern Utah, Mormon leader Brigham Young called for volunteers to colonize the Cedar City area in December 1850. Ten months later, a colony was established on Coal Creek (Cedar City) to begin development of an iron foundry. Despite its initial success, the iron works faced many difficulties and eventually closed in 1858. A desire to preserve and interpret the history of this endeavor eventually led to the establishment of Iron Mission State Park in 1973. The park was later renamed Frontier Homestead State Park Museum to reflect the collective history of Iron County.

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