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Parowan Heritage Park

In 1847 Brigham Young entered the Salt Lake Valley, which was then Mexican Territory. Young was the leader of the Mormons (members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) and considered a prophet by members of the church. He announced that they had reached the place they were seeking as a refuge from the persecutions they experienced.

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Almost immediately scouting parties were sent to find places to relocate the masses of people coming across the plains. In 1849 Parley P. Pratt, a Mormon Apostle, was sent to the south. He camped at Parowan and erected a flagpole, which still stands today. He found water, game, and plenty of room to grow the crops necessary to sustain a settlement.

On January 13, 1851 a settlement party led by Apostle George A. Smith settle Parowan. Within one week the necessary governmental officers were elected in what was now United States Territory.

The area was rich with resources: water, timber and iron. What was first called “The City of the Little Salt Lake” was renamed Parowan, a Native American name meaning “evil water”. As southern Utah Mother Town, Parowan would become the seat of Iron County. Soon homes were begun and a church was started. The church still stands in the center of the town square. Many of the era’s adobe structures are still in use.

On January 13, 1996, Parowan’s 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a Heritage Park was dedicated by Mormon Church Prophet/ President Gordon B. Hinckley. The park is on the southern most end of the community’s Main Street and is overshadowed by Pratt’s flagpole. The park, funded primarily by private donations, depicts the rich heritage of the community.

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