

SUP Monument Parowan 23 Sow Cannon Statue

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Longitude: -112.8275 Latitude: 37.836389; Elevation 6070'; 95 West old Hwy 91, Parowan, Utah



Sow Cannon Statue and four plaques





1. Birthplace of Southern Utah Inscription:

Welcome to the Birthplace of Southern Utah. January 13,1851



2. Parowan, the Mother Town

Inscription:

Parowan is known as the "Mother Town of the Southwest" because many original and subsequent residents left Parowan to settle new communities in Southern Utah, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, California, Oregon and Wyoming.





3. Founding of Iron County.

Inscription:

The Founding of Iron County, Parowan.

"Iron we must have. We cannot well do without it," pronounced Mormon President Brigham Young as he called for the colonization of Iron County. The original boundaries of Iron County included the strip of territory approximately 100 miles from north to south and from the Rocky Mountains to the Sierra Nevada. On January 16,1851, on this site Iron County was organized and the first election was held for county officials and representatives was elected to the Legislature of the State of Desert. The firing of the sow cannon signaled the closing of the polls.





4. The First Pioneers to Southern Utah

Inscription:

In 1850 the call went out for one hundred volunteers of faith and good works to join George A. Smith to travel to the Little Salt Lake Valley to establish the first settlement in southern Utah. The group consisted of 120 men, 31 women and 18 children who were skilled in wide variety of trades necessary to sustain the settlement of a community and region.

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