

resources but was resistant to being tamed; and how they interacted with Native Americans who preceded them and with non-Mormons who joined them later.

Taking a page out of the book the pioneers wrote, the MPNHA achieves success through collaboration and cooperation. It achieves its goals by helping others achieve theirs.

The MPNHA partners with modern pioneers who see the value of their heritage and are dedicated to preserving it. They have the vision; they develop the ideas; they make the plans; they do the work. Local community chapters and entities preserve, promote, develop and interpret the heritage of their own communities. The MPNHA simply provides help and resources as it can, and encourages broader partnerships when beneficial.

Just as progress and a better life were goals of the early pioneers, so today the MPNHA and its partners—by leveraging their resources—encourage economic progress in communities along the Heritage Highway corridor.

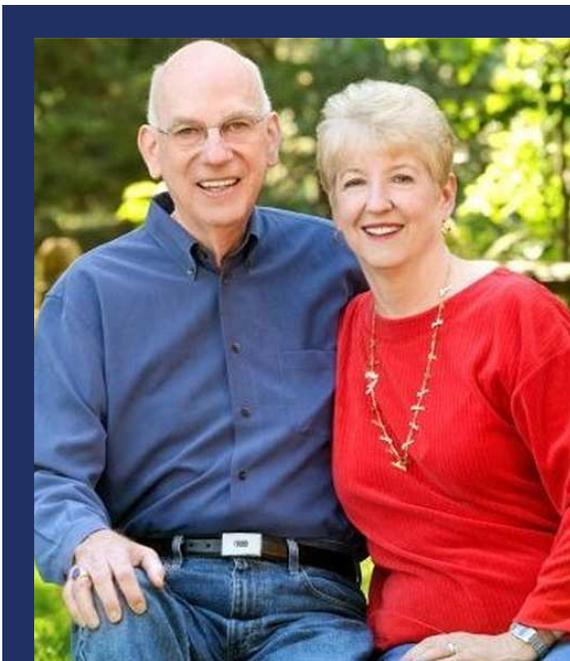
The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area pro-



A mural by Lynn Griffin of Escalante, Garfield County, depicts pioneers struggling through a "hole in the rock" in order to descend a 2,000-foot cliff and reach the Colorado River. The mural is located at the Hole-in-the-Rock Heritage Center in Escalante, a project supported by MPNHA.

motes progress—economically, culturally and civically. The stories told by the MPNHA connect us to our past and provide values that carry into the future.

The MPNHA is proud to present this 10-year review of what we—not only the MPNHA but also the partners who collaborate with the MPNHA—have been able to accomplish in our first decade.



The late Senator Bob Bennett of Utah and his wife, Joyce. Senator Bennett, who shepherded the bill to create the MPHNA through the U.S. Senate, was an articulate spokesman for the value of preserving and disseminating the stories of the Mormon pioneers. In 2017, Joyce Bennett accepted a Utah Best-of-State Award on behalf of the MPNHA.

“Spanning 250 miles, from the small town of Fairview, Utah, southward to our border with Arizona, the area encompassed by the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area includes outstanding examples of historical, cultural, and natural resources shaped by Mormon pioneers. The story of the Mormon pioneers is one of the most compelling and captivating in our nation’s history. After traveling 1,400 miles from Illinois either by wagon or by pulling a handcart, the pioneers came to the Great Salt Lake Valley. Along the way, the pioneers experienced many hardships...

“The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area will serve as special recognition to the people and places that have contributed greatly to our nation’s development.”

—The late U.S. Senator Robert Bennett