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# Daniel Berry Rawson and Mariah Atchinson Rawson



Daniel Berry Rawson is the second great uncle of Rama Anderson Ford. Daniel and Mariah Atchinson were married on November 9, 1845.

## **Daniel heeds the call of Brigham Young to join the Mormon Battalion in July 1846**

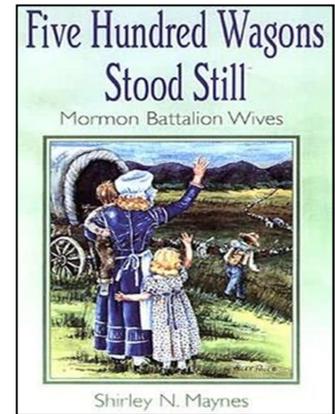
It was at Mt. Pisgah that Daniel heard the news that Captain James Allen from the U.S. Army had come to enlist men to fight in the Mexican War. At first, Daniel would not volunteer. He felt indignant toward his government who had allowed others to drive him from his home. While on the way to Council Bluffs, he met President Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards and they told him, "that the salvation of Israel depended upon the raising up of this army." After Daniel heard them speak, he changed his mind and felt it was his duty to go.

The very day that Mariah and Daniel arrived at Council Bluffs, Church officials again called a meeting for the purpose of raising volunteers to fight in the Mexican War. Daniel invited his father-in-law to attend the meeting with him. Mr. Atchinson was not a member of the Church and he objected to Daniel enlisting. However, he went to hear the church authorities speak. Shortly after their speeches, the band commenced playing and marching. Parley P. Pratt called to the brethren to fall in line. Daniel wanted to join with them, but as his father-in-law objected, Daniel offered a silent prayer asking the Lord, "that if it was his duty to go, that a way would be opened for him to do so." When he found his father-in-law, Mr. Atchinson, he was in deep thought. Daniel asked him what he should do. His father-in-law gave a sigh and said: "Do as you think best. Mariah can live with me and I will do my best for her."

Daniel bid farewell to Mariah, family and friends. He left his wife with a wagon, four horses and canvas for covering, not knowing when or where they would meet again. He took Mariah by the hand and they both covenanted to hold themselves true to each other. On July 20, 1846, he left with the Mormon Battalion as a Private in Company "D" under the command of Captain Nelson Higgins. He was one of the men who marched all the way to California.

Daniel was happy to see his parents, relatives and friends after an absence of two years and four months. He very much regretted the fact that Mariah had faltered and had broken her marriage vows to him. A self-proclaimed Negro prophet led her astray and she went with him. Daniel met with Apostle Orson Hyde and he advised him to leave Mariah. Apostle Hyde told Daniel to hold her sacred and Daniel related: "I have been blamed by men because they did not know my reasons for doing as I have done."

In November of 1849, Daniel married Nancy Boss and they became parents of ten children. Mariah Atchinson Rawson did not have children by Daniel Berry Rawson. (*Five Hundred Wagons Stood Still: Mormon Battalion Wives*, Shirley N. Maynes)



A festival reunion of the Mormon Battalion was held in the Social Hall in Salt Lake City on 6-7 of February 1855, and was hosted by the Brigham Young.

Note: Hyrum Judd, Zadok Knapp Judd, and Daniel Berry Rawson worked at Sutter's Mill in Coloma CA after they were discharged from the Mormon Battalion. Below is the Mormon Cabin at Coloma, a replica of a cabin used by Mormon miners. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provided financing for the replica, and both Duane and Rama Ford work on the project.



While living in Placerville, California, Grandpa Duane Burnham Ford organized the Sierra Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. They worked with the Daughters of Utah Pioneers in California on various historic memorial projects through the years.

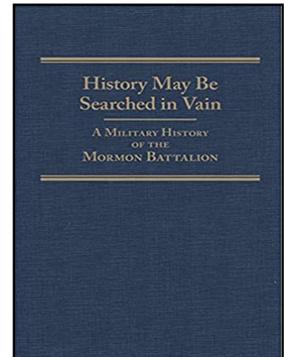
Duane and Rama Ford were personally acquainted with Norma Ricketts, author of *Mormon Battalion: United States Army of the West, 1846-1848*. Rama's parents, Ivan and Helen Anderson were members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Sierra Chapter in California.

Duane's mother, Clara Alvira Burnham Ford was a member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers in Kanab, Utah, serving as president during one term. The Kane County Daughters of Utah

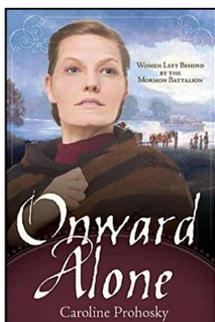
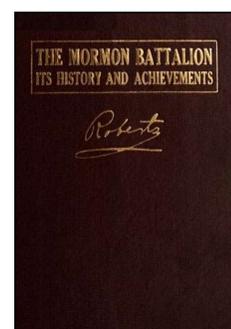
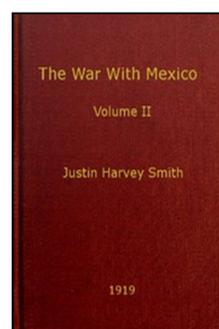
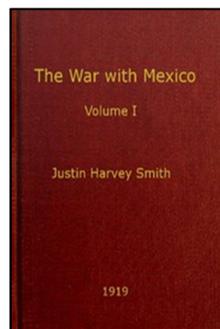
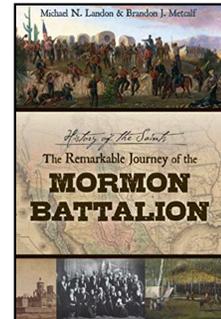
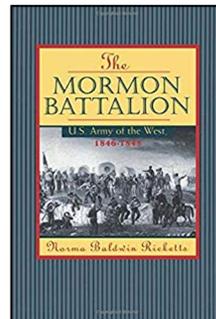
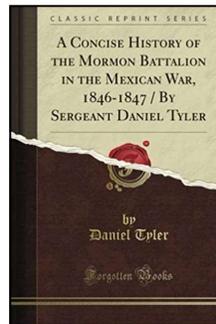
Pioneers published two editions of *History of Kane County*. The primary contributor is Rose Hicks Hamblin.

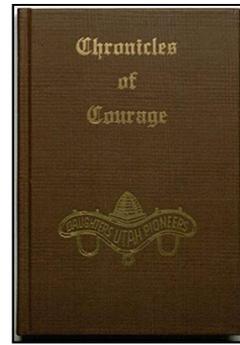
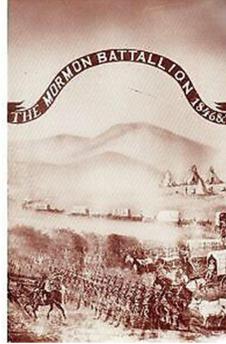
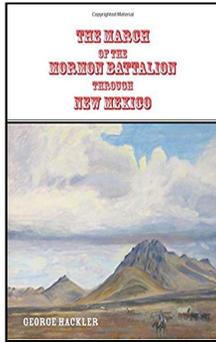
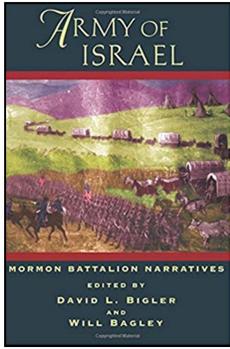


There are many books written about the Mormon Battalion. The most recent is: *History May Be Searched in Vain: A Military History of the Mormon Battalion*, by Sherman L. Fleek. Statements made by Zadock Judd and Daniel Berry are referenced in this book.



Note: Zadok Knapp Judd Sr.'s first name is spelled many different ways in various publications. Zadok, Zadoc, and Zadock are the most common spellings.



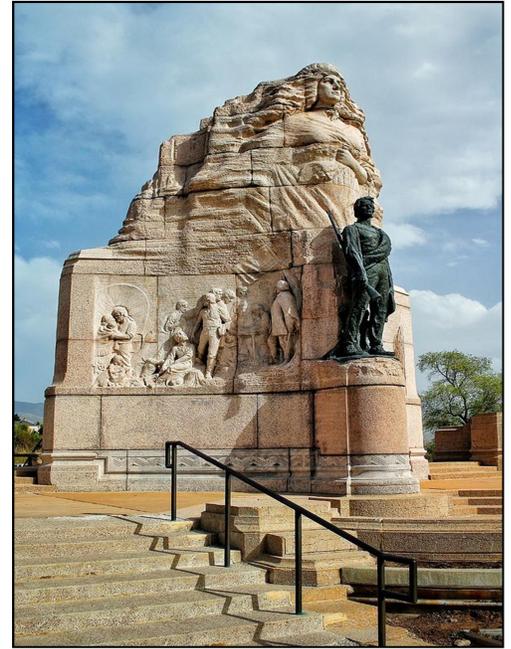


There are numerous Mormon Battalion monuments, memorials, and various organizations.

The largest Mormon Battalion memorial

visitor's center hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ is in San Diego CA. Other large monuments and memorials are in Tucson AZ, Yuma AZ, Los Angeles CA, Coloma CA, and Salt Lake City UT.





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