

# Cedar City Chapter of Sons of the Utah Pioneers



## SUP Monument Parowan-21 1849-1850 Southern Expedition

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Longitude: -112.82722; Latitude: 37.836389; Elevation 6060'; 95 West old Hwy 91, Parowan, Utah



1849-1850 Southern Expedition

In 1849, the Southern Expedition, led by Parley P. Pratt, left Salt Lake with instructions from Mormon President Brigham Young to search for colonization sites and iron ore deposits. Pratt, a Mormon explorer, led 50 men on an extensive exploration of southern Utah. The exploration concluded on this spot on January 8, 1850, with a feast and celebration. During the celebration, Pratt designated the Parowan Valley as the site from which future colonization of southern settlements would be made, and dedicated this site as "The City of the Little Salt as long as the sun shone upon it." A U.S. One Star Flag was raised on the Liberty Pole, which still stands on the hillside directly east of here, and a fine celebration dinner was held, a tradition carried to this day.

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