



Brigham Young (1801-1877)

- Brigham Young was born in Vermont on June 1st 1801.
- In 1832 Young joined the Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints, which would influence the rest of his life.
- Brigham Young is famous for leading the persecuted Latter-Day Saint Church and keeping them out of danger.
- As the leader of the LDS Church Young, played a critical role in organizing and leading the “Trek” from Illinois to the safety of Utah.
- In 1851 Young became the territorial Governor and superintendent of Indian Affairs for Utah.
- Young met the challenges of frontier life by organizing the people of Utah and directing the economic development, law enforcement, politics, and education.
- Young encouraged migration of LDS Church members by furnishing handcarts, and eventually starting the PEF, which is the Perpetual Emigration Fund. This granted a loan to those who wished to make the 1,400-mile trek to Utah.
- Young was also very influential in settling many parts of Arizona, Nevada, and Idaho territories.
- Young encouraged the local manufacture of goods.
- Young was influential in securing the passage of women’s suffrage in Utah.
- Young’s emphasis on Education led the establishment of a place of higher education in Utah at the School of Deseret.