

## APPENDIX D

### THE FIRST HAND-CART COMPANIES

The following item from the Deseret News, October 1, 1856 is typical of other pioneer groups coming into Salt Lake Valley after crossing the plains and mountains:

"Having learned that Captain Edmund Ellsworth's company camped at the Willow Springs on the evening of the 25th inst., on the 26th President Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball, Lieut. Gen. D.H. Wells and many other citizens, in carriages and several gentlemen and ladies on horseback, with a part of Capt. H.B. Clawson's company of lancers and the Brass Bands under Capt. William Pitt, left the governor's office at 9 A.M. with the view of meeting them and conducting them into the city.

"Within about a mile and a half of the foot of the Little Mountain President Young ordered the party to halt until the hand-carts should arrive, and with President Kimball drove on to meet them. Ere long the anxiously expected train came into sight, led by Captain Ellsworth on foot, and with aged veterans pulling the front cart, followed by a long line of carts attended by the old, middle aged and young of both sexes.

\*\*\* (See the entry in the Cardons History herein for 26 September 1856 for the future Cardon wives who were with this company.)

"When opposite the escorting party, a halt was called and their captain introduced the new comers to President Young and Kimball, which was followed by the joyous greetings of relatives and friends, and an unexpected treat of melons...

"From the halt to the Public Square on second west Temple Street, the following order was observed, under the supervision of Capt. Clawson's Lancers, Ladies on horseback; President Young, President Kimball's and Lieut. General Wells's carriages, the bands, Captain Ellsworth's companies; citizens in carriages and on horseback. The line of march was scarcely taken up before it began to be met by women, and men and children on foot, on horses, and in wagons, thronging out to see and welcome the First Hand-cart companies, and the number rapidly increased until the living tide lined and thronged South Temple.

"The procession reached the public Square about sunset, where the lancers, band and carriages were formed in a line facing the line of hand-carts; and after a few remarks by President Young, accompanied by his blessings, the spectators and escorts retired and the companies pitched their tents, at the end of a walk and pull upwards of 1300 miles."

(Given to us by David Lee Merrill)