

In Honor of Mormon Battalion Marker

North Pinal Avenue, Casa Grande, Pinal County, Arizona

TRAIL SEGMENT

2. Main Command

TRAIL DATE

20 Dec 1846

DEDICATION DATE

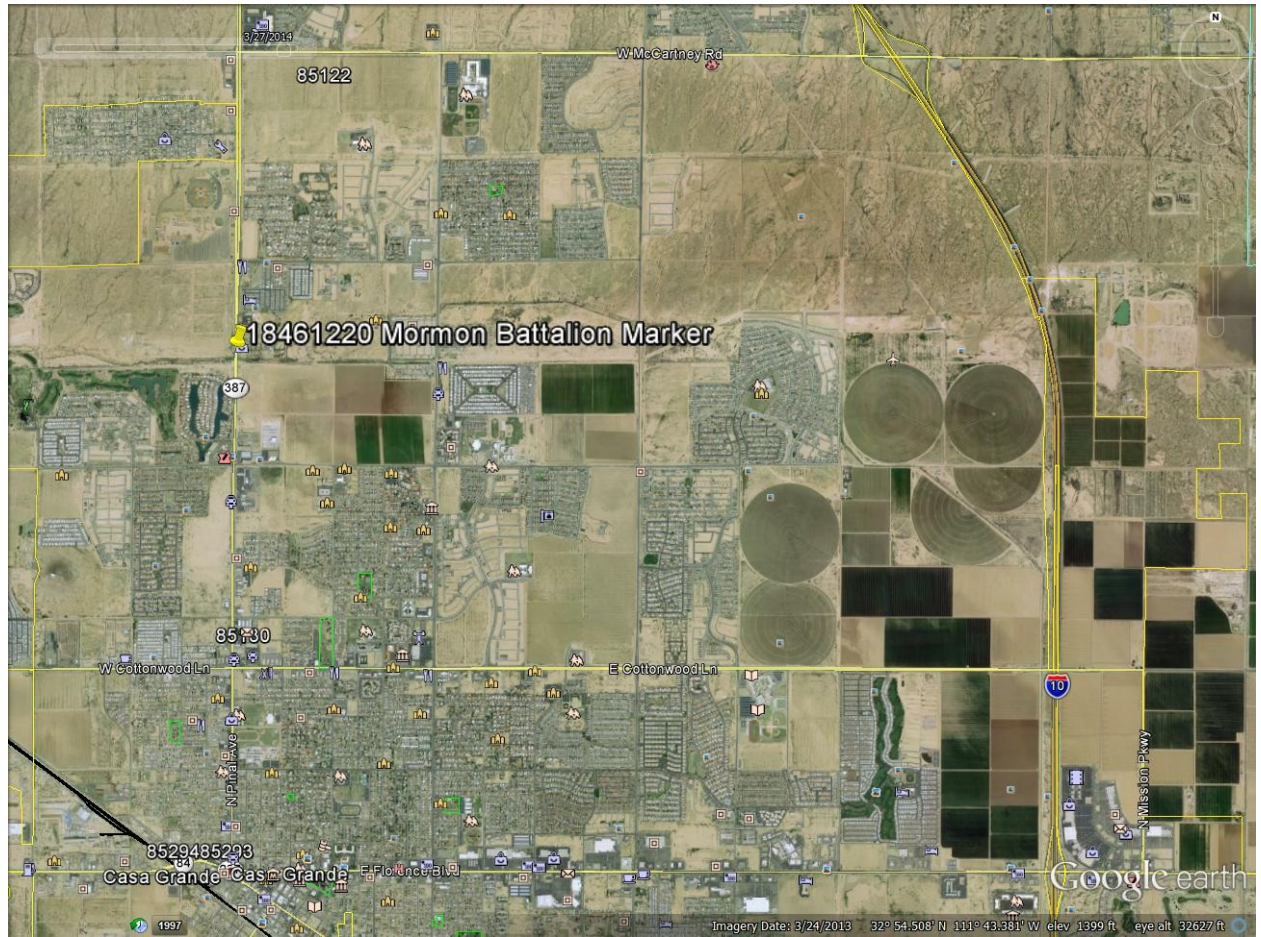
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GPS COORDINATES

32° 55.009' N

111° 45.439' W

WGS84



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Description

This white pyramid square concrete marker bearing a black slate plaque, with a wooden sign and cacti growing around it inside a split rail fence, marks the 20 December 1846 campsite of the Mormon Battalion north of present Casa Grande, Arizona.

Driving Directions

Driving through Casa Grande, Arizona, take the Arizona Highway 287 (East Florence Boulevard) Exit from I-10. Go 4.0 miles west and turn right (north) on Arizona Highway 387 (North Pinal Avenue). Then go 2.6 miles north. The marker is on the west side of the road, just past the bridge over the small stream, 400 feet south of the intersection with East Bisnaga Street.

Driving from north of Casa Grande, take the West McCartney Road Exit from I-10. Go 3.25 miles west past the LDS Church to the right on North Trezell Road, and turn left (south) on on Arizona Highway 387 (North Pinal Avenue). Then go 1.5 miles south. The marker is on the west side of the road, just before the bridge over the small stream, 400 feet south of the intersection with East Bisnaga Street.

Inscriptions

Plaque 1 of 1.



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[three four pointed stars]

**IN HONOR OF MORMON BATTALION
WHO CAMPED HERE ON DEC.20, 1846.
IN ROUT TO CAL. WAR WITH MEXICO
ERECTED BY
AARONIC PRIESTHOOD MESA 3RD. WARD.
L.D.S.C.
TROOP 57 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.R.C.**

HUGH DANA, SP.
F. K. POMEROY, 1ST COUN.
LELAND GLAZIER, 2ND COUN.
J. W. BOND, CLERK
SEN. F.T. POMEROY
C. W. BLAZIER
SPECIAL ADVISORS

JOSEPH MOODY, S.M.
J. ELMER HASTINGS ASST. S.M.
LAVIER GARDNER, JR. S.M.
GAIL DANA. S. COM.
JOSEPH TATE S.COM.
CHAS STANDAGE S.COM
LEO. ALDRIDGE, S.COM.

The text on the wooden sign behind the marker is unknown.

History

Erected about 1937 by the Aaronic Priesthood and many of the same people from the Mesa Third Ward, Maricopa Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who erected the No. 71 Mormon Battalion Trail Marker in Picacho Peak State Park, just 28 miles southeast of here.

Credits

See <http://www.hmdb.org/Marker.asp?Marker=27202> This page originally submitted on 5 February 2010, by Bill Kirchner of Tucson, Arizona. • Syd Whittle was the editor who published this page.
