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## Settlement of Utah

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# 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Settlement of

# UTAH

SEA GULL MONUMENT  
AND  
MORMON TEMPLE

ALTHOUGH THE TERRITORY THAT IS NOW THE STATE OF UTAH WAS EXPLORED AS EARLY AS 1776, NO PERMANENT SETTLEMENT WAS MADE UNTIL JULY 24, 1847. ON THAT DAY BRIGHAM YOUNG AND A COMPANY OF MORMONS ARRIVED IN THE VALLEY OF GREAT SALT LAKE AFTER A RIGOROUS OVERLAND JOURNEY FROM ILLINOIS AND STARTED TO ESTABLISH AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY. THE SETTLEMENT SURVIVED IN SPITE OF HARDSHIPS AND REVERSES. THE FIRST CROPS WERE DEVOURD BY A PLAGUE OF CRICKETS. THE NEXT YEAR THE CRICKETS CAME AGAIN AND THE SETTLERS ABANDONED HOPE. BEFORE THE FIELDS WERE ENTIRELY STRIPPED, HOWEVER, CLOUDS OF SEA GULLS ARRIVED AND, DEVOURING THE CRICKETS, SAVED THE COMMUNITY FROM STARVATION. UTAH WAS ORGANIZED AS A TERRITORY IN 1849 AND WAS GOVERNED AS SUCH UNTIL IT BECAME A STATE ON JAN. 4, 1896.

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