

Document 2: The 1856 Constitution

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ARTICLE 1.

Boundary and name.

Section 1: The part of the United States called Utah Territory — which is bordered by California to the west, Oregon Territory to the north, the Rocky Mountains to the east, and the 37th parallel (a line of latitude) to the south — is now made into a free and independent state called Deseret.

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Section 1. All that part of the territory of the United states now known as Utah territory, and bounded as follows, viz: on the west by the State of California; on the north by the Territory of Oregon; on the east by the summit of the Rocky Mountains, and on the South by the 37th parallel of north latitude, is hereby formed into a free and sovereign state, and named Deseret.

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