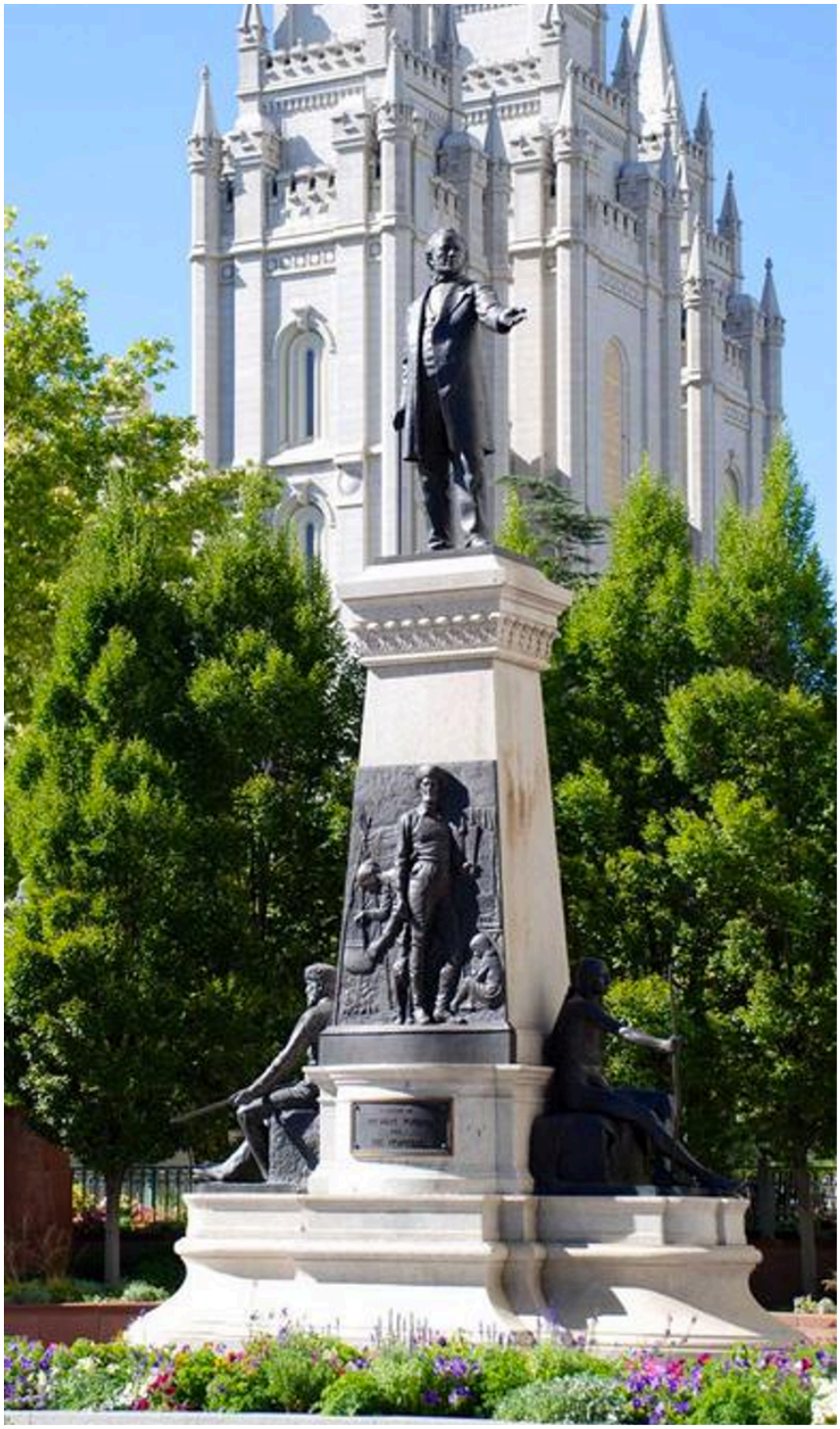
Description of Green Flake and Pioneer Monument

Source 1: *This is part of a book written by Joel Alva Flake Junior in 1999 and published by the Brigham Young University History Department. He talks about Green Flake, who was born into slavery in North Carolina in 1828. Green Flake and the person who enslaved him were baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1844. Flake and a few other African American men participated in leading the first companies on the LDS pioneer trek to Utah in 1847.*

"On the trek West, Green was accompanied by two other African-American servants: Hark Lay and Oscar Crosby. These three slaves were good friends. They were all baptized members of the LDS church and all three came from Mississippi plantations. 'The three had visited together a time or two when their masters were talking 'hound business.' They were valuable additions to the company, doing all that was required of them, and more: helping to establish winter quarters, Nebraska; forging a trail along the Platte River to Fort Laramie, Wyoming; and conquering the Rocky Mountains. Their stamina and enthusiasm were impressive and they faithfully fulfilled the instructions of their masters upon arriving in the Salt Lake Valley by planting crops and building homes."

Source 2*: A monument called the Brigham Young Monument or Pioneer Monument, with sculptures created by Cyrus Edwin Dallin in 1893 and a plaque with names of the first group of pioneers on the back. It was displayed at the world's fair in Chicago in 1893 before being moved to Temple Square in Salt Lake City. (hint: look for anything that stands out about where the African-Americans' names are on the monument).*



THE NAMES OF THE PIONEERS WHO ARRIVED IN THIS VALLEY, JULY 24, 1847.
ASTERISKED THOSE NOW LIVING. THE UNMARKED ONES ARE ALL DECEASED.
TARELTON LEWIS
HENRY G SHERWOOD
ZEBEDEE COLTRIN
SYLVESTER H EARL
JOHN DIXON
SAMUEL H MARBLE
GEORGE SCHOLES
WILLIAM HENRIE
WILLIAM A EMPEY
* CHARLES SHUMWAY
* ANDREW SHUMWAY
THOMAS WOOLSEY
CHAUNCEY LOVELAND
JAMES CRAIG
WILLIAM WORDSWORTH
* WILLIAM P VANCE
SIMEON HOWD
SEELEY OWEN
JAMES CASE
ARTEMAS JOHNSON
* WILLIAM C A SMOOT
* BENJAMIN F DEWEY
WILLIAM CARTER
FRANKLIN G LOSEE
DATUS ENSIGN
FRANKLIN B STEWART
MONROE FRINK
ERIC CLINES
* OZRO EASTMAN
SETH TAFT
* HORACE THORNTON
HORACE K WHITNEY
ORSON K WHITNEY
* STEPHEN KELSEY
JOHN S ELDREDGE
CHARLES D BARNUM
ALMA L WILLIAMS
RUFUS ALLEN
ROBERT T THOMAS
JAMES W STEWART
ELIJAH NEWMAN
* LEVI N KENDALL
FRANCIS BOGGS
DAVID GRANT
HOWARD EGAN
WILLIAM A KING
* THOMAS P CLOWARD
HOSEA CUSHING
ROBERT BYARD
GEORGE BILLINGS
EDSON WHIPPLE
PHILO JOHNSON
APPLETON M HARMON
CARLOS MURRAY
NATHANIEL T BROWN
* JACKSON R REDDEN
FRANCIS M POMEROY
* AARON F FARR
NATHANIEL FAIRBANKS
JOHN S HIGBEE
JOHN WHEELER
SOLOMON CHAMBERLAIN
* CONRAD KLEINMAN
JOSEPH ROOKER
PERRY FITZGERALD
JOHN H TIPPETTS
JAMES DAVENPORT
* HENSON WALKER
BENJAMIN ROLFE
NORTON JACOB
* CHARLES A HARPER
STEPHEN MARKHAM
* GEORGE WOODWARD
LEWIS BARNEY
GEORGE MILLS
ANDREW GIBBONS
JOSEPH HANCOCK
* JOHN W NORTON
HANS C HANSON
LEVI JACKMAN
* LYMAN CURTIS
JOHN BROWN
DAVID POWERS
MATTHEW IVORY
JOSEPH MATTHEWS
* JOHN S GLEASON
GILBERD SUMME
CHARLES BURKE
ALEXANDER P CHESSLEY
RODNEY BADGER
* NORMAN TAYLOR
BRIANT STRINGAM
ORSON PRATT
WILLARD RICHARDS
JOSEPH S SCOFIELD
LUKE JOHNSON
* GREEN FLAKE
HARK LAY
OSCAR CROSBY
COLORED SERVANTS
THE ENTIRE COMPANY AND OUTFIT CONSISTED OF 143 MEN, 3 WOMEN, 2 CHILDREN,
70 WAGONS, 1 BOAT, 1 CANNON, 93 HORSES, 52 MULES, 66 OXEN, 19 COWS.
THIS MONUMENT, ERECTED BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION, WAS UNVEILED JULY 24, 1897.