

This emigrant wagon train was one of the richest groups to pass through Utah in 1857. They had a large herd of cattle and other animals and one horse that was worth thousands of dollars. Mormons thought that the cattle, weapons, and other supplies of the emigrants could help them in their war with the US Army. They could share the things that they took with the Paiutes, which would make the Paiutes happy and make sure the Paiutes would help fight the US Army. The massacre was planned by Mormons and carried out by both Mormons and Paiutes to take the emigrants' property and help them in the war against the United States. (**Rich Wagon Train Theory**)