

Mormons heard that the US army was coming about the same time that they heard that one of their leaders, Parley P. Pratt, had been murdered in Arkansas. When the emigrants entered the Salt Lake Valley, Brigham Young found out they were from Arkansas and was very angry. He sent another leader George A. Smith to southern Utah faster than the emigrants. George A. Smith told the local leaders to kill the entire wagon train when they were in a quiet area where nobody would find out. A couple of days later Brigham Young decided that he had made a mistake. He sent another messenger with a note that told the Mormons to let the emigrants pass. But before the message got to them, Mormon leaders convinced the Paiutes to attack the emigrants and helped them in the attack. After 5 days of fighting, the Mormons tricked the emigrants into coming out of their protected places. Then the Mormon militia killed the emigrants with some Paiutes helping. **(Brigham Young Theory)**