

Dedication of the Newel Knight Grave Monument

In the spring of 1907, a party consisting of Jesse Knight; his daughter, Inez Knight Allen; his daughter-in-law, Lucy Jane B. Knight; an elder brother, Samuel R. Knight; President George H. Brimhall of Brigham Young University; and J. W. Townsend of Crete, Nebraska, visited the old campsite and made arrangements for a piece of ground on which to erect a monument for Jesse's father. On this ground was erected an imposing granite shaft facing the highway and enclosed by an iron fence. On the shaft is inscribed the following bit of history:

Erected 1908
NEWELL KNIGHT
Born September 13, 1800; Died January 11, 1847
A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

FATHER
Who died during the hardships of our exodus
from Nauvoo to Salt Lake City. "Blessed are they
which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven."—Matt. V:10

While there, President Brimhall, who was a gifted poet, composed the following lines in 1907 at the gravesite of Newel Knight and other pioneers who died in Niobrara, Nebraska on their journey west:

*Not backward, but onward and upward they looked;
A fire in each bosom was burning.
For the new land of promise the Lord had them booked
And they yearned with and Israelite yearning.*

*The comforts of home they had left far behind.
The wilderness wild was around them.
The voice of their God was the only one kind.
And here the cold winter had found them.*

*The smoke from their cabins arose to the sky—
Their prayers of the morning and bedtime.
Went up to the throne of the father on high
As they patiently watched for the springtime.*

*Joy gushed from the heart in each noble breast.
At the words. "We leave on the morrow",
But the graves now unknown where the dear ones still rest
Kept open the fountains of sorrow—June 9, 1907."*

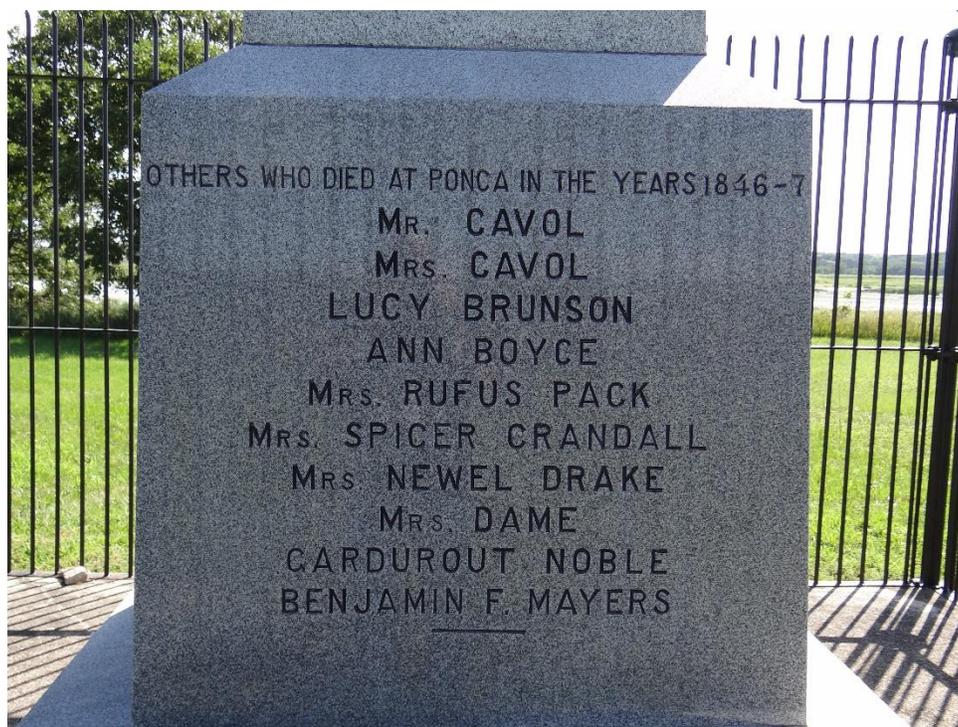
This information is from the soon to be published book by Boyd Knight, *The Vision to See, the Courage to Do, The Life of Jesse Knight,* page 13.



Newel's Grave Monument, 2020, photos courtesy of Carolyn Lyman



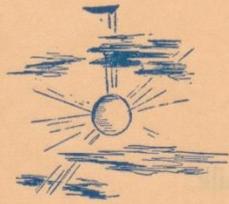
Photo of monument inscription



Marker inscription on the opposite side.



The Newel Knight Grave Monument several years ago, courtesy of Gordon Knight.



MONUMENT AT NIOBRARA, NEBRASKA

Erected 1908

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NEWELL KNIGHT

Born Sept. 13, A.D. 1800 - Died Jan. 11 A.D. 1847

Others who died at Ponca in 1846-47

Mr. Cavol

Mrs. Cavol

Lucy Brunson

Ann Boyce

Mrs. Rufus Pack

Mrs. Spicer Crandall

Mrs. Newell Drake

Mrs. Dame

Cardurout Noble

Benjamin F. Mayers

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."---Matt. 5:10



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am of the Chief of the Ponca Tribe.

il, Indian corn bread, butter, wild honey, potatoes, catfish, milk,
atoes, grapes.

member of the church.

----- acting Chief of the Ponca Tribe.

----- a representative of Newel Knight descendants.

covered wagon and Mormon Trail Cart in Village of Niobrara at
n of the Chief of the Tribe of the Santee Sioux.

. Houston, Village Clerk, Niobrara, Nebraska.

----- acting Chief of Sioux Tribe by ----- interpreter.

n and family.

the Tribes and the Public.

Building in Niobrara State Park.

d Priesthood Quorum meetings.

ef, mashed potatoes, gravy, wheat bread, baked beans, butter,
n, milk, apple pie, cream.

Honorable John D. Forsyth, Mayor of Niobrara, Nebraska.

----- a member of the Church.

Church and its Exodus.

Monument:

----- a member of the Church.

----- a member of the Church.

wheat cakes, corn syrup, milk, bread, butter, honey, eggs, potatoes,

ay meeting.

ive Who Dare

thy thoughts! declare

that all may share!

everywhere!

dare. —Lewis Morris. Liahona 2.15-45

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