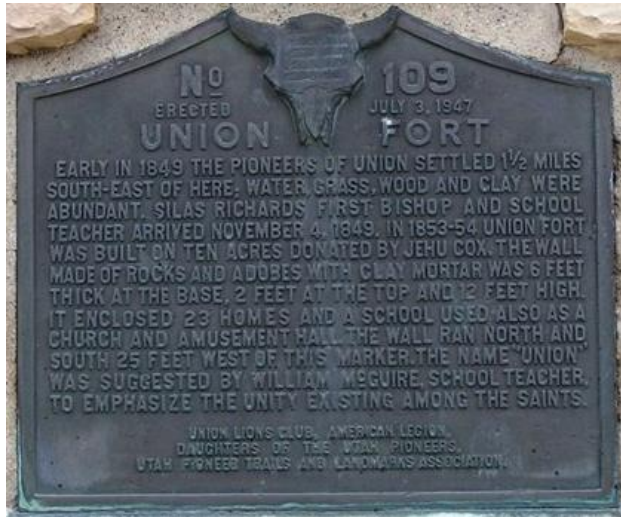


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Union Fort No. 109



Location: Fort Union Plaza, Midvale, Salt Lake County, Utah. The marker can be reached from Union Park Avenue, on the right when traveling south. The marker is located in the parking area of a large shopping complex behind the Walmart Superstore. It was erected 1947 by the Union Lions Club, American Legion, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmarks Association.

The historical marker reads:

“Early in 1849 the pioneers of Union settlers 1½ miles south-east of here; water, grass, wood and clay were abundant. Silas Richards first bishop and school teacher arrived November 4, 1849. In 1853-54 Union Fort was built on 10 acres donated by **Jehu Cox**. The wall made of rocks and adobes with clay mortar was 6 feet thick at the top and 12 feet high. It enclosed 23 homes and a school used also as a church and amusement hall. The wall ran north and south 25 feet west of this marker. The name "Union" was suggested by William McGuire, school teacher, to emphasize the unity existing among the saints.”



Jehu COX Sr (1803–1893), son of Thomas Isaac Cox (1775-1845) and Rachel Carr (1771-1857). Isaac was the son of Solomon Cox (1738-1820) and Naomi Hussey (1742-1805).