Disabilities Among the Pioneers

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This year, undergraduate researcher Kimberli Harrison took on a less-studied topic of the Mormon migration: disabilities among the Mormon pioneers. She worked with mentor and CPD Director Bryce Fifield to find out more about pioneers with disabilities.

"We've been just having a very interesting trek of our own," Fifield said in an interview broadcast on Utah Public Radio's Access Utah.

Fifield and Harrison dug accounts from old journal entries. The stories do more than illustrate the experiences of individuals who crossed the plains with a disability; they also highlight fellow pioneers' attitudes. You can hear some of the stories by listening to the podcast of the July 23 program.