

WINTER QUARTERS (North Omaha) was the major camp of the Mormons during the winter of 1846-47 while they prepared to move west.

The Mormons called this area **KANESVILLE**. Later known as **COUNCIL BLUFFS**, its importance to western expansion dates back to 1804, when Lewis and Clark met with Indians near here. Kanessville was a major staging area for pioneers heading west.

Named for its Biblical counterpart, **MOUNT PISGAH** served as a way station until 1852.

An advance party made camp at **GARDEN GROVE** on April 25, 1846. Within two weeks they cleared 300 acres, planted crops, built log houses, and cut 10,000 rails for fencing and enough logs for 40 more houses. The site continued as a way station until 1852.

The restored city of **NAUVOO** contains open space, homes, shops, and the Joseph Smith and Brigham Young houses. After leaving Nauvoo in 1846, the first Mormons crossed the Mississippi to **MONROSE**. They organized themselves for the trek across Iowa at **SUGAR CREEK CAMP**.

