

## **Laraine Miner**

LARAINÉ MINER was born into a family with extensive Mormon pioneer ancestry, and a strong music and dance tradition. She grew up in Stockton California, home of the Stockton Folk Dance Camp. Laraine's love of folk music and dance was augmented by her participation in the BYU International Folkdance Ensemble and their first European performance tour in 1964. Since then she has been avidly researching, teaching and presenting the traditional folk/social dances of her Mormon pioneer ancestors. Her recently published book, released May 9, 2018, *Mormon Pioneer Dances*, features 31 authentic dances of the early Mormons, easy-to-understand instructions for the dances, historical context, and a DVD of all of the music.

Laraine has a BS in dance from BYU, and an MS in Dance from Cal State, Hayward where she then obtained an MS in Counseling, Mental Health, along with a registry in Dance/Movement Therapy. She recently retired from 31 years of social work/psychotherapy where she utilized dance therapy interventions with a variety of populations. Laraine recently moved to Orem Utah to be near to her oldest son, daughter-in-law and two precious grandchildren.