

Life Sketch of Ane Margrethe Sorensen

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This story was sent to Esther A. Christensen Brown from Leona Christensen Von Cannon. Ane Margrethe Sorensen Daughter of Peter Sorensen and Ane Thompson, Born July 15, 1838 at Bennesbal Vule Co Denmark. Baptized Feb. 23, 1853 by A Anderson, Confirmed Feb. 23, 1853. Left her native home Dec. 11, 1853. It took six weeks to cross the ocean. Cholera broke out on board ship. She helped nurse the sick. When they reached Nauvoo, there were no more wagons or oxen to be had. So she joined a hand cart company and pushed her belongings across the plains to Utah. She landed in Salt Lake City Oct. 5, 1854. She married Peter Rasmussen May 19, 1855 by President Welcome Chapman at Manti, Utah. They lived through the Grass Hopper War of 1855 and 1856. Her husband married Annie Helena Rasmussen in 1861. Under the directions of Apostle Orsen Hyde, they helped locate Salina on Oct. 17, 1863. The first Indian raid of the Black Hawk commenced north of Mayfield, and at Salina April 17, 1863. April 10, 1865 there was another Indian raid compelling them to leave a week later. They returned again in the spring of 1871. They were called to settle Grass Valley and settle Koosharum Aug. 10, 1874. They were then called to settle in the San Luis Stake in Colorado by Apostle Francis M. Lymon. They had to leave the second wife there as they did not have the money to take all of them. When going up Cumbers Pass, they put one side of the wagon on the mountain and held up the other side because the mountain was too steep to get up otherwise. They settled in Ephriam on Sept. 16, 1881, where there was not enough water to ake a go of it. They then moved to Sanford, Colorado. She held several places of trust as a President of Relief Society and was a good nurse. She was set apart for midwife in June 1833 by Apostle Wilford Woodruff. She had five boys and six girls. Four of her children died in childhood. All her children were born in Utah. She died at Manassa, Colorado, Conejos County, Oct. 18, 1922 an was buried in Sanford Colorado on Oct. 20, 1922 at the age of 84 years, 3 months and 3 days. In her last years she lived in Manassa with her daughter Mary Elizabeth Christensen (name added by Elizabeth Maxwell). She was unable to get around by herself. I remember going in to see her when we went to Grandmother's. Note: Esther Christensen Brown also used to talk about her grandmother living in a back room at her mother's (Mary Elizabeth Christensen) house. She related that as a child she had to be quiet to not disturb her and sometimes they would peek in the room and see her playing cards.