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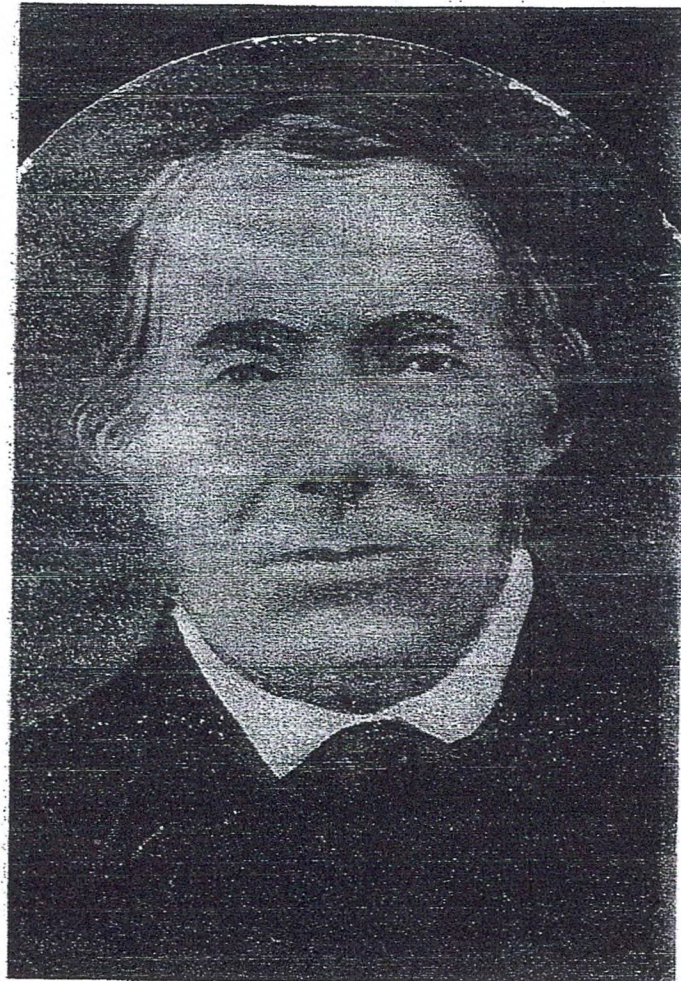
JENS PEDERSEN AAGARD

Jens Pedersen Aagard was born in Sporup, Aarhus, Denmark on 25 September 1791 to Peder Jensen Aagard and Maren Pedersdatter (Pedersen).

His family owned land near the river as evidenced by the name "Aagaard". Because so many people had the same names, there was a need to have an identifier such as location, profession, etc. "AA" in Danish means stream, and "Gard" means tract of land, thus "Aagaard" means river farm.

The name was originally spelled Aagaard, and had been in the family for generations. It was originally pronounced "Ogar". When the family first came to Utah they spelled it like the Danish pronunciation "Ogar". They later decided to keep the Danish spelling but did drop one of the "A's" in GAARD making it Aagard.

As a young man, Jens Pedersen Aagard spent three years in the army. In the 1800's when Jens was in his late teens, he like the other young men in Denmark, was required to spend time in the army. For three years his family didn't hear from him. Communication in those was limited, but even so, the family assumed that he might be dead. Then one day to great joy of his family, Jens came trudging home. It was said that he had been with Napoleons's army. Denmark at that time had been in an alliance with France.



Jens Pedersen Aagard, born in Sporup, Aarhus, Denmark.

Jens used to sing Old Napoleonic war songs to His daughter Ellen. Olean Olsen Allred told of when she stayed with her grandmother (Ellen). "She sang the old Napoleon War Songs to me that her father had sung to her when she was just a little tiny