

Jens Pedersen Aagard and Maren Andersen. Maren was Jens's fourth wife.

THE LAST HANDCART COMPANY

The Jens Pederson Aagard and Maren Anderson family (Maren was his 4th wife) left Farre, Denmark 2 May 1860. They traveled by steamer to Liverpool England after four days on the water, they were only one day at Liverpool then boarded the ship "William Lipscomb" for their voyage to New York. There were 730 saints aboard. They arrived in New York June 15, 1860. (it does not say how they got to Winter Quarters)

There they became members of a Captain Stoddard company. This was the last handcart company to cross the plains. They left Florence (Winter Quarters) July 6, 1860 with 21 handcarts, and seven wagons with 3 yoke of oxen to each wagon.

There were 124 persons, some English with Elder Paul as sub-captain and Elder Christain Christiansen was in charge of the Swiss and Danish.

The long journey was comparatively uneventful. There was one or two Indian scares but no damage or personal harm. Some buffalo were killed on the way, and with flour, though not abundant, was sufficient to prevent real hardship. There were no deaths.

Stoddards company reached Salt Lake September 24, 1860 where all were welcomed at eighth Ward Square (where the City and County building now stands) Fruit and vegetables, etc. were brought the weary travelers by those who had come in previous companies.

Jens Pedersen Aagard was not in very good health so he had to have a covered wagon. Two of the Aagard children had died in Denmark as children. Niels and Stena had emigrated the year before and settled in Moroni, Utah where their parents came and made their home. These Parents brought their last two children with them, there was Birthe, 19, and Anders 16 along with two of Jens' daughters by a former marriage. Kirstine Marie Jensen Aagard and Karen Marie Jensen Aagard.

The two older girls were dissatisfied with pioneer life in Moroni, they went back to settle in Nebraska.

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HANDCART COMPANIES

1856 to 1860

Persons - Handcarts - Wagons - Year - Left Florence - Arrived - Deaths

274	52	5	1856	July 20	Sept. 26	13
221	48	4	1856	July 24	Sept. 26	7
320	64	5	1856	July 30	Oct. 2	-7
500	120	6	1856	Aug. 15	Nov. 9	67
576	146	7	1856	Aug. 27	Nov. 30	135-150
149	21	1	1857	June 20	Sept. 11-12	(?)
330	68	3	1857	July 7	Sept. 13	6(?)
235	60	5	1859	July 9	Sept. 4	5(?)
233	43	5	1860	June 6	Aug. 27	1
124	21	7	1860	July 6	Sept. 24	0