

JENS PETERSEN AAGARD -- MAREN ANDERSEN AAGARD

The Jens Petersen Aagard family left Farre, Denmark 2 May, 1860 on a steamer bound for England. They landed at Liverpool England 6 May 1860. On the 7 May 1860 they boarded the ship "WILLIAM LIPSCOTT" and sailed to New York.

There were 730 Saints aboard. They arrived at New York on the 15 June, 1860 then traveled on a river steamer to Florence Nebraska, where they became members of the CAPTAIN STODDARD company. This was last handcart company to cross the plains with Mormon Pioneers from Missouri. There were 126 persons in that company, 22 handcarts and 6 wagons.

Jens Peter Aagard was not in very good health so he had to have a covered wagon to ride in. This company arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah on 24 Sept. 1860.

Two children of Jens and Maren died in Denmark before the family emigrated to Utah.

This family first settled in Moroni Utah with their daughter Ellen K. Aagard who had emigrated with her brother Niels a year earlier to find a place and get located before sending for their Father and Mother and other members of their family.

The two younger children who came to "Zion" with their parents were Birthe Marie and Anders Jensen Aagard. The Aagards also brought two other children with them who were children by a former marriage of Jens Peter Aagard. They did not like Pioneer life in Moroni so they went back to settle in Nebraska.

Jens Peter Aagard had been with the army of Napoleon and at one time was not heard from for three years and was assumed dead. Then one day he came trudging up the walk and surprised his family. He died in Fountain Green, Utah on 16 Dec. 1874. His wife Maren died in Ft. Green on 12 Aug. 1879. They are both buried in the Ft. Green cemetery.

Niels Jensen Aagard married: #1 Sorena Sorensen, #2 Boletta M. Rasmussen and lived in Levan Utah. Ellen K. J. Aagard married Hans Peter Olsen and lived in Ft. Green, Utah.

Birthe Marie Aagard married Niels Peter Nielsen and settled in Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

Anders Jensen Aagard married: #1 Annie Jensen, #2 Christena Jensen. They lived in Ft. Green, Utah.

Mormon Pioneers were being sent to Sandpete Co. around 1859 to help settle that part of Utah. Four towns were settled in that area in 1859.

'Moroni' named from the Angel Moroni, it was originally called "Sandpitch" & "Mago"
'Fountain Green' because of a large spring and lush green meadows.

'Mt. Pleasant' named because of its location, with a pleasant view of the surrounding area.

'Wales', named for the homeland of its early settlers. Coal was discovered there.