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John Rasmussen came to Castle Dale - 1884.

John Rasmussen was born in Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete County November 28, 1865, he was the fourth child and third son of Morten Rasmussen and Karen Marie Christensen. He married Albertina Christensen, who was born December 19, 1865, in Richfield, Sevier County, Utah, and the first daughter of Anders Christensen and Kirsten Nielsen Christensen.

They were married December 1, 1884 at Mt. Pleasant, and their marriage was solemnized in the Manti L.D.S. Temple, January 19, 1886. They were blessed with ten children: Boy, stillborn; Carrie Kristina Rasmussen, who married William Alfred Burnett; Cleo Alberta Rasmussen, died as a child; Neckolena Rasmussen, died as a child; Tena Armenta Rasmussen, who married Earl Anthony Miller; Martin Rolon Rasmussen, died as a child; Iva Cecelia Rasmussen, who married Azel Seely; Maggie Ines Rasmussen, died as a child; Jennie Loay Rasmussen, died as a child; Farrel "J" Rasmussen, who married Verda Isabell Elder. All of their children but three were born in Castle Dale.

They were both 19 years of age when married and came to Castle Dale to make their home.

They bought a farm south of Castle Dale on the road to Ferron. There was no house on the property so they lived in a home across the street east from the court house, but soon learned much time was lost in traveling back and forth, so they later lived on the farm, where many long hours of hard work was spent.

They carried all the water for home use and scrubbing the clothes on the washboard. They milked cows and churned butter, which was no easy job, since they had no ice to keep things cool. They would get up at

three or four in the morning so the cream would be cool enough to churn and mold, after which it was placed in alfalfa to keep cool. Then by horse and buggy ^{they} would travel to the store where an exchange was made for groceries and clothing items.

In addition to farming, John freighted in Southern Utah and into Colorado.

John loved the outdoors, and would often round up wild horses and break them for riding, and to sell or trade.

They moved away for a few years, but did return to the farm and ~~the purchase~~ of a home on the bench north of town.

~~O. I. Witbeck~~ of the Emery Mortuary of Castle Dale went to Murray March 23, 1939, to bring the remains to Castle Dale for funeral services and interment.

Alonzo Peterson was born February 23, 1899, in Castle Dale. He was the second child born, a tall boy with blue eyes and blond, curly hair. He had long ringlets, and his mother took pride in keeping them that way, with ribbons in them. He wore a white blouse with knickerbocker pants.

"There were eight of us children, five boys and three girls. Vern and Carl passed away. Carl was in the service of our country only two weeks when he died of pneumonia. Zelda died when she was 29 years old; and Cora as a baby; Orvil died at his home in California just this last June, 1980, of a stroke.

"I remember my father walking from Castle Dale to Mt. Pleasant, over the mountains through Straight Canyon, carrying a plow shear both ways to get it sharpened, going one day and back the next. He worked hard to make a living for his family.

"At one time Mother and Dad worked at the sawmill which was located up in the flats, near Upper Joe's Valley. We lived in a tent. The boys would get up early every morning and go fishing and bring in a nice string of fish every morning for breakfast.

"Father worked in the coal mines at Sunnyside and in the quartz mines at Park City, Utah, but was a farmer at heart. He had 80 acres of wheat all in head ready to cut one year, when they heard a noise coming from the south. He said, 'There comes a hailstorm; if it hits here, we'll be ruined.' It did just that and took every head of grain, all summer's work."

When Alonzo was in the sixth grade, "We had a contest on the time tables. I was still up until the end and had downed the whole class. My teacher, Earl Acçford, wanted to challenge me. It only took one minute and 20 seconds to get him down. This made my parents and family, as well as myself, feel pretty proud.

"As a child I had two good pets that I thought a lot of: a horse named 'Bird' and a dog named 'Curley.' I loved to ride and sing; I was a

pretty good tenor. My dog trailed along chasing rabbits, squirrels, etc.

"On October 18, 1926, I married Ethel Farnsworth. We were sealed in the Manti Temple for time and all eternity. It was a very happy marriage. We never had any children of our own, so we took in 17 foster children, giving them the love and care they needed. My wife died of cancer November 18, 1955.

In January, 1966, I met the sweetheart who is now my wife. We were married for time at the Manti Temple. My marriage to Bernice Bean Painter, of Nephi, has been a very happy one. We lived on 3rd East and Main in Castle Dale until a few years ago. We bought a nice home in Spanish Fork. Our old home in Castle Dale was torn down, and a 7-11 Store was built on the corner. We have a trailer and enjoy fishing."

While living in Castle Dale they served two 6-month missions to the Manti Temple. And in 1975 they were called to serve an 18-month mission to either Texas, Arizona, or the Manti Temple, and were very disappointed when the Doctor would not pass them physically. Since it was only a 30-minute drive from Spanish Fork to Provo LDS Temple, they did endowment and initiatory work there when health would permit.

In 1978 Alonzo had a pacemaker inserted in his heart and has been fairly well since. He also underwent eye surgery.

Alonzo and Bernice are almost self-sustaining at their home and acreage in Spanish Fork, where they grow a large garden, from which they can, dry, and store in root cellars all their vegetables. They have a few sheep and grow a calf for meat each year. They pick and sell \$550-worth of raspberries, in addition to 5 or 6 crates given to family members. They can enough fish during the fishing season to have the year around.

They are very active Senior Citizens and visit Emery County often, where they take active part in Senior Citizen programs and activities. Bernice plays in the Senior Citizens' Kitchen Band. They have also entertained Emery County Senior Citizens band members at their home in Spanish Fork.

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Alonzo worked for the Emery County School Board for 21 years as custodian of schools in Castle Dale, and drove a school bus one year. Bernice served as Captain of Camp Dale, Castle Dale Daughters of Utah Pioneers a number of years.

Alonzo was baptized by Jasper P. Peterson July 7, 1907; confirmed by John Y. Jensen 7 July 1907; ordained a deacon by Carl Berg March 13, 1911; Priest, March 1, 1918, by Hans A. Wickman; Elder Sept. 16, _____, by Eldon G. Luke; Seventy, April 11, 1954, by Spencer W. Kimball; High Priest November 2, 1958, by Forrest Petersen.

He was usher in Stake and Ward Conferences for over 25 years, and he served as Stake and Ward Clerk.

(insert two photos, Peterson family.)