

HENNING OLSEN UNGERMAN

Henning Olson Ungerman was born in Austrop, Falster, Denmark, January 3, ---1830. He joined the mormon church in 1857. Before emigrating he had lived in Copenhagen. He was married to Celelia Justensen and from this union 4 children were born. One died shortly before they set sail for Utah in 1861. While on the ocean a girl was born to them and they named her Atlanta. A fever broke out on the ship and Atlanta and her small sister died, they were near enough the end of the boat journey to be buried on land. It took them nine weeks to make the voyage. Reaching St. Joseph Missouri his wife suffering from the long journey and loss of her children, became ill, died and was buried there leaving father alone with one small boy five years old.

My mother Christina Kortensen, having known father in Copenhagen, emigrated at the same time and assisted him in caring for his stricken family. They crossed the plains together with the ox-team company walking most of the way and father carried the child. They landed in Salt Lake City in September and father went to Sanpete county and located in Spring City being the seventh family to make his home in that town, while mother remained in Salt Lake where she made her home with Porter Rockwell for six months; later she and father were married in the endowment house in Salt Lake City in 1862 and to them nine sons and daughters were born.

Father was a mason by trade and helped to build all the prominent houses in Sanpete county, and built the coal ovens at Wales Utah in 1880.

In 1881 he was called by A uthorities to help settle Castle Valley. He was set apart by A postle Francis Lyman in August, 1881 to serve as Bishop of Castle Dale ward and he served in this position fifteen years.

Daughter Amalia Berg was thirteen years old when she came with her parents to Castle Dale. They made the trip here by ox team and were one week

coming through Salina canyon. Daughter Amalia reports they got along very nicely on the trip until somewhere between Ferron and Castle Dale her mother fell from the wagon and somehow her long heavy skirts were caught on the wagon and she hung for awhile before she dropped to the ground and was run over by the wagon, suffering a badly sprained knee which bothered her all the next winter.

Father surveyed the first irrigation ditch in Castle Dale townsite by means of a two-by-four with two legs on it and a spirit level. The ditch was about two miles long. He also surveyed the big Harroth canal, which is still in use to day, with the same instrument.

Father continued to follow his trade as mason and brick layer. He built the first ward tithing office building,

The old social hall which stood on the public square until a few years ago when it was torn down and a seminary building erected from it, was built by him and his son Vick alone. He did the brick laying and plastering of the ward Relief Society hall. He built Vick's mother's home by himself and daughter Amalia carried most of the adobe and bricks to her father and would stand and toss them up to him.

Father did the mason work on the Joseph Zrehlen home, the A. E. Wall home the Old Jim Jeff home, The home of George Baker, Erastus Larsen, Annie E. Anderson Snow and many others. In fact one is safe in saying that three-fourths of the brick and adobe houses now standing in Castle Dale were erected by him, although many of them have been changed and built onto etc. *He helped build the LDS meeting houses at Hebron, Huntington & Lawrence.*
It is rather an interesting fact to know he built four different

houses for president C. G. Larsens ^{Killback} that were occupied by his four wives. The house now owned by Mrs. Blanche Larsen belonged to one of his wives, Annie U. Larsen, first stake president of the Relief society here for many years and a sister to daughter Amalia Berg's father. The house owned by Paul Judd was occupied by another of his wives and the one owned by A. G. Jerkes Jr; now was owned by a third wife, the mother of Mr. Emery Larsen, then the Vern Peterson, home which was owned by his fourth wife, the mother of Illie Fern ^{Jamerson} Jamenson, who was the second

wife of Alexan der Janson.

Bishop Henning Olsen died unexpectedly at his home in Castle Dale, Janu ry 24, 1904. He had been in good health up to the time he suffered the fatal heart attack.

The Bishop evidently had ideas of his own concerning the body after the spirit had left it, about one year before ~~he died~~ ^{his} death he dropped into P.C. Anderson's carpenter shop in Castle Dale and told the latter that he believed it was time he (Olsen) was ordering his coffin. "I want it made 11m in, deep , 6 feet 2 inches long and 2 feet wide,"he said. "What do you want so long a coffin for"? asked the cabnit maker . "So that I may have plenty of room to turn over ~~it~~ if I get tired of laying on my back", was the reply. And the casket which was an exceptionally fine one was made in accordance to his wishes.

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A SKETCH OF HENNING OLSEN? WHILE EMIGRATING TO UTAH

Henning Olsen Ungerman was born in Assstrup, Denmark, Jan. 3, 1830. He joined the church in his native land. Before emigrating, he had lived in Copenhagen. He was married to Cecelia Justensen and from this union four children were born. One died shortly before they set sail for Uta h. They left for Utah, in 1861, while on the ocean, a little girl was born to them and they named her Atlanta. She died together with another sister while on the ship/But they were near enough to be hurried on land, It took them nine weeks to make the trip or voyage. His wife through confinements and hardships also passed away in St. Joseph , Missouri, and was hurried there leaving father alone with one small boy.

My Mother having known father in Copenhagen, emigrated at the same time and assisted him in caring for his stricken family. They crossed the plains together with Ox-team company, walking most of the way and father carried his child. They landed in Salt Lake City in September and father went to Sanpete county and made his home in Spring City, While mother remained in Salt Lake City where she made her home with Porter Rickwell for six months, later she and father were married in the endowment House in Salt Lake City in 1862 and to them nine children were born.

Father was a mason by trade and helped to build all the prominent houses in Sanpete County, and built the coak Owens at Wales , Utah in 1880. Then in 1881 he was called by authorities to help settle Castle Valley. He was set apart by Apostle Francis Lyman in August, 1881 to serve as Bishop of the Castle Dale Ward, and he served in this position for fifteen years. Daughter Amalia Berg was thirteen years old when she came with her parents to Castle Dale. They made their trip here by ox-team and were one week coming through Salina canyon. Daughter Amalia reports that they got along very nicely on the trip until somewhere between Ferron and Castle Dale her mother fell from the wagon and somehow her long heavy skirts were caught on the wagon ~~xxxx~~ and she hung for ~~while before she dropped to the ground and was run over by the wagon, while~~ ~~while before she dropped to the ground and was run over by the wagon, while~~

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Father continued to follow his trade here as mason and brick layer. He built the first ward tithing office building now owned and occupied by Postmistress Mattie S. Larsen. The building since owned by Mrs. Larsen has been built onto .

The old Social hall which stood on the public square here until two years ago when it was torn down and the present seminary building erected from it, was built by him and his son Vick, allne he did the brick laying and plastering of the present day ward Relief Society hall. The house owned and occupied by George Brandon at one time belonged to his wife, Vick Olsen, s mother. He built it alone and daughter Amalia, Berg carried most of the adobes to her father and would stand and toss them up to him.

Father did the mason work on the Joseph Zwahler home the A.F.Wall home, and ole Jim Jeff's home, the home of Mrs. George Baker, Erastus Larsen, Annie E. Anderson Snow, and many others. In fact one is safe in saying that three-fourths of the brick and adobe houses now standing in Castle Dale were erected by him, although many of them have been changed and built onto, It is rather interesting to know that he built four different houses for President C.G.Larson that were occupied by his four wives. The house now owned by Mrs. Blanche Larson belonged to one of his wives, Annie U. Larson, first stake president of the Relief Society here for many years and a sister to Daughter Amalia Bergs father. Then the house now owned by Paul Judd was occupiee by another of his wives and one owned by A.G.Jewks Jr; now was owned by his third wife, The mother of Mr. Emery Larson, then fourth the Vern Paterson home which was owned by his fourth wife, the mother of Millie Jamenson, who was the second wife of Aleexander Jamenson, Or Joe Jamensons father.

Ex-Bishop Henning Olsen died Jan 24, 1904. The Bishop evidently had ideas of his own concerning the body after the spirit had left it. About one year before his death he dropped into P.O. Anderson, s carpenter shop in Castle Dale and told the latter that he believee it was time he (Olsen) was ordering his coffin. "I want it made 14 inches deep, 6 feet 8 inches long and 2 feet wide ", he said. "What do you want so lling a coffin for?" asked the cabinet maker. "So that I may have plenty of room to turn over, if I get tiered of lying on my back" was the reply. And the casket which was an exceptionally fine one, was made ~~xxxx~~ in accordance with his wishes.