

JOHN JOHNSON

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

John Johnson was one of the very early pioneers and prominent citizens "over the creek." A native of Warceland, Sweden, he was born December 15, 1821, and with his wife and four children emigrated to Utah in 1862. He joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Norway, where he lived for a number of years, being baptized by Karl Dorius, and took an active part in missionary work in the neighborhood where he lived.

On reaching Utah, he came direct to Lehi, where he has since made his home. In 1865 his wife Gorinna Torgersen died, leaving him with the care of five children, the youngest having been born in Lehi. Their names are: Anna(Mrs. George Beck), Willard, Parley, Charles, and Melvin.

In 1867 he married Anna Anderson, a native of Morra, Sweden, born 1828, who soon adapted herself to the pioneer conditions of the Johnson family and became a kind and affectionate mother to the children and a devoted wife and helpmate to Mr. Johnson. Besides being a good housekeeper, she was an expert worker in hair, making very beautiful necklaces, watch chains, and the like, of this material.

During his residence in Lehi, Mr. Johnson has followed the occupation of farming and during the latter years of his life was able to live in comparative comfort and enjoy the fruits of his toil and industry.

He died May 5, 1913, survived by his wife Anna and four sons.