

## **ANDREW A. PETERSON.**

### **Biography from the Lehi Centennial History**

Andrew A. Peterson was the son of Andreas Peterson and Marna Anderson, and was born in Ystad, Sweden, January 13, 1840. He joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints October 1, 1854, being a member of the first branch organized in Sweden. In 1855 he was ordained to the lesser priesthood and shortly after migrated to Denmark, where he labored for two years as a teacher, when he was ordained an elder and in 1858 was sent on a mission to his native land.

In 1862 he was honorably released from his missionary labors to emigrate to Utah. He started on this journey in the first part of April and while passing through Germany was married on the River Elbe to Mary Ann Pherson. They crossed the plains in Captain Liljenquist's ox-team company, arriving in Lehi in October, 1862.

He resided in Lehi continuously to the time of his death and held many positions of trust and honor. As a public servant he had few superiors, for his honesty and integrity were above reproach and his many years of service brought him the love and esteem of all with whom he associated.

For six terms .Mr. Peterson was a member of the City Council; twelve years a member of the school board; several years a member of the water board; two years general water-master; four years a policeman; a number of years director of the People's Co-operative Institution; and one of the promoters and first stockholders of the Lehi Union Exchange.

In ecclesiastical affairs his record is an enviable one. For thirty-three years he was president of the deacons' quorum: for thirty-five years a faithful Sunday School teacher; for over thirty years he was president of Ilir Scandinavian Saints of Lehi; and for many years one of the presidents of the 68th quorum of seventies. He was ordained a seventy January 17, 1872, and a high priest January 5, 1907. He died December 30, 1911.