

## **ANNA Christene Orego HAMMER.**

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

Mrs. Hammer, the wife of Hans Hammer, was born August 6, 1839, in Puerdal, Denmark. Her parents, Christian Larsen Orego and Marie Petersen, were farmer folk living on the shore of the North Sea. At the age of six she lost her father.

On the 17th of January, 1864, he was baptized a member of the Mormon Church, two years later emigrating to America, arriving in Utah September, 1866. Mrs. Hammer was a young woman of twenty-seven years of age when she crossed the plains and she walked the entire distance from Omaha City to West Weber, where she stayed for six months with William Cluff. During the summer of 1867 she was working in Salt Lake City for a family of Jews. While here some of her friends in Lehi prevailed on Mr. Hammer, who was a widower, to call on her, which he did with the result that she was persuaded to make Lehi her future home, being married to Mr. Hammer October 26, 1867.

At this time Mr. Hammer had a family of small children, times were hard and pioneer conditions prevailed, yet the subject of our sketch set bravely to work to make conditions better and help her husband rear his family. In time seven children blessed this union, but sad to relate only one is now living, Joseph, who with George, the son of the first wife, is conducting the business left them by their father.

Mrs. Hammer has ever been an industrious and faithful wife and mother, a good neighbor, and a devoted Latter-day Saint. For thirty-two years she has been an active Relief Society teacher and is still engaged in the work.