

WOMEN OF FAITH AND FORTITUDE  
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PIONEER NAME Johanna Christofferson Denison

BIRTH DATE AND PLACE 4 Dec 1825 Sandberg, Hrshlm, Denmark

DEATH DATE AND PLACE 28 Jul 1880 Manti, Sanpete, Utah

YEAR ARRIVED IN UTAH 30 Sep 1853 COMPANY John Forsgren

FATHER Jacob Christofferson

MOTHER Kirsten Hansen

WHO MARRIED AND DATE Hans Denison (Dinesen) - 22 Nov 1846

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 SPOUSE: Hans Denison (Dinesen)  
 MARRIED: 22 Nov 1846 Gjentofte, Cpnhgn, Denmark  
 DEATH SP: 13 Jan 1904 Manti, Sanpete, Utah  
 CHILDREN:

Rasmus	6 Dec 1847
Jens	10 Jan 1849
Ane Kirstine	3 Sep 1851
Ephriam Monarch	19 Mar 1853
Hans	29 Jul 1856
Joseph	19 Mar 1860
Johanna	8 Jan 1863
Hyrum	6 Jan 1865

Johanna was born in Denmark in 1825. She was just a young working girl on a farm when she met her husband, Hans Denison. They were married in 1846 in Denmark. Hans was called to go to war, and was the only one whose life was spared out of several hundred. This caused him to be very receptive when the gospel was preached in Denmark.

In 1852 they left Denmark with their 3-year old son, Jens, and Hans's mother of 77 years. They sailed on the ship "Monarch" in 1852, with the first group of Scandinavian Saints. Johanna gave birth to a son just before they landed at New Orleans, and named him Ephriam Monarch, after the ship. Within a month they reached St. Louis where Hans's mother died. They arrived in the Valley in Sep 1853, and went on to Spring City, Utah, then later Manti, Utah. The record says they were swindled out of all the money they brought, adding to the cold, hunger, hardships, hostile Indians, and fears of a new, strange land.

Johanna's home was three small rooms added on to her wagon, built from stone her husband brought from the quarry. She supported her husband in helping to build 3 temples, the St. George, the Manti and the Salt Lake. She was a loving, faithful, kind, and hard working wife. She was married for 37 years but never did adjust to be a polygamous wife. She died in 1880 in Manti, Sanpete, Utah.

Johanna Christoffersen Denison (Dinesen)

Born: 4 Dec. 1825, Sandberg, Hrshlm, Denmark

Died: 28 July 1880, Manti, San Pete Co., Ut.

Parents: Jacob, and Kirsten Hansen Christoffersen

Arrived: Sep. 30, 1853, with John Forsgren

Married: Hans Denison (Dinesen) 22 Nov, 1846, Gjentofofte, Cpnhgn, Dnmr

Husband's death, 13 Jan. 1904, Manti, San Pete Co, Utah

Their children:

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2. Jens, 10 Jan. 1849, Gjentofofte, Copenhagen, Denmark
3. Ane Kirstine, 3 Sep. 1851, Gjentofofte, Copenhagen, Denmark
4. Ephraim Monarch, 19 Mar. 1853, New Orleans, Louisiana
5. Hans, 29 Jul. 1856, Manti, San Pete Co. Utah
6. Joseph, 19 Mar. 1860, Manti, San Pete Co. Utah
7. Johanna, 8 Jan. 1863, Manti, San Pete Co. Utah
8. Hyrum, 6 Jan. 1865, Manti, San Pete Co. Utah

Johanna was just a young girl working on a little farm called Sunde Garrd, when she first met her husband Hans Denison (Dinesen). After about a year they married, on 22 Nov 1846. Her husband was so happy, he thought he had an "angel from Heaven". Hans was called off to a terrible war in 1849, and his life was the only one spared out of several hundred. This experience caused Johanna and her husband to become overjoyed when they heard of the revelations given to Joseph Smith. They felt there was a true religion sent to their Fatherland for the good of all people who would believe. Such happiness to know that they could be sealed for "time and all eternity," instead of "till death do us part."

On 31 Dec 1852 they left Copenhagen, Denmark to sail for Zion, taking with them their three year old son, Jens, and Hans's mother of 77 years. They sailed on the ship "Monarch" with the first group of Scandinavian emigrants. After two and a half months, they landed at New Orleans. Before the ship docked, Johanna gave birth to a son, whom they named Ephraim Monarch, after the ship. Within a month they arrived in St. Louis where Hans's mother died. This little family continued on towards Salt Lake Valley, enduring all the typical trials and tribulations of other pioneers.

As they arrived in the Valley, Brigham Young instructed them to go on south to Spring City, then later to Manti. They were swindled out of all the money they brought, adding to the cold, hunger, hardships, and terrible fears caused by Indians who were so hostile.

Her home was three small rooms added on to her wagon, built from stone her husband brought from the Quarry.

Johanna was praised always by her husband and others, as being a faithful, loving, kind and hard working wife. She supported her husband in helping to build three temples, Salt Lake, St. George and Manti.

She was married for thirty-seven years but never did adjust to being a polygamous wife. She died 28 Jan 1880, her husband died 13 Jan 1904.