

O.J. ANDERSEN.

PIONEER, TEACHER, BUSINESSMAN, HUSBAND, FATHER, BELIEVER IN GOD.

O.J. Andersen, came from Norway to Utah, in 1874, He married Kathinka Wilberg, November 1874, and on March, 1884, he married her sister Nathalia, "my Grandmother," they moved to Castle Dale, from Ephriam in March 1884, and helped to operate one of the first Co-operative stores, it was located in a log cabin that later became the home of Lyman & Myrtle Larsen, the home was built around the Cabin in later years.

In 1898 Grandpa O.J. built the first Hotel in this area, it was operated by his first wife Kathinka, and her daughters, Eda, and Hulda.

The Hotel was well known for its clean beds, and the food was outstanding, it had a Scandinavian touch, such as Redmush, Sweetsoup, and many other mouth watering goodies.

Quote; " The Hotel has been noted through the years for it's successful parties and banquets, this from people from all over the country who had stayed there".

August, 1937, Captain Carlton G. Rockey of the local U.C.U. Camp and Mrs. Rockey were Host and Hostess at a dinner party at the Andersen Hotel at which 21 guest were present, After the dinner, the party enjoyed dancing at the Wilberg Grove.

This is but one of the many groups that enjoyed the Hotel's hospitality.

In 1907 Mrs. O.J. Andersen had an eight room addition erected onto the Hotel.

In the Spring of 1914 the Andersen Hotel people erected the large screen porch that ran the full length of the south side of Hotel.

In April 1944, the Andersen Hotel, the first official Hotel in town, after playing host to Castle Dale visitors for many years, changed hands, it was sold to Louis & Bertha Jones. later it became a rest home for elderly people,

In 1978 , the Hotel was razed to make room for the First Security Bank.

The big Fern that stands in the foyer of the L.D.S. Stake center was a long time resident of the Hotel, it was a gift from Aunt Eda to the ward.

NEWSPAPER:

Two attempts to establish a newspaper in Emery County prior to 1897, proved unsuccessful, the first paper bore the name "The Emery County Pioneer", it was started late in the year 1897, the pioneer was not able to endure.

A.E. Jameson, who had been affiliated with the Pioneer, became proprietor and manager, of a second journalistic attempt, with O.J. Andersen as editor.

The first printing office was located in the building that later became the U.S. office.

In 1899, the Emery County Record, was started with A.E. Jameson as publisher and O.J. Andersen as editor, it was an independent paper, it consisted of four

pages, which measured seventeen by twenty four inches, the paper did not last a full year, the failure of these two papers branded Emery County as a place where a newspaper could not live.

Years later the paper was again published and grew to be a healthy infant.

It was regularly published once a week for a whole year, this was a better record than ever made before by any other paper published in the County, it made a steady go from 1900 on.

On Sept. 7 1907, O.J. Andersen sent a wireless to the Progress requesting a copy of the best County Paper ever published in Utah, he was visiting his daughter in Grace, Idaho.

Other Editors that I remember were Dave Williams, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Saunders, Clarin Ashby, Ray Williams, and the present Publisher Kevin Ashby.

The paper is presently printed in Price.

I remember working for Mr. Roberts, he got two rollers every evening, that is where I learned to use the rollers. Sawdust to sweep with so as not to make any dust, I was really fascinated watching him point the letters on the little lead bars, and set them in the printing machine, he even let me tap them in place.

#### POINTS OF INTEREST.

People that I remember.

Dr. Paul Christensen= Needed one hundred dollars to be a millionaire.

Chief White Eagle Indian Dr. who used to camp down in our pasture.

Old Frenchy, really new his sheep.

Joe Biddlecome what a laugh.

Doug Hambrick his poetry.

Bill Hambrick beautiful horses and saddles.

Dee Leavit horse trader, gave mares milk to kids for whopping caught.

Bellevue

# History of my life in Castle Dale, as I remember -

O.D. Anderson, his wives, Kathinka & Nathalia.  
Came from Norway 1874 - sisters to Carl Wilberg -  
married - Kathinka 11-9-1879, Nathalia March - 22 - 1882 -  
Built Hotel 1898 Aunt Kathinka, her daughters Eda & Hulda  
ran it, until 1944

Famous for food people came from all over to stay  
there & eat -

Quote - The Hotel has been noted through the years for its  
successful public parties and banquets from all over the  
country

~~The Anderson family arrived here in March 1884,  
and helped operate one of the first Co-operative stores,  
then located in the now remodeled home of Mr & Mrs  
Lynn Sarsen,~~

The first drug store in Castle Dale, was established  
by Carl Wilberg and was located in the Hotel Bldg.

1902 Mrs. O.D. Anderson erected an eight Room  
frame addition to her Hotel,

1888, O.D. Anderson was arrested on a charge of  
co-habitation, he had married two wives.

In 1888 in the first district court, held by J. W. 19-1888  
he was found guilty and sentenced by Judge Judd, to 120 days imprisonment  
and a fine of \$50.00

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County, from 1890 to 1901 proved to be unsuccessful.

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not able to endure -

By vocation O.D. Anderson was a school teacher,  
and held a government permit -

Flour mill "Dan Lowery" owner -  
Powered by water wheel that was in mill race.  
later powered by electricity - storage silo.  
Kids parked up wheel on road a in front of Post office

Rooming House Orange & Hanna Sealey owners, ran it for  
the convenience for people who came to the mill with team &  
wagon from all over the County, Butch Cassidy stays  
there, they had a raspberry patch across from us Mr  
Sealey would let us kids have berries, grandma Sealey  
would sometimes have <sup>23410</sup> it was now on highway Weyrside Hotel  
near Sealey Lane of Butcher Winters moved there  
and we stayed there and slept  
what a pleasure -  
Don't think he was,  
I see who I

as kid was  
time it  
real  
would  
goodies  
like  
to be  
full frogs,  
the toe  
and late  
he let m  
momma dies

The brick masons that come  
from the area, Will Peterson, Pete Jasper  
(shot).

Some of the houses had a row of brick on the  
outside, then a row of adobe, brick in the center  
and a row of brick liners, the walls are about  
15" thick.

They started to move houses from  
the one camp to the new and set them on ready-  
made ~~found~~ <sup>made</sup> ~~any~~ <sup>found</sup> ~~made~~ <sup>found</sup> Tom Wells did  
most of the work.

Then a few years later they started bringing in  
pre-made houses they were new and moved all in one  
piece, the area is full of this type of homes.

These ~~houses~~ <sup>houses</sup> were the top houses, the material was  
shipped in by trucks, then the house was assembled  
on the home site. Also many mobile homes were  
assembled here, they were less expensive & almost an

They used a general saw mill  
to make lumber. The lumber used  
was mostly from the mountains west of  
the area. To get to the forest service officials  
had to go to the forest service, then the person  
had to go to the forest service to the closest mill to  
be able to make the necessary woods that were needed.

Most of the older homes in the area, had a outside  
door in every room, also a transom over the door was  
common, plus high ceilings.

Some real old ones had leather straps for hinges.

## Wilber

Dancing, swimming, Birds & animals  
foxes - good times

### Dad & Jack Morand "muzzing"

At the time of the Castle Gate robbery, dad and his friend & partner Jack Morand were going to dad cabin down in Stribald getting a late start for home, they decided to spend the night at the mouth of Buckhorn wash, it is good that they did as a few miles down the wash the outlaws who had robbed the payroll & the sheriff's posse were shooting it out, getting dark it is very possible that they may have been shot.

Another time they were camped down under the ledge, some men rode into their camp and said, Paul we would like to trade your horses, dad said go ahead take the ones you want, for the men that they were talking to was Butch Cassidy and his gang -

One more -

Dad was tending bar for Geo. Brandon at the saloon a person came in and asked for Geo. Brandon, da asked what he wanted Geo. for, the man said I want to kill the S.C.B. it was Matt Warner -

From all the stories I had heard of Matt Warner I believed him to be at least 10 ft tall, when I met him I was quite disappointed, as he was only normal size and looked like anyone else -

## Old Kids

When we were growing up, Norwegian was spoken a lot of the time in all of our homes, especially if they had something that they didn't want us kids to know, so in defense we learned to understand the language and speak some.

Another thing I remember, was when the Jubs of Madsen families got together for a meal, and of course Grandpa O.J. Grandma & Aunt Ralhebe, the meal would be prepared, then came the bad news, Grandpa would say now you kiddies run out and play, and if there is any time left over shall have it, we would go out, look back through the window knowing we were going to starve, but after the adults had eaten, the table was cleared, reset and then the kids ate, and there was always plenty. ~~Let~~ Grandpa's word was law, and you did not question it.

Grandpa really liked kids, we were Dorcas kids, and the Madsen, were Sigrid kids. He always carried conference drops "peppermint" in his pocket, and would give them to every kid that he met no matter who you belonged to.

some of the cabins were loop with boards on them and  
then dirt would be for roofs, no ceilings-

stuccoed on the outside.

Most foundations were large rocks layed up with  
mortar, which consisted of sand from the river bed  
& lime which was burned locally, one lime kiln  
was located just south of the river on Jim Peterson  
farm -

The roofs were usually covered with flat  
boards or hand made cedar shingles.

The floors were mostly made of boards that were  
hand planed so that they locked together the joint  
was called ship lap joint, the shavings were used  
for insulation.

I don't know what year that it started out  
some of the homes had linoleum covering on the  
floor usually 9'x12' in size and almost always  
they put a couple of layers of newspaper under  
it, years later when we were remodeling these  
places, it was a real treat to pull up the linoleum  
& read the old papers some almost 50 yrs. old.

When I worked on these old places I always  
looked under the base board for old coins that had  
slid under them.

One home that I worked on I was replacing  
the entire front door and porch, when I tore out  
the old frame work it was filled with sawdust.  
When I removed the floor covering it had a layer  
of grass hay under it, for padding & insulation.

There are several homes in the area that have  
log cabins inside that have been built around

Later years some men in the area started to mow  
and kiln burn the birches that are in the older  
homes in the area.



I remember the "stalls" parking garages behind  
Wimberly's store station, the thing that sticks in  
my mind was that the various commodities were  
distributed there. The canned goods were stamped  
with large red "no sale" letters and the clothing  
had a "no sale" on it even, you could tell them a  
block away, we had them, but it was what we  
had to wear.

Evening County Progress, first paper published by  
my grand father, G. Anderson,

~~Some of the people who read it later were -  
Mr. Roberts he let me sweep the floor with saw  
dust soaked in fuel oil, to keep down the dust -  
later saw Saunders read it then Clarin Ashby,  
Roy Williams -~~

Wilberg meat Markt. operated by Evan Wilberg -  
they had a ice making machine.

Little Dal Co. Op. Operated by Mr. Kellar.  
I used to help out on occasion at the Co. Op.  
in the back was garden bins and other storage we  
would clean up this area, what made it special  
was that it had an elevator, which was run by  
pulling a rope, what for, also we would deliver  
hand bills to all the houses in town.

The big event of the year was at X-mas time  
they would raffle off prizes, you would get a ticket  
for so many dollars worth of groceries purchased,  
someone in our family won a cedar chest one year -  
Mr. Kellar moved to Reno, the store changed hands

Heater Drug store -

Mr. J.T. Hunter owner and operator, had the best Root beer in the county, we would buy a milk milk in hopes of getting a free one, he made everyone feel special.

① Store "Carl Wilberg"

② Saloon - Les. Brandon, Dad tended bar, Matt Warner custom

3. Show House - Sam Johnson owner, Mrs. Hunter played piano

Dentist - Mr. P.C. Christensen (lacked 100.00 to be a million

Abstract - Ole Jorenson -

Dr. Office - "A.D.W. Nixon."

Carpenter shop - "Pete Gasper"

Emery County Bank - Edmond Crawford mgr. Sam Ungerman <sup>telli</sup>

Telephone office upstairs

Cafe - "Grace Wilberg"

Cleaners - Carl Keller.

Service station "Raymond Huntington - Tracy Jeffs -

Winters Garage (Eunice Wilberg owner) P.C. Jones feed <sup>lead</sup>

Coast to Coast store -

Lithing House (Gen & Grace Johnson Home)

Relief Society Hall frame building, burned down, later Andy & Zed's Bell home, now Gary & Della Cox home.

Opera House?

Emer. State Academy - Castle Dale, Ward -

Movies at church - \$1<sup>00</sup> per week per family - No dollar -

Made Bricks & got out timber for new church -

Central High School = now Prison site -

Castle Dale Elementary School, now City Hall, Museum  
swimming pool -

Old Court House, later recreation center, torn down  
Old Jail up in west end of town, dad was jailer,  
momma fed them, Paul Majnrik, Eric Serin, & Jim Nelson  
Bottom fell from glass of milk.

Emer. Larsen, ran Barber shop & Pool hall, later  
state liquor store - , Stan Jensen also barber -

I remember when the electric lights were put in  
the street lights had to be turned on in the evening &  
turned off in the morning by hand, switch on Pole.  
Telephone Poles run down center of street,  
switchboard was hand operated -

When the sewer lines were installed, the trench  
were dug by hand, covered up by team of prisons, as  
kids used to run up and down the trenches, Pipe was  
made of crockery with cement joints, Roots grew through the  
joints, later Orangeburg was used, then P.V.C -  
First Water lines were wood, wound with wire,  
next Cast Iron, now P.V.C -

in a barrel, wagon in the summer, sled in the winter.

I remember the streets, they were dirt and when it rained or snowed they were mud.

\* When we were kids in the summer time we would swim in the river down by the grist mill, there was a big old cottonwood tree that we would swing out and drop into the water from -

No one had a swimming suit so we swam in the buff, all boys, once in a while the girls would sneak down and tie our clothes in knots, one time they rocked us out of the creek and jumped in themselves, we were a sorry sight out on the other side of the river in the rabbit brush & our clothes on this side.

I can only remember of one person drowning in the river, his name was Holland Akeland, we used to swim in high water time too. In the winter we would see skate down to the brakes and back.

People that I remember.

Doug Hambrick and his factory.

Bill " " and his horses & trapping.

Joe Biddlecome and his laugh.

Drew Asay - always good for a nickel for us kids.

Bill Cash, and his stories.

Matt Warner - not nearly 10' tall.

Si. Winters and his tall stories.

## Emery County Fair.

I remember the old fair grounds, down where the rodeo grounds are now, the exhibit pens for all kinds of animals & fowls, the exhibit hall with all the jars and cakes of cookies.

the race track where they had some pretty good horses run, later the name was changed to Emery County Vestibular Roundup about the same as the fair but no exhibits, they had Rodeo, Boxing, <sup>Wrestling</sup> - Dia Darn, Strong, Lewis and others horse races, I remember old Kelton from <sup>the Emery fair</sup> Huntington, Wildfire & Merrylegs from John Bell's farm and many others from around the County, People come from all over to the fair, auto, team and wag, Arnie Nelson brought melons from Greenview. Later the name was changed to the Emery County Rodeo I got involved then, we had a rodeo but no races. we sold raffle tickets gave away many prizes the top prize was a beef steer, the grand stand was moved to where it is now, & the arena was built at this time.

Business People I remember.

Shoe maker Mr. Cash - Niels Nielson, Alt Blackbarn-

Blacksmith Shop: See Johnson, Arthur Jeffs, Lee M.

Huntington Bus. store, if they didn't have it, they would get it for you.

Groceries, meat, clothing, furniture supplies, paint. This especially a good place to visit and catch up on the latest going on in town - (horse show & vet supply)