

LIFE STORY OF MAREN LUND CHRISTENSEN

Our First Relief Society Treasurer
On The Muddy

By her daughter, Hannah C. Allred
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Maren Christensen was born August 1, 1842, in Lyngby, Aalborg, Denmark. The youngest child and only daughter of Christen Christensen, and Johanne Christine Lund.

In young womanhood she married Casper Christensen, a young soldier, who after three years of service had been mustered out of the Army in that part of the country. Their first child, a beautiful baby boy, passed away in infancy in the old country.

Soon after their marriage they embraced the Gospel, and in November, 1869, they emigrated to the United States with their daughter Hannah, then one year old.

They had started for Utah, but went to Minnesota where two of Sister Christensen's brothers were living. While there, Brother Christensen was taken very ill, and when he recovered several weeks later they were without means to continue their journey.

They settled in Minnesota for six years, then sold their home and property there and came to Utah. First they settled in Spring City for another six years, and then moved to Emery County where they settled as pioneers on the Muddy Creek. Sister Christensen was a very hard worker and endured all the hardships of pioneer life.

On the 27th of October, 1887, she was chosen to be the Treasurer of the Muddy Ward Relief Society (later called the Emery Ward) at its first organization. She was very ill at the time and it seemed to be the Lord's will that she should be called elsewhere to finish her labors.

She passed away November 3, 1887, at the age of 45, less than a week after she had been chosen, leaving her husband and eight young children to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother.

She was a faithful Latter-Day-Saint, always ready and willing to do more than her share.

She did all she could to help in sickness, death and poverty among the people, helping to wash and lay out the dead, helping with the serving, and other things wherever she could.

Her first two babies, Johannes Christian and Johannah Christene were born in Denmark. The first baby died there at the age of two months. The next three children, Hans Christen, Mary and Sena were born at Alber Lee, Freeborn Minnesota, the next two daughters, Annie and Bentina Cecelia were born at Spring City, Utah and the next two, Bolletta Marie and Pauline Harriette, were born at Emery, Utah (On the Muddy).