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It must have been very hard to live then, In this new County.

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They had 10 ten children. 6 Babies died. They had a lot of sickness

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She helped in the field drove the horses,
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She did all kinds of Fancy work,
Knit sweaters, socks Baby Shawls.
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We made trips across the Mts in
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Aaron Aman died Aug. 4 1941
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Left a family of 14 children
24 Grand Children

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Brother and Sister Oman celebrated fifty years of married life at their home in Castle Dale 1 August 1937.
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The children and grandchildren were all present except for Lorin Fowler who was in the Army training camp at Monterey, California.
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Funeral services for Brother Oman 78, were held Wednesday August 7, 1941. Bishop E.A. Nielsen conducting; opening prayer was offered by Erastus Larsen; the speakers were: S.H. Larsen, and Louis P. Oveson; Mrs. Doree Oman of Price sang a vocal solo: Mrs. Emma Fillmore sang, "That silver Haired Daddy of Mine." Tallisen Evans sang, "Silver Threads Among the Gold;" "O My Father," was sung by the ward quartet; closing number, "Sometime We'll Understand." by the Choir. Closing Prayer, Leo Peterson; the grave was dedicated by John L. Olsen, a son-in-law from Moroni.

He was survived by Vernon Oman and Mrs. Zelda Anderson, Castle Dale; Mrs. Ethel Oman (Jensen), Moroni; and Mrs. Vana Fowler, Price; William Oman, Boneta and James Oman, Duchesne and 25 grandchildren.
Sister Oman was survived by the same sons and daughter as her husband and 27 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.