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She always attended to the many ill's of the Vellej, always walking, typhoid and scarlet fever, dyptheria, measles and any other fitness. These she handled without any anticeptics of any kind. Her husband, fearful ~~lest~~ she contact these deadly diseases, requested she be set apart as midwife and nurse. Patriarch Alexander Jameson officiated in the blessing.

January 15, 1886, another little girl made her appearance into this family, given the name Olivia. In 1888 a boy was born. This child, James, didn't live very long. On October 3, 1891 Caroline Kirstine was born, living until 1892. This made eleven children in this family.

Residents from various parts of Utah honored the state's oldest woman, Mrs. Annie Catherine Rasmussen on Sunday, June 11, 1944, when she observed her 100th birthday anniversary. Sister Rasmussen was visited by Bishop LeGrand Richards, presiding bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and Chairman of the Old Folks Central Committee, and Rodney Hillam Jr., Vice-chairman, and Harold Jensen, Historian of the Old Folks Central Committee, who presented her with a beautiful potted plant and a

red, white, and blue rosette with pearl trimming denoting her the second living centenarian in the State of Utah, and the oldest woman in Salt Lake County. She was living in Sandy with her daughter, Olivia, at the time. Bishop Richards asked how she managed to keep so young for so many years. Little Sister Rasmussen quipped, "I do not know. My sister Natia Justensen and Peterson both of Moroni died young (they were 96 and 97)."

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When I was 96 I carried water to chickens, milked two cows and looked after the gardens on the farm which belonged to my son Hyrum. I have twenty grandchildren, six great and six great, great grandchildren now and I love to have them visit me. I have always loved dressing up and cleaning my room. I like a bit of scent (perfume) but no pink in my cheeks. I can still cook and help with dishes."

Sister Rasmussen, a resident of Castle Dale sixty-three years, was honored by Emery County on this occasion with a big dance at the ward cultural hall on Saturday evening, on June 10, and according to Sister Rasmussen, "I'll bet I can dance, too."

On her way to Castle Dale for this noted celebration, Sister Rasmussen experienced her first airplane ride. Her grandson, Oliver Petersen, made arrangements for her to fly to Price.

A program honoring Sister Rasmussen was held Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Castle Dale ward chapel when the Sunday school was turned into a testimonial honoring the aged resident who had given so much service to the community.

As the oldest woman in the State of Utah, Anna Rasmussen was honored February 21 in Salt Lake City on national radio program "Breakfast in Hollywood", at which time she was interviewed and presented with an orchid by Tom Breneman. At this time she pointed out she loved flowers but it was the first orchid she had ever received.

This little woman lived through six wars. Three of her

sons filled L.D.S. missions, Erastus to Denmark, Joseph to Canada, and Hyrum to Maryland. She was the mother of eleven children, six died in infancy.

Before her death she enjoyed the company of 22 grandchildren, 34 great and 12 great-great grandchildren.

One of the most remarkable facts of this elderly woman is that her mind and memory was vivid to the end and she clearly related incidents of her early age and pioneer life. She talked face to face with Brigham Young while at Ephraim, and she knew Abraham Lincoln, and knew personally many early leaders of the Church.

She bore an outstanding testimony at Sacramento services on Sunday and her testimony never faltered in the many years she lived upon the earth.

When Sister Rasmussen was ~~one hundred~~ ¹⁰¹ and one¹/₂ June 11, 1945, she was guest of honor at the reunion of more than 5,500 past 70 Salt Lake County residents June 1945 at the 70th Annual Old Folks Day at Liberty Park. She was accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. Johanna Petersen, 76, of Salt Lake, and Mrs. Olivia Clair and received the award for the oldest woman present and she danced in the evening.

Sister Rasmussen still alert and in good health was looking forward to spending her 102nd at the home of her daughter, Olivia Clair, in Sandy where also lived four of her great grandchildren with their parents, S-Sgt. and Mrs. Julius H. Lamb-- Linda Elizabeth, 7 months, Florence, 10, Judy, 4, and Arthur

Frank Lamb, 9. Sister Rasmussen always said it takes children to make a happy Christmas. But Sister Anna Rasmussen, Utah's oldest woman died November ~~19~~⁶, 1946 at the age of 102, at the home of her daughter, Olivia Clair in Sandy, Utah.

Her funeral services were held in her home town of Castle Dale at the ~~school auditorium~~ Sunday, November 17, 1946. Interment was in the Castle Dale cemetery.

She was survived by two sons, Hyrum S, Castle Dale, and Joseph S. Rasmussen, Salt Lake City, and two daughters, Mrs. Olivia Clair, Sandy, and Mrs. Johanna D. Petersen, Salt Lake City.

The following is a copy of the funeral services held for Sister Rasmussen.

Announcements: Bishop Eugene Johanson

Song: Sister Thou Art Asleep, Ladies Chorus

Opening Prayer: Brother O.W. Sorenson, Jr.

Song: Just a Weary'n' For You, Mrs. Emma Reynolds

Tribute : Mrs. Dagmar Williams

Song: I Know That My Redeemer Lives, Milton Judd

Tribute: Bishop E.A. Nelson

Tribute: Eternal Thanks, Florence Kiesel

Tribute: Harold J. Jensen

Song: That Wonderful Mother of Mine,
Joan and Evelyn Peacock

Tribute: Rodney Hillman

Song: When You Come to the End of a Perfect Day,
Elwin Rasmussen

Closing Comments: Bishop Eugene Johanson

Closing Song: Rock of Ages, Ladies Chorus

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One of the greatest privileges I have ever had occurred on Sister Anna's 100th birthday. On this anniversary I was permitted to share a dance with her. Not many people have ever had a 100 year old dancing partner. This is one pleasant memory that will always remain with me.

She grew old beautifully. She always showed great recognition whenever I visited her during her last years. She didn't fear death yet she appreciated every moment of her long life. She never did quit. She was always busy and never was content to rest and she always showed great interest in the material and spiritual things of life. Mrs. Rasmussen's descendants

should feel proud to be a descendent of such a woman.

All her children loved her. Olivia was always kind to her and Hyrum gave her all the attention possible during the years they lived together in Castle Dale. All her children are due a lot of honor for the way they took care of her during her last years.

She has lived a long, hard life. Her life as a pioneer was filled with innumerable hardships. She had to make many sacrifices yet she was always grateful for coming to this country. Our lives are filled with beauty, wonder and plenty but we will always remember her teachings. Her teachings will always be with all her friends and, more so, with her family.

dedicated by Ole Sitterud. Burial was in Castle Dale cemetery,
under the direction of Wallace Mortuary.

She was survived by one daughter, Mrs. Rosabell Christensen,
Los Angeles; one brother, Carl Wilberr, Castle Dale; 23
grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and three great-great
grandchildren.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

VITAL STATISTICS
STATE OF UTAH
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File No. 19074
Registrar's No. 193

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County: Salt Lake
(b) City or town: Sandy
(c) Name of hospital or institution: 535 E. 4th North St., Sandy, Utah
(If not in hospital or institution give street number or location)
(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution 12 years, months or days. (Specify whether years, months or days)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
(a) State: Utah (b) County: Salt Lake
(c) City or town: Sandy
(If outside city or town limits write RURAL)
(d) Street No.: 535 E. 4th North St.
(If rural give location)
(e) If foreign born, how long in U.S.A. 65 years

3. (a) FULL NAME: ANNA CATHERINE RASMUSSEN
(b) If veteran, name war: no (c) Social Security No.: None

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
20. DATE OF DEATH: November 6, 1946
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Sept 4, 1946, to Nov 6, 1946.
I first saw h. or alive on Nov 5, 1946.
death occurred on the date stated above, at 8:00 P.m. Duration 2 yrs
Immediate cause of death: Paralytic vascular renal disease
Due to: general debility 6 mos
Due to: _____
Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death): _____
Major findings: _____
Of operations: _____
Of autopsy: _____
Physician Underline the cause to which death should be charged etc. (initially).

4. Sex: Female 5. Color or race: White 6. (a) Single, widowed, married or divorced: divorced
6 (b) Name of husband or wife: Andrew Rasmussen
6 (c) Age of husband or wife if alive: deceased yrs. 11, 1844
7. Birth date of deceased: June 11, 1844 (Month) (Day) (Year)

8. AGE: Years: 102 Months: 4 Days: 25 If less than one day hr. min.
9. Birthplace: Denmark (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
10. Usual occupation: none (State or foreign country)
11. Industry or business: at home

MOTHER FATHER
12. Name: Unknown (Petersen)
13. Birthplace: Denmark (City, town or county) (State or foreign country)
14. Maiden name: Maria Knutson
15. Birthplace: Denmark (City, town or county) (State or foreign country)

16 (a) Informant's own signature: _____
(b) Address: _____
17 (a) REMOVAL: _____ (b) Date thereof: 11 9 46 (Month) (Day) (Year)
(Burial, cremation, or removal)
(c) Place: burial or cremation: Castledale, Utah
18 (a) Mortuary: Deseret Mortuary Company
(b) Signature of funeral director: _____
(c) Address: 36 E. 7th So. (d) License No.: 53
(e) Was body embalmed? YES (f) Embalmer's License No.: 280
19 (a) Nov 9-1946 (b) _____ (Registrar's signature) (Date received local registrar)

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify): _____
(b) Date of occurrence: _____
(c) Where did injury occur? _____ (City or town) (County) (State)
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? _____
(e) While at Work? _____
(f) Means of injury: _____ (Specify type of place)
(g) Signature: John E. Brockert (M.D. or other) _____
23. Address: 1946

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This is to certify that this is a true copy of the certificate on file in this office. This certified copy is issued under authority of Section 26-15-26 of the Utah Code Annotated, 1953 as Amended.
Date Issued:

COUNTY: _____
REGISTRAR: _____

John E. Brockert
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DIRECTOR OF VITAL STATISTICS

