

## ANN PENN MALIN

Born: 1832 England  
 Age: 24  
 Hunt Wagon Company



Ann was the third child in a Quaker family with nine children, and said to be the great-granddaughter of William Penn. She had large dark brown eyes and brown hair, and possessed a kind and genial disposition. At an early age she attended school, learned to knit and sew and studied the letter charts. Her parents could not afford to send her to school for very long, so she taught herself to read, and became self-educated. At the age of ten she was hired out as a servant in homes of wealthy people, and earned her own living from that time.

Ann heard the Mormon missionaries, studied, and with a prayerful heart was baptized as a member of the Church in 1850 at the age of 18. After five years of hard work, she saved enough money for passage to America on the ship *Horizon*. She was with her friend, Sarah Ann Franks. (See Sarah Franks in Martin company section of *Tell My Story, Too*.) Ann had gone to the shipping docks and was engaged as the cook for the captain and the crew of this ship. They landed in Boston on July 18 and continued to Iowa where she was hired as a cook in John Hunt's wagon company. This company was instructed to follow closely behind the Martin handcart company and render any needed assistance.

In late October, food became scarce. If an animal fell down from exhaustion it was immediately killed and dressed for food. The rawhides were cut into strips and used to bind the tires onto the rims of the wagon wheels. After a time all food was exhausted and the men cut those rawhides from the wheels and boiled them to make soup. Ann said that as she handed the men their small rations, and saw their suffering from hunger, she prayed to the Lord to take away her appetite so she might give her rations to relieve the suffering of others. She testified her prayers were answered, as she gave away her food, but was never hungry.

When some rescue teams were sent ahead as ambulance wagons, Ann was chosen to go with them to nurse and care for the sick children. Ann remained at her post of duty with these until arrangements for care were made by the Church. One little Danish girl, Maren Johansen, had the flesh of her feet literally fall off as the wagon jolted along. Ann cared for her tenderly, carrying her much of the way in order to prevent further pain and damage to Maren's feet.

After arriving in the Valley, Ann met Joseph Parry and married him a month later. Ann and Joseph had a daughter, Ann. This marriage was cancelled in 1858. Ann later married Charles Sharp in 1859. Ann and her family moved to Fort Union where their home served as the post office. Later they moved to Midvale on State Street where they lived in a dugout an entire summer while their home was being built. Ann worked hard and raised a fine family. She liked to have celebrations in her home for special days. Ann always longed to visit England to see her family again and her husband encouraged her to go for a short visit. Her father had died, but she visited her mother and brothers and sisters. They wanted her to stay, but she was anxious to return to her family.

Ann was blessed with the gift of prophecy. One morning she said, "Mother died last night. I heard the church bells toll in the old church yard last night and I know that she is dead." Sure enough, a letter came stating that her mother had died, and the family said she died the night Ann had heard the bells. She had other similar incidents throughout her life.



*The Nurturer*

Ann Malin and Maren Johansen

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