

ANNIE NAOMI PEEL CROCKETT



Annie Naomi Peel crossed the plains when she was only six years of age in the Martin Hand Cart Company. She came with her father, mother and her sister, Marantha. They endured many hardships. Her father died from lack of food, exposure and exhaustion on Nov. 12 at Devils Gate, Wyoming, leaving his family to finish the journey alone.

She grew up to be slender and tall. She had black hair, an olive complexion and was very pretty. She married and became the second wife of Alvin Crockett on November 29, 1866. They made their home in Logan and built a new home near the college. They took in college students to help support their family. Room and board was \$12 a month and for an extra \$.25 a week they did their washing. Delia, her daughter, told how as a child she used to stand on a box to help wash the clothes for these boarders.

They raised a large garden and the girls helped their mother bottle the fruit and vegetables. They used to kill pigs for their winter's meat each year on Delia's birthday which was December 11, and work until Christmas time taking care of the meat for both families. If they didn't get finished before Christmas, they worked until they did and Christmas had to wait. The salt brine that they used to soak the meat in had to be strong enough to hold up an egg.

She developed cancer and was sick for a long time. She was so ill that she spent the last ten years of her life in bed. She lived long enough to see her first grandchild, LaPreo. Delia, her daughter, took the baby and held her up to the window of the house where Naomi was in bed, and Naomi waved her handkerchief at her grandchild. She died just a few days after this.

A keepsake of Naomi's has come down through her family. It is a beautiful shawl. It belonged to Naomi's mother. Both Naomi and her sister, Marantha, wanted the shawl so their mother tore it in two pieces and gave each daughter half. Naomi loved this shawl, and she treasured her half. The shawl is still in the possession of the family.

Naomi's life was full of hardships, but she taught her family to be industrious. Delia many times told her children that they were taught to work hard. She died still holding fast to her testimony of the gospel.

(This history was written in February 1977 by Ella Lloyd, great granddaughter. Facts were gathered from other histories and from the memory of her grandson, Paul T. Lechtenberg and his wife, Twila. It was typed by another great granddaughter, Imogene C. Davis.)