

## GOUDY HOGAN

(Gaute Erikesson Midtboen Haugen)

Born: 16 September 1829 Norway

Age: 27

Rescuer



Goudy Hogan's family came to America in 1837. They became some of the first Norwegian converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1843. He was faithful throughout his life, and became the father of 25 children. He served as a Bishop, and as a missionary in Scandinavia from 1878-1880.

Goudy Hogan's history reveals some of the effects of the drought of 1855-56 in Utah. Those pioneers already in the territory were struggling themselves that winter. Goudy's account also mentions what has become known as the "Reformation" wherein Brigham Young called for renewed dedication among the Saints. It appears that Goudy left the Salt Lake Valley for the rescue toward the end of October, probably with Anson Call's group from Bountiful. The following are from Goudy's own writings:

"1855: I worked in the canyon this winter and cut and sawed logs and brought them from the mountains. I had a serious accident, a saw log rolled over me and it seemed that while the log was rolling over me, I could see all my past life before me at a glance. I was hurt so badly that I had to crawl on my hands and knees to get down the mountains. I thought one time that I would not get over it, but the Lord healed me to a great extent although I felt the effects of it to this day. This season I built a reservoir around 5 acres of land to gather water. I had several hands employed during the spring, to work on this large canal, which cost me over \$300, however, it proved to be a failure. This year was very dry and a very great scarcity of provisions resulted. We were advised to sow only 15 bushels to the acre and it was so short that we had to pull it up by the root, having so much I could not gather it all myself, many came and helped for wheat. I gave them half for pulling the wheat up by the root. My wheat was all drilled in rows 18 inches apart. I drilled one peck to the acre, planted 40 acres and raised 200 bushels, but it took over half to pay expenses.

"1856: My son, Brigham Goudy Hogan, was born March 30th. This was in the days of reformation, when all Israel was called on to perform and acknowledge their faults and make restitution to those they had wronged and be rebaptized and confirmed. There were a great many Elders as well as the First Presidency and the twelve apostles, among the people preaching to repent. This year I worked on the new tabernacle at Bountiful, with team and also paid other property. This was also a dry season making crops light. In the fall I was called on with several others, to go out with 4 horses to each wagon to haul provisions to the hand-cart people who were suffering on the plains for want of provisions. We were informed that it would take ten days to make the trip, but it took 40 days, because we had to go down on the Sweet Water before we met those perishing people. My eyes beheld scenes of suffering that I hope never to see again. The hardship of pulling a handcart across streams of water and through burning sand, besides the cold weather that came early that fall and a limited supply of provisions. They had to live on rations and were very weak so when we found them, they were worn out and ate their supper very heartily. In the morning they would frequently, many of them, be dead in their beds. Having no other way to bury them we would dig a large grave and put in as many as 10 in one grave without any burying clothes. Myself and Brother Franklin Stan[d]ley,<sup>1</sup> had a pair of horses, one wagon and had a wagon loaded with those perishing people, whom we brought into Salt Lake City, from there distributing them into the country. There were 15 wagon loads altogether."

<sup>1</sup>Franklin Standley married Sarah Ann Haigh of the Martin Company.