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Alva and Zella Matheson files from LaKay M. Weber's home.

She studied harder. The same courage and faith that had

brought her over the rough trail, caused her to conquer

in this. She never gave up untill she could speak the english language correctly.

In 1859 [1861] she married Clayborn Elder.

She was living with him in Salt Lake City when

the word was received that Johnston's army was coming[1857]

to the city to destroy the mormons. They all

left their homes went south and camped around

Spring Lake. Her husband was left in S.L.C. with

a few other men. Brigham Young instructed these men to scatter

hay and straw in the crops, and set fire to

every thing if the Army came in.

This was not carried out because Johnston's Army

was snowed in between Evanston and Parleys Canyon. They were there all winter.

Soon after this her husband was called to go to go south to the Dixie country to help colonize that part of the state. She first lived at what was known

as North Fork in Dixie. While living there her oldest son

then two years old was drowned in a canal that

run in front of the house. Times were hard they had to raise cotton pick it, spin it, and weave the material for cloth, then make it up by hand. She had finished wearing a piece of cloth for a neighbor, who lived a mile away. She left it home with Hannah, while she went to deliver it. She weighed in that she have dinner with them while they were eating. The word was brought to her that Lloyd was drowned. She had to realize that her curly haired darling had been playing too with her when she left home awaited her never cheer her with his sunny smile again.