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

She was given a place on the handcart with an elderly couple, because she was young and strong. With a place arranged for little Hannah then two years old, they

started on their thirteen hundred mile walk. Oh! the

faith, the nerve the it took to accomplish such a

fete. However, they were happy though footsore

and weary. The elderly lady had to ride in

the supply wagon most of the way. This left

only two in the team. She must scout for the

wood or buffalo chips and manage the camp

duties after a hard day of toil in the sun.

There could be no special diet for little Hannah

Long days jostled along in the hot sun.

There was the fear of buffalo stampedes or attacks

by the Indians at night. The supply wagons were

always formed into a corral in which their work

oxen and cows could feed. Many stories she has

told us of the trials and hardships of that summer.

They had to wade the rivers. When they came to

one too deep for the women to wade the men

would have to pull the carts across, and then

transport the women and girls over on their

backs. At first some of the women would

object to this mode of travel causing delay

and some fun for the others. One of the

main hardships was traveling when the water supply

would give out. A merage ahead of fresh cool water

which they could not reach. When they would finally reach

a water supply the captins would have to force them away