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

born to them which they gave the name of Hannah Eugenia.

All converts were advised to leave their homes and join

with the main body of the Church in Salt Lake City.

They had been preparing for this emigration

which she was convinced was the right thing

to do. So she tried to persuade her husband him to go with

them. He refused to go and withdrew from the

church. So strong was her testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel & so thoroughly convinced that she was doing

right that she separated from her husband. He was

willing for her to keep the baby So she prepared

to sail with the next company of saints that left

Denmark. Her younger sister Julia had joined the

church and decided to go to Utah with her sister.

They crossed the ocean on a sail ship. Were six weeks

on the water. She could tell many stories of

those who were seasick. She stood the junction of the ship fine. Could see the amusing side of the experiences.

Such as meals that were prepared to eat, being thrown

from the mess tables, dishes and food being rolled

from one side of the vessel to the other when

the sea was rough. In time they landed on the American

shore without serious trouble. They came on by train

to (I am not sure about the contemporary station) terminus of the railroad. From there on they came by handcart and walked from Florence to Zion, a distance of thirteen hundred miles to S.L.C. They rested at Florence for 2 week while the company were

preparing to start. Here they had to throw away their feather beds

and all extra clothing. Handcarts were , not were only built to hold

cooking articles a meagure bed and a supply necessary provisions

while waiting there. Julia met a man and he persuaded her to marry him and stay. She projects ahead perhaps made

courtship, easier for him and caused Julia's faith to fail. (some of Julia children are living at Milwaukee . Mother received letters from them.) Thus Mother had face the trip alone with Hannah then 2 years old.