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

only allowing them to moisten their mouths at first.

They could lay down and drink out of a cow track of slimey

water and enjoy it. Finally they arrived in Salt Lake in the fall of 1857.

Zella if you can get a church history you can get dates and a lot more about the Handcart Co. of '57. They were divided up into companys each with a caption, her captons name was Christenson.

She was soon alone in a strange new place.

She was soon separated from all who spoke the

Danish language. She first went to live with

a family by the name of McCallister at Grandville.

There she undertook to master the English language.

Not satisfied to speak it brokenly as so many did but determined to speak it correctly. In this she asked the assistance of the McCallister family, asking

them to correct her every time she misused a word.

Of course they were all to be corrected for a long time. During the early part of that period her soul comfort was taken with Hannah. She understood

her and talked her baby talk in her language she was

2 1/2 years old then. That did not last long.

Hannah played with the other children. She
learned rapidly to understand and talk to them.

Soon she would stand and look at her mother
when she spoke. She did not understand. All she
had learned in the mother tongue was soon
forgotten.