

ANDREW Rasmus ANDERSON.
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Andrew Rasmus Anderson was born near the city of Aalborg, Denmark, March 9, 1844. He was the only child of Jens and Ane C. Anderson, people of considerable means and influence.

The family became converts of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Andrew R. was baptized a member when sixteen years of age, and before six months had elapsed, he became a missionary of the gospel, preaching in his own land with great success. Through his efforts he organized a branch of the church in the city of Belum.

In the year 1862 the family emigrated to Utah. His father was buried in the North Sea, but he and his mother arrived in October of that year.

Mr. Anderson settled in Ephraim, Utah, where he was married to Mary Ann Pederson, January 1, 1863. Six children were born of this marriage. Later he married a second wife, Nelsina M Anderson, by whom eight children were born.

While in Ephraim he was active in defending the homes and property of the people against the Indians. He took part in all the engagements and expeditions in the Black Hawk War in that section.

Mr. Anderson moved to Lehi in the year 1870, where he has since resided. He procured some of the choice lands of Utah valley, which he tilled with profit.

He at once became active in the civic development of the community. He served for a short time as marshal of Lehi and one term as mayor of the

city. Through earnest effort he brought about the entry of the western half of section 16, which now forms a part of Eastern Lehi. He was a director on the Lehi City water board during the early years of its organization. He has been identified with many leading interests of the city.

For years he was a director in the Lehi Bank and later the Utah Banking Company, also a director in the People's Co-operative Institution, which position he holds at the present time.

He was one of the leading promoters in the erection of the Lehi Tabernacle which adorns our city. Not only in civic, but in a religious way, has Mr. Anderson been active. From the beginning he was a devout believer in the faith of the Latter-day Saints.

As a church worker he filled many positions with credit. From 1874 to 1877 he filled a mission to his native land. He was selected as counselor to Bishop David Evans, and later as counselor to Bishop T. R. Cutler, thus acting in the Bishopric more than 30 years.

After the division of the wards, he served as a high councilor in the stake. He was chosen counselor to William Bromley, president of the High Priests' Quorum of the Alpine Stake. Since the death of President Bromley, Mr. Anderson has been chosen president of that quorum.

All who know Mr. Anderson know him as a man of his word. He has led a useful life, administering to the needy, helping the distressed, and giving counsel to his fellow-men. By his straightforward and honorable career he has drawn around him a host of friends, and has the entire confidence of all who know him.