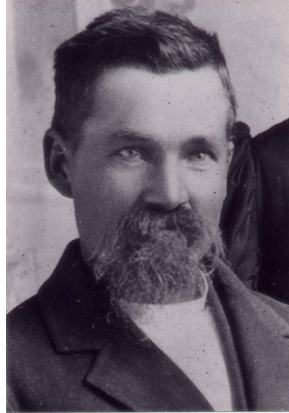


## *Peter Petersen Hansen*

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Nestled at the foot of the Wasatch Mountains, and located at the south end of Utah Lake lies the town of Spanish Fork, Utah. Spanish Fork was settled by many people from the Scandinavian countries. Among them was the Jens Hansen Family.

Peter P. Hansen was the son of Jens and Karen Petersen Hansen. He was born 28 April 1856 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

His mother was the 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Jens Hansen, one of 14 wives he married in polygomy.

Peter was the eldest of six children born to Karen. He had three sisters and two brothers. They were Maren, Sarah, Isasc, Emma Jane, and Hyrum. Emma Jane died at 3 years of age. The others grew to maturity.

In the spring of 1858, Jens Hansen with his family, now consisting of four wives and several children, moved to Spanish Fork, Utah.

Peter was only 2 years old at the time. His father built a large house and settle down to making a living for his large family. He sold his property in Salt Lake City and soon had his family living in fairly good circumstances.

In the spring of 1865, Peter's father was called on a mission to Denmark. The women and children were obliged to support themselves and also help keep the father in the mission field.

Peter grew to manhood, living all his life in Spanish Fork 4<sup>th</sup> ward.

He was raised in a very religious home, where family prayers were offered morning and night.

He attended school in Spanish Fork, also his various church meetings. It was at the ward activities that he met Miss Oline Olsen. Their friendship grew into love, and when Peter proposed marriage to her, she accepted.

Peter and Oline were married 4 Jan 1880 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He purchased an acre lot on the northwest corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> North and 8<sup>th</sup> East. Here, he built a one room log cabin. They resided in this log cabin several years. Their first four children were born here, Caroline, Oliver, George, and Rebecca.

When circumstances permitted, Peter built a new 3 room house on the corner of the lot. It was made of adobe and stucco. He did most of the work himself, being an excellent carpenter and cabinet maker. The house had a large kitchen with a walk-in pantry, a large living room and a bedroom.

Peter and Oline planted pine trees around the house for shade. There were also, fruit trees, a garden spot, barn and corral on the lot. With the help of their boys broke up sage brush on some acreage the had purchased in Palmyra. This became the family farm.

He also, did carpentry work for people. His cabinet work was beautiful and he was very proud of everything he made.

Peter worked hard all his life, so as to give his family a good, comfortable living. He was always known as an honest man, honest in all his dealings with other people. He was also, a very patient man, being very slow to anger. Through strong self-discipline, he learned to control his temper.

Three more children were born to Peter and Olena after they moved into the new house, Clara, Serena, and Henry.

Peter caught cold while irrigating and it turned to pneumonia. He passed away 12 June 1906 at the age of 50 years. He was buried in Spanish Fork Cemetery.

In the year 1980, both house are still standing. The newer house, being occupied by Henry Talmage Hansen a son.