

## 23 Apr 1856 - Rhoda

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On Wednesday, 23 April 1856, under the leadership of Elder Johan A. Ahmanson, 161 emigrating Saints bound for Utah, sailed from Copenhagen per steamship *Rhoda*. The route taken by this company of emigrants was by steamer to Kiel, by railroad to Hamburg, by steamer to Grimsby in England and by railroad to Liverpool. The company arrived safe and well in Liverpool, 29 April.

On Sunday, 4 May, 163 Scandinavian emigrants sailed from Liverpool per ship *Thornton* together with about 600 Saints from Great Britain. The whole company was placed in charge of James G. Willie with Millen G. Atwood, Johan A. Ahmanson, and Moses Cluff as his assistants. During the voyage Captain Collins showed himself a considerable and pleasant gentleman, as he allowed the emigrants all the liberty and privileges which could be expected, and praised them for their cleanliness and good order, and also for their willingness to conform to all his requests. He also gave the elders unlimited liberty to preach and hold meetings on board, and, together with the ship's doctor and other officers, he listened repeatedly to the preaching by the elders and occasionally joined them in singing the songs of Zion. Considerable sickness prevailed among the emigrants, of whom quite a number were old and feeble. Seven deaths (among which two Scandinavian children), three births, and two marriages took place on board.

On Saturday, 14 June, the beautiful ship *Thornton* arrived at New York, and a little steam tug brought the emigrants to Castle Garden, where they were heartily received by Apostle John Taylor and Elder Nathaniel H. Felt. On the 17th of June the emigrants left New York and traveling by rail arrived at Dunkirk, Ohio, on the 19th. Here they went on board the steamship *Jersey City* and sailed to Toledo, where they arrived on the 21st. The following day they were in Chicago, Ill. At Toledo, the emigrants were treated in a most unfriendly manner by the railroad men and in consequence were subjected to much unpleasantness. On the 23rd the company left Chicago in two divisions, of which the one started a few hours before the other. At Pond Creek it was ascertained that the bridge at Rock Island had tumbled down while a railway train was passing over it. Apostle Erastus Snow and other brethren from Utah happened to be on board when the accident happened, but they escaped unhurt. The emigrants left Pond Creek on the 26th and arrived the same day at Iowa City, Iowa, which at that time contained about 3,000 inhabitants and was the western terminus of the railroad. The place had been chosen by the church emigration agents that year as an outfitting place for the Latter-day Saint emigrants who crossed the plains. In order that as many of the poor Saints as possible should get the opportunity of emigrating at a small expense, the First Presidency of the church had suggested in their 13th general epistle, which was dated in Salt Lake City 29 Oct 1855, that the emigrants who in 1856 were assisted to emigrate to Zion by the Perpetual Emigrating Fund should cross the plains with handcarts. Consequently this cheaper but difficult method of traveling was tried for the first time. The first handcart company, under the direction

of Elder Edmund Ellsworth, left Iowa City 9 June 1856. About 100 Scandinavian emigrants constituted the fifth division of the fourth company of the handcart emigration which under the direction of James G. Willie, left Iowa City, 16 July. John A. Ahmanson was appointed leader of the Scandinavian division.

After almost untold suffering and hardship this company of handcart emigrants arrived in Salt Lake City 9 Nov 1856. About sixty of the emigrants died on the journey across the plains, among them were a number of Scandinavian Saints.

## Copenhagen Conference

Branch	Name of Emigrants	Ages	Occupation	From
Roholte	<a href="#">Hans Rasmussen</a>	40	Farmer	Sealands
	Maren Rasmussen	35		
	Rasmus Rasmussen	11		
	Jens Rasmussen	8		
	Bent Rasmussen	6		
	Karen Rasmussen	4		
	Ane Rasmussen	1		
	Stine Rasmussen	1		
	Maren Nielsen	32		
	Ane Sarah P. Petersen	20		
	Johanne Nielsen	25		
	Jorgen Andersen	20	Farmer	
	Anders Andersen	19	Farmer	
	Wilhelmine M. Krause	9		
	Anders Rasmussen (X'd Out)23 (X'd)			
	Niels Larsen	29	Farmer	

Jens Petersen	36	Farmer	Sealands
Ane Petersen	33		
Johanne Petersen	12		
Mette Marie Petersen	10		
Hans Peter Petersen	7		
Christen Petersen	5		
Peter Petersen	4		
Christian Petersen	1		
Lars Jorgensen	41	Farmer	Sealands
Karen Kirstine Jorgensen	29		
Karen Jorgensen	3		
Marthe Sorensen	60		
Ola Vikland	30	Farmer	Swedens
Ella Vikland	30		
Christine Vikland	9		
Jonas Vikland	5		
Sarah Jacobine Vikland	3	Copenhagen	
Ephraimine J. Vikland	1	Copenhagen	
Lars G. Vendin	59	Watchmaker	Sweden
Line Larsen	49		Jutland

Niels Andersen	41	Farmer	Sealands
Mette Andersen	49		
Ane Andersen	14		
Anders Andersen	8		
Berthe Nielsen	13	Sealand	
Ane Olsen	46	Sealand	
Christian Jensen	30	Farmer	Sealands
Karen Jensen	38		
Stine Jensen	17		
Jens Christian Jensen	1		
Johan August Ahmanson	28	Bookbinder	Sweden
Grethe Sophie Ahmanson	24		Norway
Jacob August Ahmanson	1		Copenhagen
Lars Madsen	61	Farmer	Sealands
Bodil Madsen	50		
Lars Christian Madsen	9		
Maren Hansen	52		
Peter Hansen	13		
Christian Sorensen	9		

Ordrup	<a href="#">Ole Madsen</a>	41	Farmer	Sealands
	Ane Madsen	46		
	Johanne M. Madsen	16		
	Mette Kirstine Madsen	13		
	Ane Marie Madsen	10		
	Anders Madsen	6		
	Frederich C.w. Hansen Gade	25	Hairdresser	Copenhagen
	Lissa Nielsen	22		Sweden
	Sophie Cathrine Wilhelm. Petersen		31	Sealands
	Peter Petersen	10		
	Thomas Petersen	7		
	Emma Sophie Petersen	5		
	Ane Johanne Petersen	3		
	Otto Aug. Peter Petersen	1		
	Mariane Lovise Lautrup	30		
	Amelie Didrikson	27		Norway
	Kirsten Knudsen	60		Sealand
	Anders Jensen	47	Carpenter	Jutlands
	Ane Jensen	49		

Mikkel Jensen	11		
Antonin Jensen	8		
Niels Hansen	43	Laborer	Sealand
Ane Cathrine Hansen	42		
Emma Emilie Brovand	18		Copenhagen
Peter Madsen	62	Farmer	Sealand
Petrea Madsen	36		
Elisa Hansen (X'd out Entry)	26		Sweden

Jan 22 Lars Madsen (From Viigs Branch - Pd Deposit to Emigrate)

## Lolland Conference

Branch	Name of Emigrants	Ages	Occupation	From
	Anders Jorgensen	44	Farmer	Lolland
	Elisabeth Jorgensen	42	Falsters	
	Hans Jorgensen	12		
	Maren Jorgensen	8		
	Ane Jorgensen	6		
	Jorgen Jorgensen	3		

Rasmus Hansen	40	Weaver	Falsters
Ane Hansen	40		
Marie Kirstine Andersen (X's Out)		?64	
Peder Jacobsen	38	Tanner	Lollands
Ane K. Jacobsen	32		
Jens Peter Jacobsen	3		
Jacob Erastus Jacobsen	1(X'd out Entry)		
Marcus Jensen	52	Shoemaker	Lollands
Ane Margrete Jensen	47		
Cathrine Frederikke Jensen	17(X'd out Entry)		
Frederich Jensen	11		
Wilhelmine Jensen	10		
Wilhelm Jensen	5		
Poul Jacobsen	53	Farmer	Lollands
Lovise Jacobsen	53		
Rasmus Peter Hansen	16	Farmer	Longisle
Maren Sophie Jorgensen	(X'd out - See 43)		
Spejlsby <a href="#">Peter Mortensen</a>	50	Cooper	Moens
Lene Mortensen	47		
Ane Kirstine Petersen	24		

Morten Petersen	27	Millwright (X'd out Entry)	
Anders Jorgen Petersen	22	Cooper	Moens
Hans Jorgen Petersen	18	Farmer	
Lars Petersen	13		
Mette Kirstine Petersen	10		
Marie Petersen	8		
Caroline Petersen	5		
Cathrine Frederikke Jensen	18		
Jens Nielsen	35	Seaver	Lollands
Else Nielsen	26		
Niels Nielsen	5		
Bodil Mathensen (X'd Out)			
Peter Larsen	43	Farmer	Lollands
Ane Christine Larsen	37		
Niels Larsen	12		
Ane Sophie Larsen	10		
Martine Larsen	5		
Jens Peter Nielsen	20	Miller	Lolland
Johan Svendsen	27	Shoemaker Lolland	

43.Maren Sophie Jorgensen	8	Longelse	
Bodil Mortensen	9	Falster	
Peter Jensen	44	Farmer	Lolland
Kirsten Jensen	43		
Hans Jensen	7		
Jens Carl Jensen	5		
Jorgen Andreassen	38	Farmer	Lollands
Caroline J.k. Andreassen	25		
Hans Andreassen	13		
Jorgen Andreassen	5		
Johanne Christine Andersen	29	Falster	
Marie K. Andersen	54	Falster	
Jens Sandberg	38	Shoemaker	Sweden
1855 Jens Peter Nielsen	20	Farmer	
Oct 29 Rasmus Hansen		(Transferred to Act of Jens Svendsen by Order R Hs)	
Dec 26 Rasmus Hansen(X'd out )		(Transferred to Act of Jens Svendsen by Order R Hs)	

Ana C. Jorgensen (Pd 1 Oct 1854 (From P 8) Which Money to Be Applied to N Rs,

If He Emigrates, If Not, to Be Forwarded to Her Son Christen Rs in Zion)  
(Paid N Rasmussen to Clothing on His Mission to Lolland. Emigrated 1857)

Nov 24 Johan Svendsen 27 Shoemaker Sweden

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Jan 3 Johan Svendsen

Feb 9 Peder Jacobsen Tanner

## Aalborg Conference

Branch	Name of Emigrants	Ages	Occupation	From
	Johannes Larsen	32	Taylor	Jutlands
	Ane Larsen	29		
	Christiane M. Larsen	4		
	Sarah Larsen	2		
	Lauritz Larsen	1		
	Christen Christensen	11		
	Hans Christian Lund	37	Mechanician	Copenhagens
	Nielsine Sine Lund	35		
	Hans Christian Ludvig Lund	8		
	Nielsine Wilhelmine Lund	1	Jutland	
	Hans Olsen	21	Farmer	Jutland
	Anders Christensen	21	Iron Founder	Jutland
	Ane Nielsen	29	Jutland	

Hella Nielsen	21	Jutland	
Anders Christensen	21	Moulder	Jutland (X'd out Entry)

## Vensyssel Conference

Branch	Name of Emigrants	Ages	Occupation	From
	Ole Mikkelsen	42	Farmer	Jutlands
	Maren Mikkelsen	60		
	Johanne Marie Jensen	21		
	Peter Madsen	48	Farmer	Jutlands
	Mette Marie Madsen	45		
	Lars Christian Hansen	23	Laborer	Jutlands
	Rasmus Hansen	21	Laborer	Jutlands
	Maren Greisen	26		Jutland

## Fredericia Conference

Branch	Name of Emigrants	Ages	Occupation	From
	Morten Rasmussen	48	Potter	Jutlands
	Maren Rasmussen	47		

Maren Cathrine Rasmussen	12
Rasmine Rasmussen	10
Niels Peter Rasmussen	6
Wilhelm Rasmussen	4
Rasmus Rasmussen	2
Mathilde Rasmussen	1

Oct 29 Wilhelmine M.c.d.krantz

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