



# **Trials of Six Norwegian Mormon Pioneers**

Each Scandinavian convert  
represented a potential emigrant

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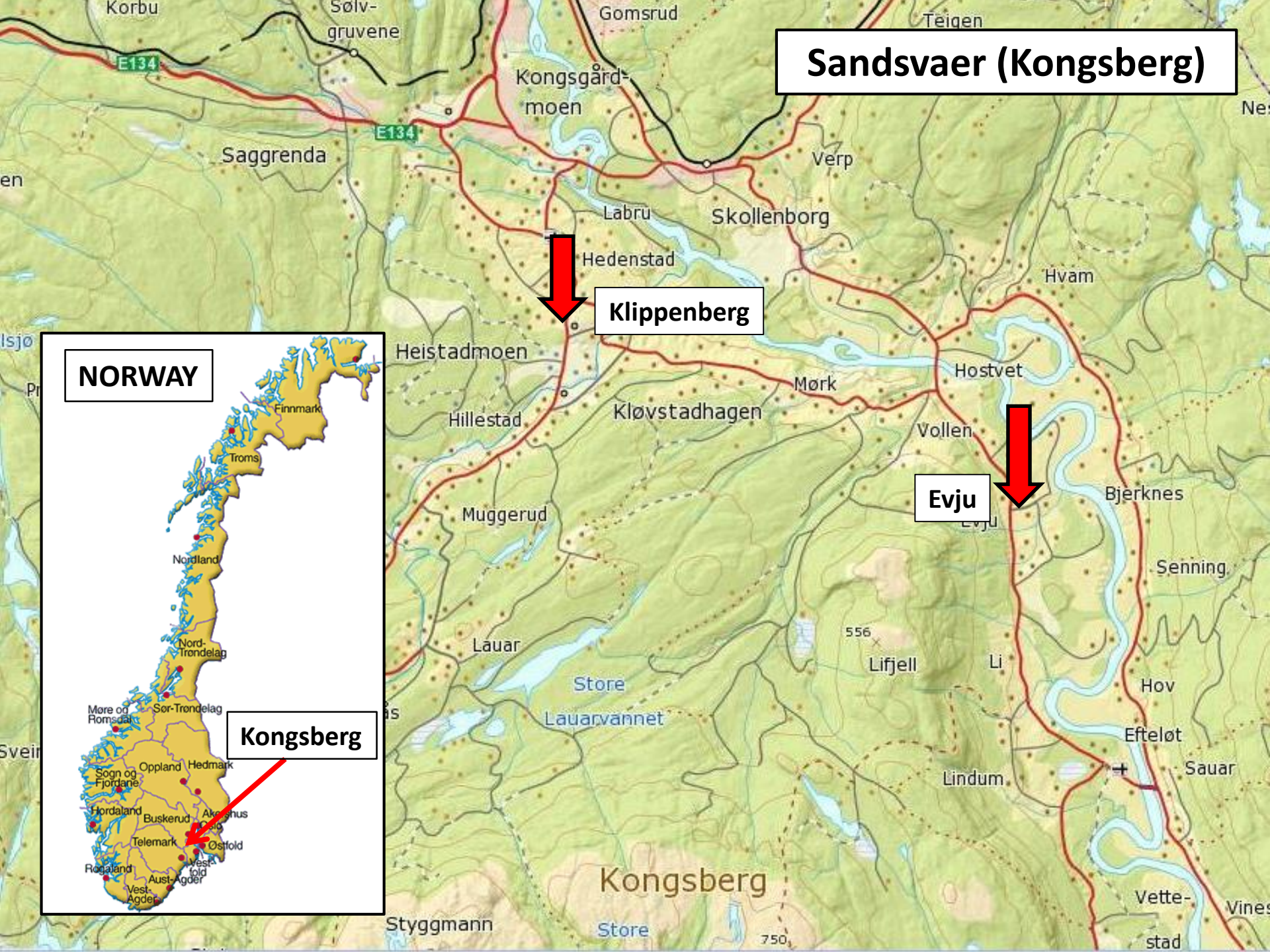
# Sandsvaer (Kongsberg)

Klippenberg

Evju

NORWAY

Kongsberg





## Efteloet church, Norway

Farmer and widower Ole Hansen, 44 ½ years old, residing on Evju farm, and the maiden Berthe Maria Dyresdatter from Klippenberg place came before me on 17 Dec 1860. They asked to withdraw their names from the Norwegian state church membership rolls, since they had become Mormons after having counseled with their God and their conscience.



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Aas 1860 den 17<sup>e</sup> Decembris forminst. for tinden.  
de Gaardhønger og fædermand Ole Hansen Evju, 44½ Aas gammel  
og Pigen Berthe Maria Dyresd. Klippenberg, aa Evju, som indkomst  
sig af Botskiden, da de vilde at være bleven Mormoner, efter  
at have læst sig med Guds og Samvittigheds. —  
W. W.

# The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**1830** Organized in New York

**1847** To Salt Lake City,

Ellen Sanders from Tinn in Telemark, Norway  
is part of the company

**1851** First baptism in Norway

**1852** Congregations organized in Norway

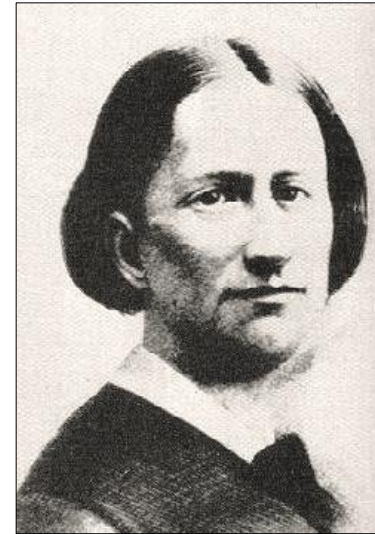
**1853** First Mormon emigrants from Norway

**1854** 166 Mormons in Norway

**1860** 519 Mormons in Norway

**1865** 815 Mormons in Norway

**2012** About 4300 Mormons in Norway, 14 million worldwide

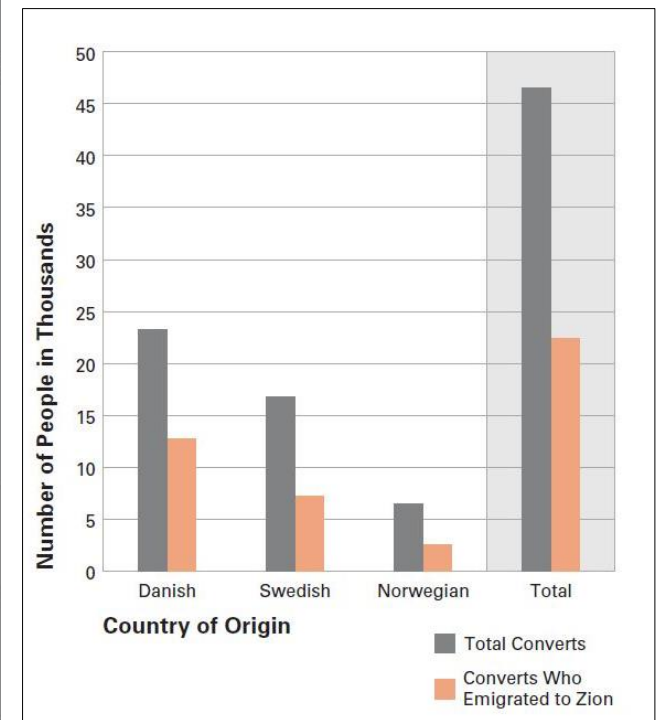


**Ellen Sanders Kimball**

# From Copenhagen to Hamburg and Liverpool

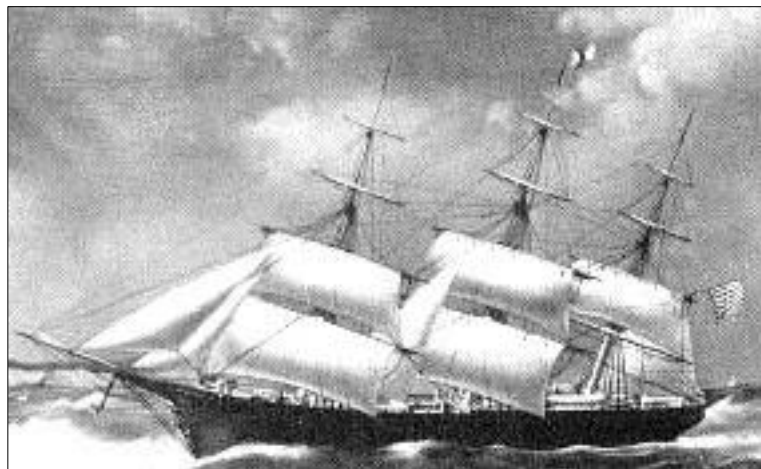


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(Dr. Nick Evans, UoH/prof. Fred E. Woods, BYU)

# Crossing the Atlantic to New York



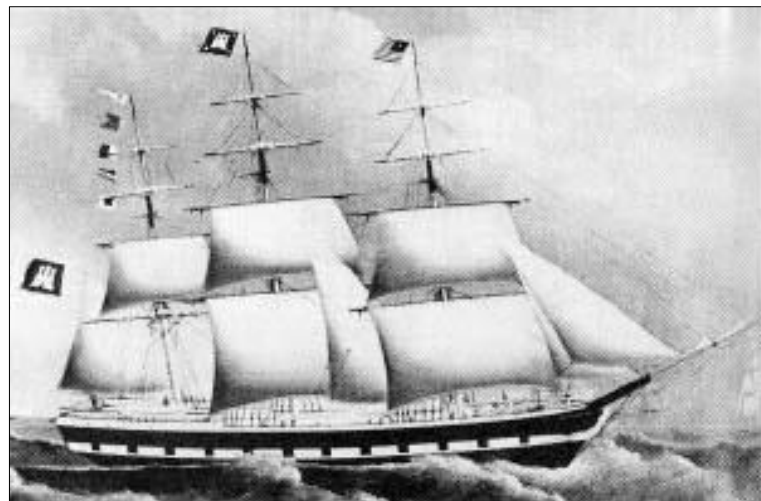
«Athenia»

**1862: Dyre Dyresen**

«*Athenia*» 1058 tons with 484 emigrants  
Hamburg 21 April – New York 7 June  
Measles and diarrhea,  
33 children and 5 adults died

**1863: Anne Helena Dyresdatter,  
Berte Maria Dyresdatter  
and Ole Hansen Evju**

«*John J. Boyd*» 1311 tons with 767 emigrants  
Liverpool 30 April – New York 29 May



«Humboldt»

**1866: Dyre Anundsen Klippenberg  
and Gjertrud Marie Olsdatter**

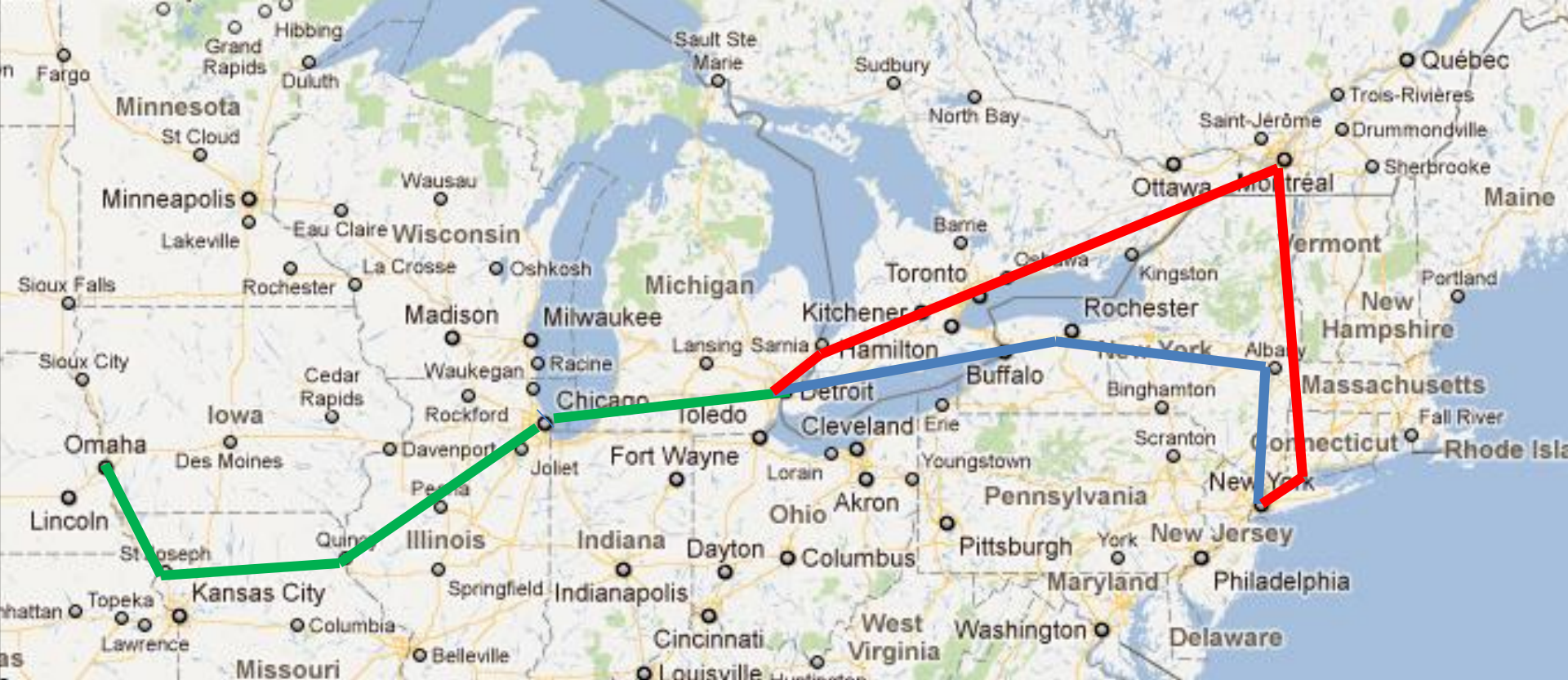
«*Humboldt*» 789 tons with 328 emigrants  
Hamburg 2 June – New York 18 July  
The ship went down on the return trip  
crossing the Atlantic



# Castle Garden, New York



The place of arrival of 8-12 million immigrants 1855-1890



## New York - Missouri River

- With railroad and steamboats
- 8 -14 days travel
- Often ride on the floor in cattle wagons

— 1862, 1863    — 1866    — 1862, 1863, 1866

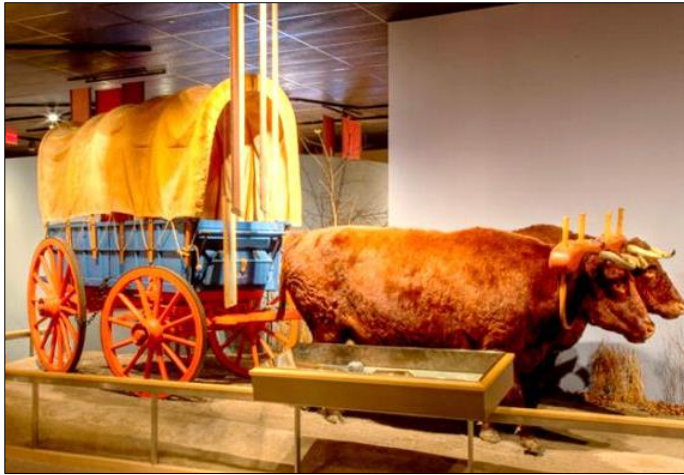


# The Mormon Trail to Salt Lake City 1847 - 1868

From Nauvoo, Illinois 2092 km – from Winter Quarters, Nebraska 1637 km



# Horses, donkeys, oxen or handcarts



More than 62 000 Mormon pioneers traveled on foot and with wagons to Salt Lake - 2000-3000 died before arrival

**1848-1860** Various groups of immigrants with wagons, different points of departure

**1856-1860** Almost 3 000 immigrants with handcarts

**1860-1868** The church organized immigrant trains with prairie wagons



Pioneers traveled by railway to North Platte **1867**; to Laramie and Benton **1868**

Transcontinental Railroad came to Utah **1869**



# With prairie wagons to Salt Lake City

7-9 weeks

## 1862: **Dyre Dyresen**

Captain: John R. Murdock with 700 immigrants in 65 wagons  
Left Florence 28 July – arrived Salt Lake City about 1 October



John R. Murdock

## 1863: **Anne Helena Dyresdatter, Berte Maria Dyresdatter and Ole Hansen Evju**

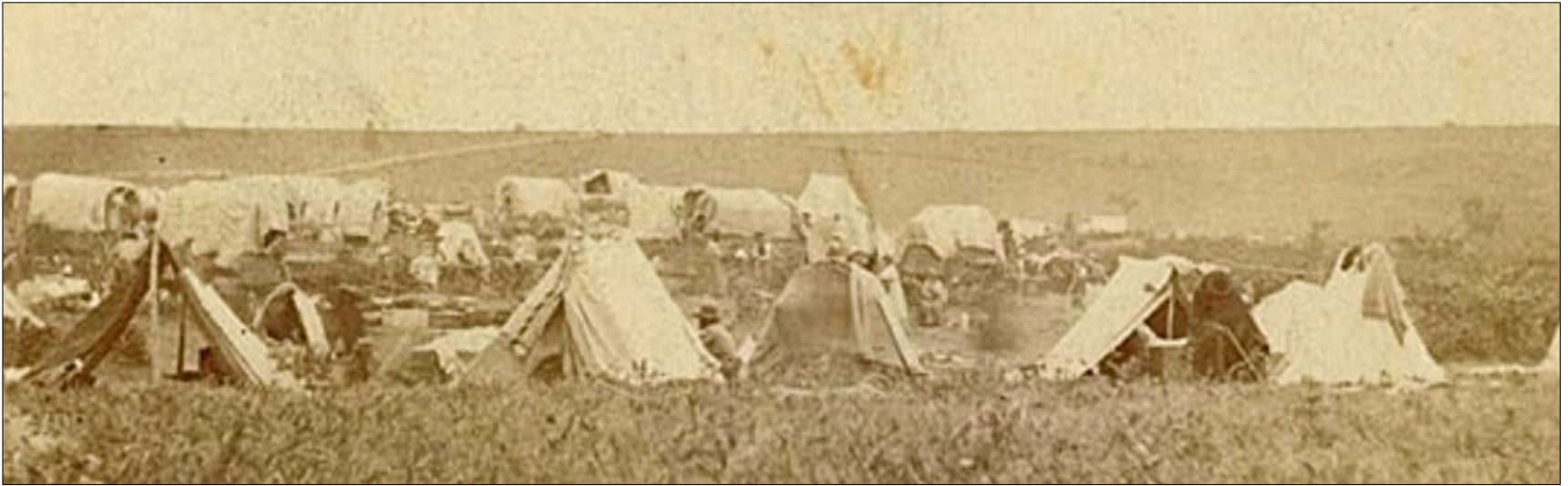
Captain: John R. Young with 200 immigrants in 44 wagons  
Left Florence 6 July – arrived Salt Lake City 12 September



John R. Young

## 1866: **Dyre Anundsen Klippenberg and Gjertrud Marie Olsdatter**

Captain: Peter Nebeker with 400 immigrants in 62 wagons  
Left Wyoming, Nebraska 7 August – arrived Salt Lake City 29 September



Mormon camp - Wyoming, Nebraska 1866

**Dyre Anundsen died along the way 11 August 1866**

Wrapped in a sheet somewhere near Wyoming, Nebraska Territory

Old Wyoming Cemetery







## Church Teams 1860-1868

- Many different wagon styles, mostly 10 feet farm wagons pulled by oxen
- The trip cost 50-60 dollars, children under 10 years half price
- It was expected that those who could would walk, often barefoot or with wooden shoes
- The women wore skirts, children got lost or were injured by wagons and animals
- Privacy arrangements: men on one side, women on the other
- Traveled about three kilometers per hour

# Direct writings from people who experienced the trials of migration

- *We came by way of Ox team and had wooden shoes and I walked all the way.*
- *The two women were buried in one grave just as they were dressed, without a box of any sort to lay them away in.*
- *We passed thousands of buffalo during our journey. It was a bad policy to split the herd.*
- *The boys and girls were compelled to walk nearly every step of the way barefooted, feet calloused, sore and bleeding oftentimes very painful.*
- *We saw Indians which frightened us very much. I was curious to see a dead Indian hanging in a tree.*





## Telegrams to Church Headquarters

- *I have lost 90 head of oxen yesterday p.m., taken by Indians*  
(Capt. W.S. Chipman, Wagon Pound 19 August 1866)
- *No Indians on the road. Cold rain today. All things going on well. I am making good time.* (Capt. J.D.Holladay, Three Crossings 8 September 1866)
- *We need salt; going along well; a good deal of sickness among the passengers; cattle doing well.*  
(Capt. P. Nebeker, Ft. Casper 8. september og Three Crossings 18 September 1866)

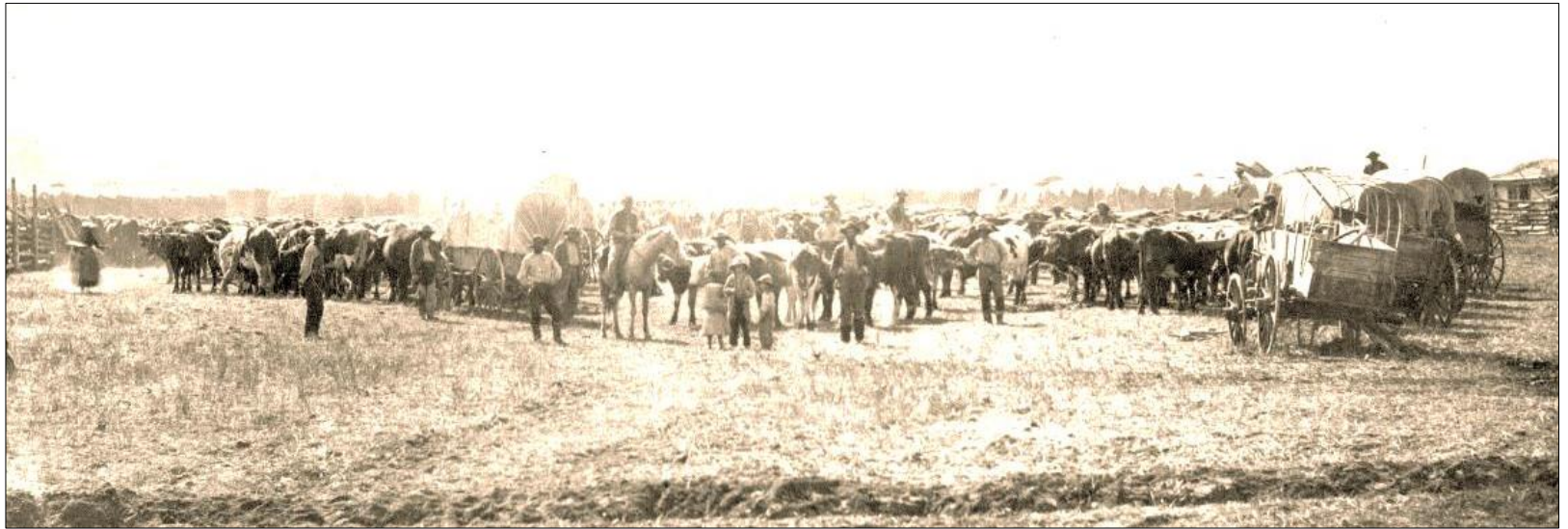


**A Mormon company at the South Pass 1866 (378 km from Salt Lake City)**

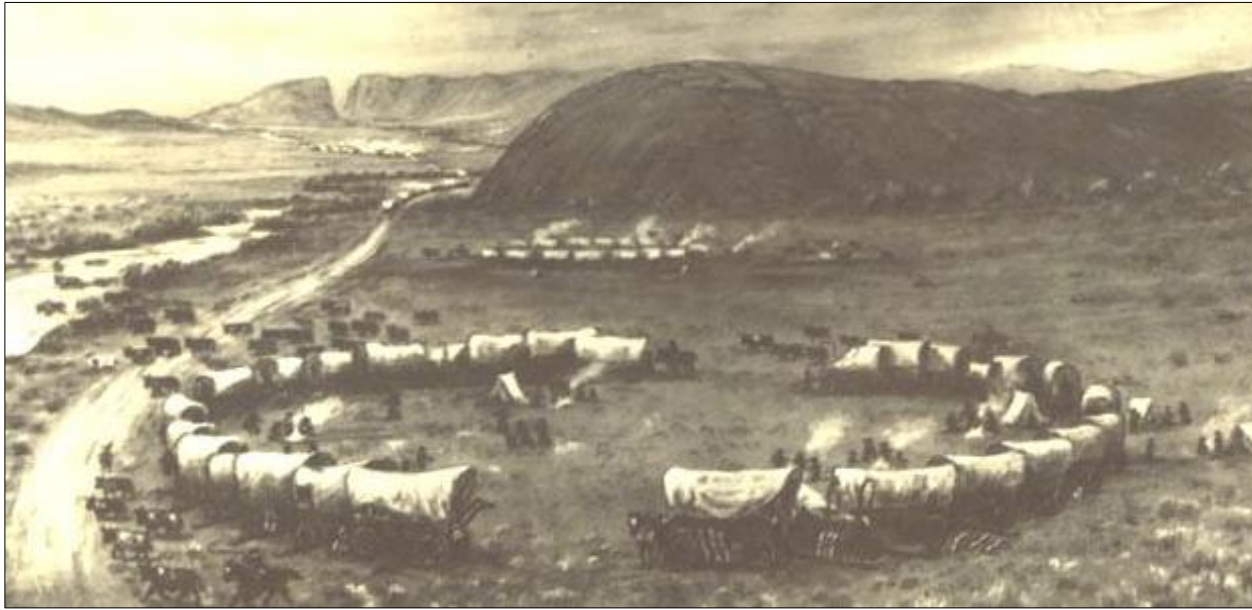
## **On the long way to Zion**

Daily travel and food preparation, camp preparations, wagon repairs, hunting, meeting with indians, religious meetings, social gatherings, games and fun, births, injuries and accidents, illness, depression, death and burials, marriages, language confusion, looking for the lost, arguments, fighting and personal hygiene...









**Independence Rock  
(539 km from  
Salt Lake City)**



**Echo Canyon  
(87 km from  
Salt Lake City)**



**The Endowment House 1855 - 1889**



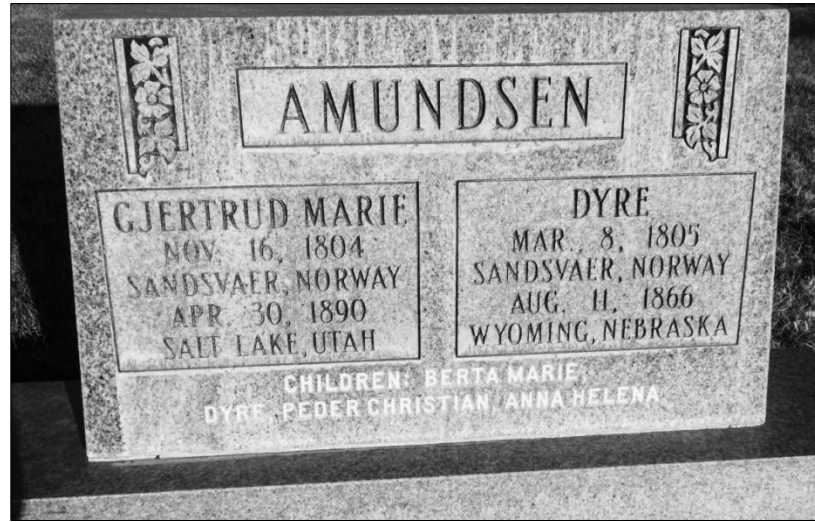
**Salt Lake Temple 1893**







Sandsvaer 1804  
Salt Lake 1890



Murray City Cemetery 2012

## Gjertrud Marie Olsdatter

- Became a Mormon in 1860
- Emigrated with her husband Dyre 1866
- Endowed 1868
- Lived in Salt Lake with her daughter Anna Helena



# Dyre Amundsen

- Became a Mormon in 1861
- Emigrated 1862
- Back to til the Missouri River 1863
- Married twice, three children
- Lumber man and farmer
- Cut granite for the Salt Lake Temple
- Honored in the Black Hawk War 1866



Sandsvaer 1837 – Salt Lake 1906



Black Hawk

# Anna Helena Amundsen Johnson

- Became a Mormon in 1860
- Emigrated 1863
- Polygamous marriage to Olaus Johnson
- 8 children
- Lived in Salt Lake



Sandsvaer 1844 – Salt Lake 1914



Olaus was a farmer, carpenter and home builder – went back to Norway 1897-1902 as a missionary, died 1922





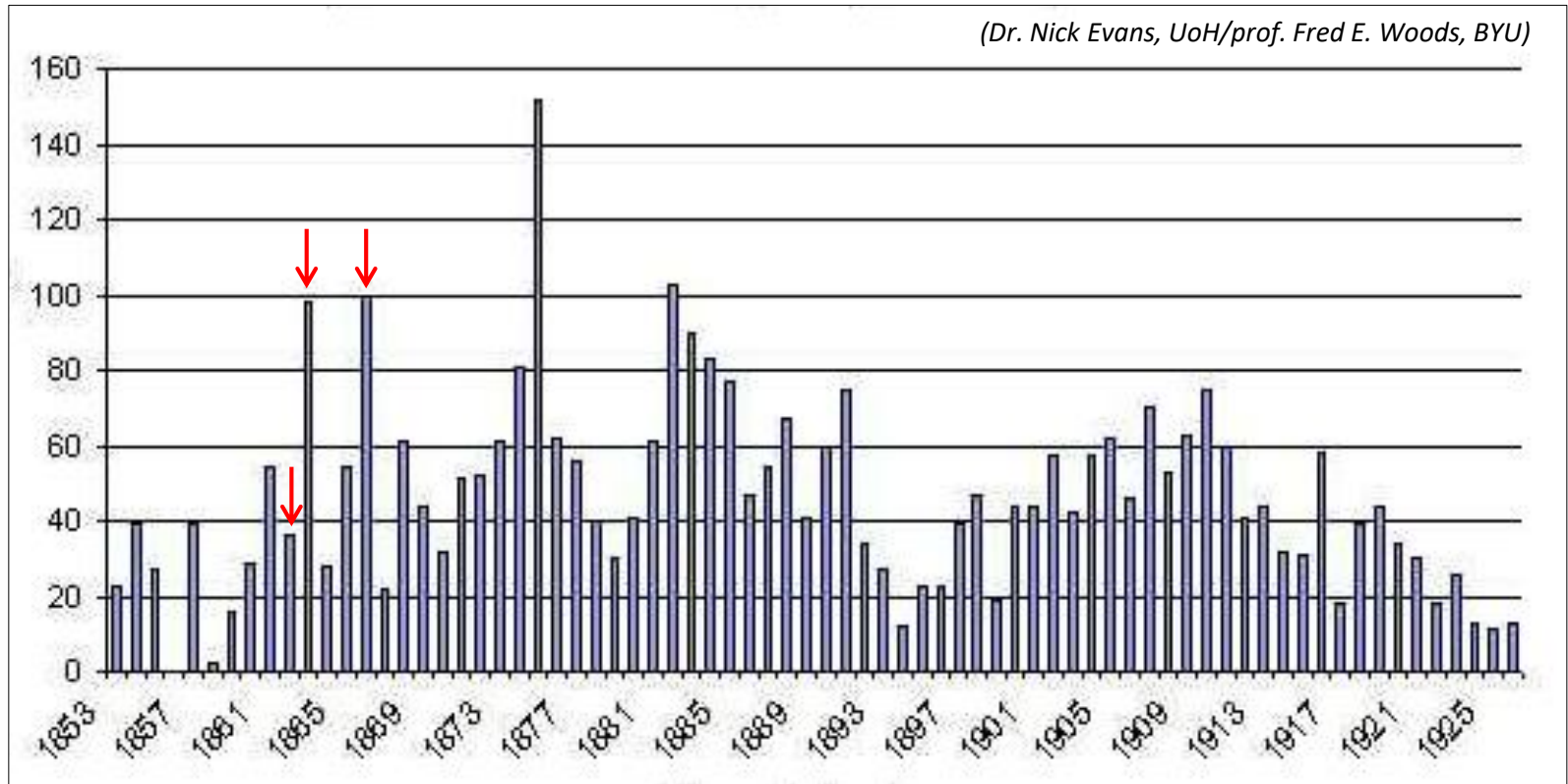
# Berte Marie Amundsen Hansen and Ole Hansen

- Became Mormons in 1860
- Married in Efteloet, Norway 1862
- Emigrated 1863
- Berte Marie gave birth four days after the long trip, total of three children
- Polygamous marriage
- Farmers, moved to St. Charles, Bear Lake, Idaho 1869
- Berte Marie was born 1834, and died 1915
- Ole was born 1816, and died 1899 – he became involved in a fight, which ended with Ole being stabbed in the back!





# Mormon emigrants from Norway



3 437 Norwegian Mormons, 1853-1926, were assisted by The Scandinavian Mission to emigrate to the USA – many returned to do missionary work

# The Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail is a part of the United States National Trails System



**Devils Gate, Wyoming**



**Echo Canyon, Utah**



Come, Come Ye Saints - Mormon Tabernacle Choir