

## Anna Marie Jensen 1833 by Jillian Gregoire

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She saved enough money to sail to America. After she got to America she traveled by train as far west as she could until the railroad ended. She then paid a family to let her travel with them and their ox team to Utah. She soon decided she didn't like the father, so she asked a sick lady who was pulling a handcart if they could trade places. The lady said yes. Because she was pulling a handcart, Anna had to leave a lot of her stuff behind.

One day she pulled her handcart for too long and hard that she could not talk when she woke up the next day. Everybody thought she was going to die . Then the captain of the wagon train gave her a blessing and she felt better. She went to the evening meeting that night and some of the women thought she was a spirit, so they screamed and ran off.

Anna arrived in Salt Lake City ten days before her twenty-fourth birthday. There she met Samuel Barnhurst. They had a hard time dating because they didn't speak the same language. They got married and had nine children.

Pioneering was hard, but Anna helped in every way she could. She sheared the sheep, made quilts, spun and grew a garden. She was very talented and even helped make a carpet for the Salt Lake Temple. Anna's husband died on March 30 1909, Anna died on July 23, 1906. She was 72 when she died.