

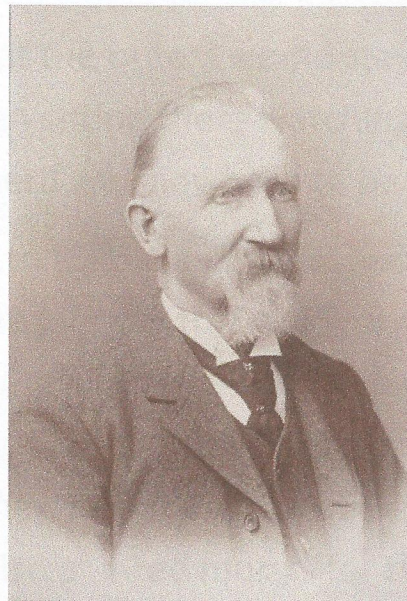
Carl Christian Anton Christensen
(CCA)

Pioneer & Artist

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CCA Christiansen

I am going to tell you about my 5th great Grandfather his name was Carl Christian Anton Christiansen he went by CCA Christiansen he was born in England in 1831 He met and married a women named Eliza Harbby on April 24, 1857 for their honey moon they immigrated to America and traveled with a Christian Christiansen company. There were about 330 people in this company, they had 68 handcarts, 3 wagons, 10 mules, and 1 cow.

There is a story in our family history about when CCA was on his 2nd mission to Norway and was with about 50 other men and about as many horses and mules. Each night they would trade off to stand guard so none of the animals would stray off. When it was his turn he felt like it was his duty to take his turn and he didn't want to tell the other men that he couldn't see very well and he also was hard of hearing and so for his turn he decided he would just sit there and watch his white mule and keep watch during the night, because if his mule was still there then he figured that the others would stay. But when daylight came he found out he had just been sitting there watching a white rock all night thinking it was his mule and the herd was nowhere to be seen.

CCA Christiansen went to school as a artist and he was strongly encouraged by church leaders to paint the journey to Zion. This collection is called the "Mormon Panorama". CCA Christiansen's 23 piece panorama of the early Pioneers crossing the plains was 175 feet long paintings had laid for years in a storage room in BYU campus. They were later discovered and in 1906 his oldest son bought the paintings. CCA also painted murals for the Manti, Logan, and St. George temples and also the salt lake theater.

CCA was a very talented artist he was a great story teller and a great historian through his pictures After a long full life CCA passed away July 3rd 1912 at the age of 80 in Ephraim Utah.

