

## VOYAGE OF CASPER & DORTHEA HANSEN

### Passenger list for the *Minnesota* 1872

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### *Minnesota*

Date of Departure: 4 Sep 1872 Port of Departure: Liverpool, England  
LDS Immigrants: 602 Church Leader: George W. Wilkins  
Date of Arrival: 16 Sep 1872 Port of Arrival: New York, New York  
Source(s): BMR, Book #1041, pp. 232-252 (FHL #025,692); Customs #1013  
(FHL #175,721); SMR, 1872 (FHL #025,696)

". . . On Friday, Aug. 30, 1872, at 1 o'clock p.m., a company of 260 emigrating Saints sailed from Copenhagen, per steamer 'Cato,' accompanied by the following returning missionaries: Peter O. Thomassen, Christian Madsen, Arne C. Grue and Mons Andersen. On the 2nd of Sept. this company arrived at Hull, England, where the emigrants were served supper at Mr. Lazarus' hotel, and the following day they took [a] train to Liverpool, England arriving there on the 3rd at 11 a.m. The sisters were at once conveyed by omnibus to the steamer 'Minnesota,' in the Guion & Co.'s fine steamship while the brethren assisted in the handling of the baggage. At 9 p.m. all went on board, and the following day (Wednesday, Sept. 4th) the ship sailed from Liverpool, England consisting of 602 souls, Elder George W. Wilkins having charge of the company.

Though some of the Saints were quite advanced in years, the company were in good health and excellent spirits, rejoicing that the time of their deliverance had come. No deaths occurred at sea, but the company was increased by the arrival of two babies. On the 16th, the steamer anchored near Castle Garden, New York, and the next day (Sept. 17th ) the emigrants went ashore. On the 18th they boarded the train and traveled via Pittsburg, Chicago, Omaha, etc., to Salt Lake City, Utah. One child died on the train and was buried in Chicago. Halfway between Ogden and Salt Lake City the company was met by President Brigham Young, Elder Daniel H. Wells and other leading men, who immediately went through the cars, bidding their brethren and sisters from afar a hearty welcome to Zion. On their arrival in Salt Lake City, Sept. 26, 1872, the emigrants were

taken to the Music Hall, where a sumptuous dinner was awaiting them. In course of the two following days the company was dissolved, friends and relatives taking the newcomers to temporary homes. . . ."

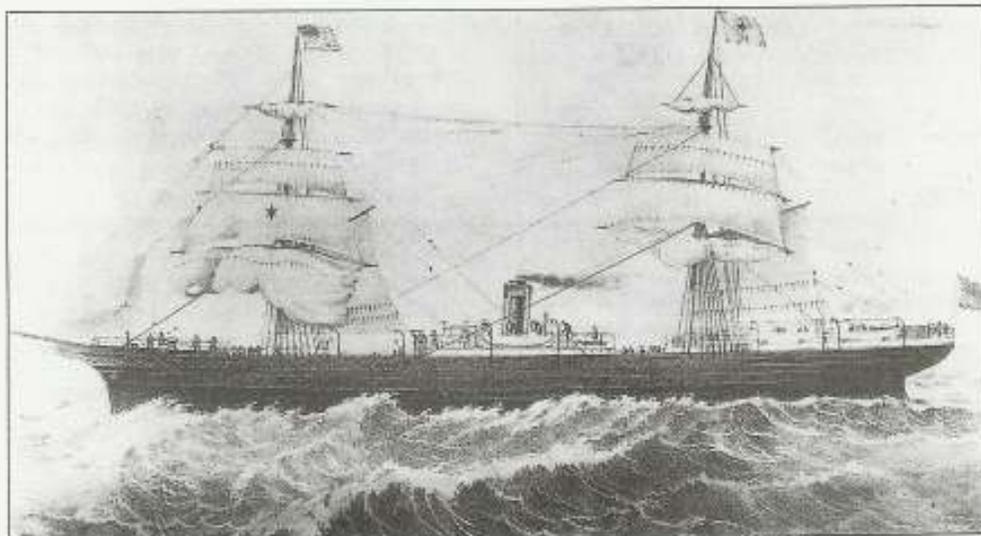
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Casper and Dorthea it is assumed that they came to Bear River City because they are buried there and also their oldest daughter, Marie had made the journey in 1869 and lived in Bear River City. There is no knowledge how or when they became members of the church. They had other married children also come to America.

Casper was born 14 Dec 1803 at Hjorslev, Otterup, Odense, Denmark to Hans Mar Russon (Markussen) and Birthe Marie Knudesen. He died 22 September 1879 at the age of 75 in Bear River City, Utah.

Ane Dorthea Rasmussen was born 24 April 1806 at Lun, Odense, Denmark to Rasmus Hansen (Giesbjerg) and Catherine Nielsen. She died 07 May 1892 at the age of 86.

It would be interesting to know their experiences joining the church and coming to America. No known histories exist of their experiences. They have grandchildren also buried in Bear River City in the same plot as Marie and Jorgen where they are also buried.



*The British steam ship, Minnesota. Courtesy, the Mariners Museum, Newport News, Virginia.*