

Endre Salvesen (Andrew Dahl) (Andrew S. Anderson) Lindland

Endre Salvesen Dahl, cook on the Sloop, should really have kept the name of Lindland, the farm on which he was born well to the south of Stavanger. Lindland was in the sogn of Sogndal and for some reason Endre chose to call himself Dal, which in America was spelled Dahl. The name became Andrew Dahl, but since his children, of course, were Endre's sons (and daughters), their last name became Anderson, and Endre himself was called Andrew S. Anderson.

During days of storms or rough seas, floods of water continually broke across the deck of the Sloop. The passengers had to stay below, packed in their tiered bunks like sardines in a can. When nausea came they could not take a turn on deck for fresh air — nor were there any portholes or electric ventilating fans to bring in air or blow out the smells produced by seasickness. And on such days those who were able to eat, dined cold on flatbrod and dried fish because Endre Dahl, the ship's cook, could not use the galley.

In Fox River there were fifty-eight Norwegian converts. They collected a hundred sheep and cattle and "a little money" as a contribution toward building the temple at Nauvoo. Endre Dahl was selected to make the trip and deliver. On the streets of Nauvoo he met none other than the Prophet himself; and, moreover was invited to go home with him. Endre "protested that he was only en ganske likefrem nordmann (a very simple Norwegian), unworthy to enter a prophet's dwelling. Smith, who finally prevailed on Dahl to accompany him, was much impressed ..." and felt the Scandinavians would come to play an important part in the church. He was right. Thirty thousand were to immigrate and swell the ranks of the Saints from 1850 to 1900.



Andrew A. and Mary Smith Anderson with children Andrew S., Sarah, Alma, and Joseph

Andrew Dahl (Anderson) and his second family starting out on April 18, 1849 in a group of twenty-two Norwegian Mormons bound for Utah. Andrew was then 65 years old, Hannah (Anna Johanna), 56; her sons Sven and John Jacobs were 25 and 23; and their son Andrew Alexander was 16. Hannah's oldest son Christopher does not seem to have been in the party. One other Sloop, Sarah Nelson, was in the party, as was also her husband-to-be, Canute Peterson.

Fascinating accounts of this wagon trek across the Great Plains and the mountains are to be found in the Mormon archives in Salt Lake City. All the romance of The Oregon Trail and The Covered Wagon are there — the nightly encampments, hunting for food, the danger from Indians, fording the streams, heat and thirst, snow in the mountains. Nowadays the route is covered in an automobile, bus, or train and is marked with historic monuments.

About 1860 Andrew Dahl died and was buried at Lehi. His son Andrew A. (Anderson) moved with his wife Mary and infant son to the Cache Valley in extreme northern Utah. They bought forty-five acres of government land there near Smithfield and built a house.

Andrew A. had been ordained a Seventy in 1859. Now Bishop Raskelly chose him as President of the Teachers Quorum. When Smithfield received its city charter, Andrew A. was put on the Council and served for twelve years. He also became Councilor to the Bishop.



Andrew Smith Anderson, Civil and Mining Engineer, and the 1910 transit he used in the Snake River Country