

ADELGUNDA DIETZEL HEINER



BIRTHDATE: 11 Jun 1815
Wasungen, Thuringen, Germany
DEATH: 24 Nov 1894
Morgan, Morgan Co., Utah
PARENTS: Johann M. Dietzel
Sophia Christine Knies
PIONEER: 16 Sep 1859
Edward Stevenson Wagon Train
SPOUSE: Johann Martin Heiner
MARRIED: 6 Jan 1838
DEATH SP: 11 Mar 1897
Morgan, Morgan Co., Utah

CHILDREN:

Mary Christine, 28 Jul 1839
Amelia, 20 Feb 1841
John, 2 Jul 1842
Anthony, 24 Jun 1844
George, 26 Mar 1846
Elizabeth, 4 Apr 1848
Daniel, 27 Nov 1850
Susannah Catherine, 15 Oct 1852
Emma Ann, 17 Aug 1856
Rachael, 16 Sep 1858
Eliza, 22 Oct 1860

Adalgunda was born in Wasungen, Sax-Meiningen, Thuringen, Germany. She attended the schools provided at that time and was very well educated. She learned the New Testament by memory. She also learned the skills of house-keeping and cooking.

Her father was a weaver and took Martin Heiner as a worker. Adalgunda and Martin were attracted to each other and were soon married. Four children were born to them in Germany before they made the decision to go to America.

Once in the United States, Martin had to depend on odd jobs until he was hired as a weaver in a woolen mill in Pennsylvania. They remained there for twelve years and six more children were born to them during that time.

They were introduced to the gospel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Elder Jacob Secrest. They were baptized and confirmed by him on December 13, 1852, with their two eldest daughters, Mary and Amelia. They desired to join the Saints in Salt Lake. By working, toiling, and saving, they were able to begin their trek across the Allegheny Mountains in 1859. Then they traveled by boat until they reached Florence, Nebraska. They joined the Edward Stevenson Wagon Company to cross the Plains and arrived in September of 1859.

They suffered much hardship during their first four years in the Salt Lake Valley. They lived in a dugout at the mouth of Bingham Canyon for two winters and on the Alkali Flats west of Salt Lake City for two years. Then in 1864, they moved to Morgan where Martin bought a forty acre farm, built the first rock house in Morgan, and planted the first fruit trees.

Adalgunda supported Martin in all of his callings for the church and taught her children correct principles. She and her husband were always staunch defenders of the faith and were interested in community improvements.

Adalgunda suffered a stroke in her later years and was left speechless until she passed away on November 20, 1894.