

Peter Isaacson:

Peter was just twelve years of age when his father died. He worked for eight years as an apprentice to learn the trade of a carpenter and worked in this capacity until he left his native land.

There was a compulsory law that every boy take soldiers training which Peter complied to and served for two years fighting in the war between Denmark and Germany. Peter's brother lost his life in the second war with Germany in 1863.

The Mormon missionaries contacted Peter and he was impressed with them. He accepted "Mormonism" and was baptized by Peter Paulsen in 1854, after which he served a short time himself as a missionary to his fellow country men.

A Lesson in Service

by Arthur Whiting

Grandpa Peter Isaacson left his home in the beautiful valley at Ephraim, Utah, when he was called by his stake president and the president of the church to go to Arizona on a mission.

After Brigham City was disbanded, he was called to be bishop of the little ward at the "Meadows." The Meadows was a small settlement eight miles below St. Johns on the Little Colorado.

Of the few families there, only part of them were active members. This, along with the desolate circumstances and lack of buildings, made it a challenge which would have discouraged most men, but Grandpa had long before been tested and proven, when it took him six months to cross the ocean. Then his young wife passed away. He had already endured so many trials and hardships that he was equal to the discouraging position as bishop of this little ward.

The members imposed on him and Grandma Isaacson finally returned to Ephraim, but Grandpa stayed at his post until released by those in authority.

When he moved back to his beloved Ephraim, he found someone had jumped his land, and he literally had to start over again, but not one of these things ever weakened Grandpa's testimony and faith.

Whenever I become discouraged with any position or calling in the Church, I stop and think of Grandpa Isaacson and it makes me a little ashamed that I ever hesitated.

Peter Isaacson, his son, grandson, and great grand child

