

RASMUS HANSEN LUND

Rasmus Hansen Lund was born November 12, 1840, a son of Hans Hansen Lund and Karen Rasmussen, in the area called Hallingskeiv, Fyen, Denmark. The family later moved to the beautiful island of Tassing, (or Thersing) meaning the God Thors Meadow, who was recognized as one of the early Danish Gods.

Hans Hansen Lund secured the leasing of a large farm in the town of Gjesing. This island originally belonged to a nobleman by the name of Niels Juul, Admiral in the Danish Navy, and presented to him by the Danish Government as an award for the successful sea battle in Kjege Bay. Hence all lands were leased out, the title thereto remain vested in his descendants. The castle built in his honor is still standing and called "Waldemass Castle" and forms an attraction to tourists visiting Denmark.

Rasmus Hansen Lund participated in the War of 1864 between Denmark and Germany. Due to exposure during this war, he was stricken with rheumatic pain which he never overcame. For this service, he was awarded the "War Service Medal". He also received a small pension after he arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah through the Danish Vice Consulate here, Vice Counsel Peter Hansen.

After being discharged from the Army, he resumed work on his father's farm. On July 10, 1866 he married Petrine Jensen, daughter of a shipbuilder, Jens Hansen of Lundby, Taasinge. Petrine Jensen was born November 20, 1843. While they made their home at Lundby, two children were born to them, Hans Marius Hansen Lund on November 24, 1867 and Caroline Petrine Hansen Lund on April 29, 1869. In the year 1870 Rasmus Hansen Lund became the manager of the Cooperative Mercantile Institute of Gundsemagle, Falster, Denmark. The family left for the new field of activity taking daughter Caroline Petrine with them. Marius Hansen Lund was left with his grandfather, Jens Hansen. The following children were born at Gundsemagle, Jens (James) Peter Alfred Hansen Lund born December 3, 1870, Theodore Hannibal Hansen Lund born March 9, 1872, Adolph Hansen Lund born September 26, 1875, George Guido Hansen Lund born March 12, 1876 and Ernest Sophus Paulinus Hansen Lund born January 23, 1879.

Rasmus Hansen Lund was very much liked by his employers and his courts men and when he decided to leave and go in business for himself in 1881, the Board of Directors offered him an increase in salary, but he wanted to be his own boss. Sollested, Lolland, the new place of business was a railroad and telegraph station located about 8 miles west of the coast city of Nakskev. The property purchased consisted of about an acre of land and the necessary out-buildings for livestock and poultry. While living in Sollested the following children were born, Djalmar Emanuel Hansen Lund born May 4, 1882, Balthasar Alexander Hansen Lund born April 19, 1883, Bothilda Antonette Hansen Lund born November 5, 1884, Elvira Kamilla Hansen Lund born March 13, 1886, and Rosamundi Adli Hansen Lund born in 1887. Bothilda and Rosamundi died in infancy, Bothilda died June 27, 1887 and Rosamundi died June 24, 1888.

With the business deal, Rasmus was allowed to sell drinks and refreshments at the Railroad Station. He was also to see the telegrams were delivered. The Inn was also a stopover for traveling salesmen, and this also added to Rasmus's source of income. URANIENBORG, the name of the Inn, was known for some distance around for its accommodations and courteous service and so the business increased until it was necessary to add new buildings. A new two story brick building was erected, joining the other buildings. The first story was used for dances and public meetings, while the second story contained several guest rooms. There was also an outdoor bowling alley and well cared for garden. Rasmus Lund was highly respected and enjoyed a reputation of fair and honest dealings. Believing and practicing "The Golden Rule", he was also religiously inclined. It was therefore easy for him to accept the teachings of the Mormon Elders with whom he came in contact. After a thorough investigation of the gospel as taught by the missionaries, he was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, November 30, 1887, in Nakskov, Fjord, Denmark. All of the children were later baptized at the same place. After joining the L.D.S. Church they were anxious to join the Saints in Utah, so properties were offered for sale, at a very reduced price. It was not until nearly six years had passed that a sale was made. Four of Rasmus's sons, Marius, Alfred, Hannibal and Adolph emigrated to Utah four years before the rest of the family in the year 1889. In early August 1893, the rest of the Family left Sollested for Utah, accompanied by the following children: Caroline, Sophus, Djalmar, George, Alexander and Elvira. They arrived in Salt Lake City September 3, 1893 and resided there until 1895.

Rasmus Hansen Lund bought a grocery, hay and grain business which was located at Salt Lake City, Utah. The business was conducted under the name R. H. Lund and Sons. The oldest son Marius was manager. Due to the effect of the panic of 1892, the business was not very profitable. During the latter part of 1895 the property on State Street was traded for a small farm in Pleasant Grove, Utah, where the family then moved. Rasmus's son George Guido Lund died November 21, 1895 at 339 South State and his son Theodore Hannibal Lund had died prior to the arrival of Marius and Adolph on May 11, 1889 at Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah. They both died from Typhoid Fever. Djalmar went

on a mission to Denmark. When all of the children had married, Rasmus and Petrine sold their property in Pleasant Grove and moved to Crescent, Utah where they built a comfortable home on ground given to them by their daughter, Caroline and her husband Oluf Bohn. This property adjoined the Bohn home.

Rasmus Hansen Lund had always been a thrifty and economic person, a splendid provider for his family, a liberal contributor when help was needed. He had an attractive and pleasing personality which was a great factor in drawing people to him. He was joyful in his disposition, a fine dancer, a fair singer, and a good mixer among friends and the public. It must also be said of him that he was a faithful Latter Day Saint member holding the office of High Priest. He was honest with his God, and his fellow men. Rasmus Hansen Lund died February 17, 1920 in Crescent, Utah. Blessed be his memory.

(Submitted by his eldest son, Marius Lund and read at the annual meeting of the Rasmus Hansen Lund Family Association at the Moose Club Hall, November 19, 1941.)