



Elisha and Charlotte Peck

The Pecks and Russons
Have Been An Integral
Part of Lehi Legacy
Since November 7, 1870

Eliza Round

Was born October 11, 1830 in Netherton, Warchester, England. Her mother had eleven children. Eliza went to live with her grandmother who was very good to her and taught her to live an upright life. Eliza married Lott Russon, December 25, 1850. Eliza was a good church worker. It was her delight to attend her meetings and to do her duty. Eliza was a Relief Society teacher for thirty five years. While raising her family she worked at a hand mill making shoe nails. She had a good sale for her nails. She died in Lehi July 22, 1908. Eliza's funeral was held in the newly finished Lehi Tabernacle.

Lott Russon, Sr.

I, Lott Russon, was born January 1, 1829, Netherton, Warchestershire, England. I worked in a boiler factory and later in the mines. When I was seven years old, I worked at the Boiler making and carrying rivets. I had a dreft drove into my head. I was senseless for some time ... My poor father got disabled in the mines. My father never was able to work again. I was the only son. My mother and I had to work hard to keep the family together. I was thirteen. I left the boiler yards and went into the mines. My father came to see how I was getting on. He fell into the pit and was killed ... I fell with my hand against the cog-wheel and one of my fingers went into the teeth and took off my nail and the flesh to the first joint.. I had to go to the doctor and have the first joint taken off ... After our marriage we lived with my mother until our first born ...

A Light from Heaven

Our neighbor lent me a Book of Mormon and I read it through. No man could make up such a book unless he was inspired of God. "It is true." We were baptized by John Price, President of the Dudley Branch. One night I began to call unto the Lord to show me if it were the Church of God or not.. I had not prayed long when a light from heaven shone all around me. The light stayed with me for a mile ...

More Tragedies

A fall of coal came onto me and buried me, and I could hear the men say, "He must be dead." It took five men to lift it off me ... I started from the top, the drum came out of place and I was run 450 to the bottom of the pit... I was working by myself where the roof had fallen in. A voice said: "Lott, go out this minute and have your

breakfast." There came a fall, hundreds of tons and buried all my tools ... One day at work, there came a weight on the chamber and the roof broke in. The water came in as large as a horse's body ...

Struggling Experiences in England Ends Lehi Perpetual Emmigration Funds Arrive.

My wife Eliza came up to the coal mine about two miles and had me called up out of the pit. I was up to my chest in water. When my wife saw me she said: "Take those wet pants off and never put them on again, for there has come money from Utah for us all." I said: "Let me go down and finish my day's work." She said: "No, you might get hurt." We went home arm in arm shedding tears of joy ... On October 23, 1871, we boarded the ship Nevada with 300 other saints at Liverpool.. The sea was rough. The ship was unbalanced. It was a miserable voyage.

We Paid the Money Back to the Church

After our daughter (Charlotte) came to Utah, the Lord opened the way for us to come after her (Charlotte) and brother Nebecker sent us the money-five hundred and thirty-five dollars and 36 cents to bring us all out...

We Arrived in Lehi

Charlotte and Elisha Peck were living in a one-room house built with mud. We crowded together in that little place for a few months. Brother William Turner let us use his chicken coop for our first Lehi home ... It was also built of mud and the roof was willows and dirt. When it rained, it poured ... On Sept. 9, 1872 we went through the Endowment House ... In February, 1876, I was called to be president of the Elder's Quorum and in October, I was called to be a teacher ...

Brick and Lumber makes a house,
but Love, Unity, and Joy make a
home.



Elisha Peck, Sr. (1850)

Partly Written By Elisha Peck, Jr. Elisha Peck, Sr. was born He was the youngest and only boy of four children. His sister, Sophia Mary Ann, died in her youth in England. Elisha's mother died when he was three years old. Isaac Kinger was a brother of Elisha's grandmother, and his wife, came to keep house for them. Four years later Elisha's father died. The Kinger's stayed on and operated a store in the Peck family home. A main feature of the country store was the aunt's baking. Every Saturday Elisha took the goods to be baked to the large community oven, in a cart pulled by a small donkey. He also used the cart to deliver the baked goods to customers, and to give rides to community children.

Comforts of English Country Life

The children received liberal allowances from Elisha's father's estate. They lived with every comfort and luxury of English country life. A private tutor taught the children at home. When Elisha was eleven years old his uncle died. He and his two sisters were considered orphans.

Great Message of the Gospel

When Elisha was twelve years old he heard the great message of the gospel and was baptized. When he was sixteen he was ordained an elder and put in charge of the Redlynce Branch of the church. At seventeen Elisha was set apart by F.D. Richards as a missionary in the Birmingham District, Derbyshire and Leicestershire. It was while laboring there that he met Miss Charlotte Russon. After serving nearly two years, Elisha was released. His two sisters had gone to Utah and married. Elizabeth Peck married Franklin Merrill in Salt Lake. Martha Ann Peck married William Yates in Lehi. Elisha stayed in England to settle his father's estate. He then crossed the Atlantic on the last sailing vessel, the "Emerald Isle," that carried just saints. Thirty-seven of the company died and received watery graves.

New Life in America and Lehi, Utah

He walked across the plains to Ogden, Utah, working his way by helping build the railroad. Elisha's first job in Utah was teaching school in the winter and farming shares in the summer. He was a clerk in the People's Co-op Store in Lehi for twenty-five years. Elisha was the first secretary of the Lehi Ward Sunday School. He was called on a mission to the Southern States in 1887. He left his family with very little money, two cows and a few pigs to fare the best they could. Charlotte made yeast and sold it in exchange for flour to help support Elisha. Upon his return he sold a parcel of land for six hundred dollars and sent the money to a South Carolina branch to pay transportation for two families to come to Utah.

Charlotte Russon

CHARLOTTE RUSSON, (1851), Partly written by Elisha Peck, Jr.

When born Charlotte was small enough to be put in a quart cup. She never weighed more than 103 pounds. As a girl in a pottery factory she carried bottles on her shoulders up a large flight of stairs. When Charlotte was seventeen. Peter Nebecker, the son of wealthy sheep owners in Salt Lake, was a missionary in England. He offered to send Charlotte to Utah to live with his parents. She accepted the invitation. Shortly after arriving in Utah, a young man from Lehi, Elisha Peck walked to Salt Lake to see Charlotte. Charlotte had sung for the elders at street meetings in England and had stood in front of Elder Peck and protected him from the rotten eggs thrown by angry mobs.

Marriage of Charlotte Russon and Elisha Peck

Charlotte Russon and Elisha Peck were married November 7, 1870, in the Endowment House. The following day the newlyweds drove to Lehi in a wagon borrowed from Elisha's sister, Mrs. William Yates. Their first home was adobe, 12' X 14', had a dirt floor, a little round table in the center of the room, a large wooden box with a straw tick for a mattress, and only boxes for chairs. In the spring, Elisha purchased some red pine lumber and built a new home with a beautiful wooden floor. Charlotte's family came to Utah in 1871. They moved in with the Pecks in time to hold Charlotte and Elisha's first child shortly after the new baby was born.

Elisha Peck and Charlotte Russon raised an honorable family of eleven children, were faithful Latter Day Saints and left their children with the memory of two great pioneers and loving parents.

Elisha Peck was the first secretary of The Lehi Sunday Schools.

During his time as Secretary Lehi had the largest number of L D S Sunday School Members of any place in the world.

The largest Sunday School in Lehi was held at the still standing Ross School in the center of the block between Fourth and Fifth North and First and Second East in Lehi. Pioneers living in northeast Lehi attended this school-later the old Sego Lily School..

The first Kindergarten and First Grade (later called Juvenile Sunday Schools) in the world were started at the Ross School..

The very first bearing of testimonies (now called Testimony Meetings) were first started in Sunday Schools in Utah County.

Karl G. Maeser, from B Y U, L D S General Authorities, from Salt Lake City, and other L D S leaders from throughout the world, were frequent visitors to see innovative Sunday Schools in operation in Lehi..

The Russons and Pecks were all part of these world wide L D S innovations.