

JOHN AUGUST WARNICK

With the renewed interest this year in the "Emigrant" because of the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, I feel a real debt of gratitude to the Warnick family who emigrated to this country. True there was no statue to welcome them as they disembarked after the long journey, but they had a great cause leading them on.

We have no new stories of John August to relate but the ones we do know we treasure and are grateful for.

I'm especially appreciative to Reed Warnick, for his indepth study of the circumstances surrounding the Warnick family emigration. For he gives John August some well deserved credit for his part in the planning and carrying out of those plans. Each family member had an important part, Their age and circumstances dictating their role.

John August and Mari already had two children and were expecting a third when they set out on the long journey in an old sail ship. And oh for the trials that awaited them. They were to pay a high price for the title, "Pioneer" both in toil and sorrow.

John August had worked for the railroad while in Sweden. And with the coming of the railroad across the new land his knowledge proved a blessing as he was able to find employment there. One day while working on the rail beds, Brigham young visited the camp to inspect the work. He was impressed with the workmanship on a difficult curve area and inquired as to who had done the work. It was reported that August Warnick had done the section alone. He pronounced a blessing on his head that he would prosper and live in faith all his life, which he did.

He built seven homes in the Pleasant Grove area, each one an improvement over the last. He also made furniture as I have a cupboard in my home that he made. It has wooden pegs for nails and hand carved dove-tail sides on the drawers. The boards are rough on the back but smooth on sides and in side.. Used by 5 generations and highly prized.

Knowing their trials and sorrows for the gospels sake makes us want to live up to their example..

Thanks to them and all

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