

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LEGACY

(Note: If the links don't work, copy them and paste in your browser)

My great grandmother, Hannah Anderson Hanson wrote about her husband's family, and I have that history that my mother typed up. LEGACY is about Hannah's husband's family, and it was her husband who was born in the wagon train when his brother died. He is my great grandfather.

No one before Hannah kept a written record of their history, but Hannah gathered all of this by talking with those who lived that history, and she wrote it down. My mother typed it all up for her.

Our play, LEGACY, is based on the story written by Hannah of Hakan and Karna Hanson, her father-in-law and mother-in-law. Hakan and Karna had a couple of older children with them as they crossed the plains, and, of course, had many experiences. For LEGACY, I have simplified their experiences and not brought in their other children to keep focus on LEGACY's message. The play, however, is a fair representation of their overall experience and accurately portrays the birth of their baby and the death of their little son with the father staying behind to dig his grave.

I've included below the links on FamilySearch to the histories I am referring to, so you can access them if you want. You might also want to look at pictures and other documents on those sites to get a feel for the characters.

My great grandmother Hanson, who wrote these histories, had a wonderful style. She wrote it with dialogue and intimate descriptions like she was a personal observer of what was happening. To put me in the picture, my family lived with her and my G Grandfather Hanson for a few months when I was 4-5 years old, and I remember them vividly. They both passed away a year after we lived with them. In other words, I knew and lived with a genuine, honest-to-goodness pioneer! 😊

You might be interested in reading the original article I wrote for The Ensign (<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/1981/02/what-to-do-with-adversity?lang=eng>) that was the basis for LEGACY, and below I've included links to the histories I have referred to. Just sign into FamilySearch then click the links. THANK YOU FOR PASSING ON THIS LEGACY WITH SUCH SPIRIT AND TALENT!!!

Steve

HISTORIES OF JOHN ALFRED HANSON (BORN ON THE PLAINS) AND HANNAH ANDERSON HANSON (his wife)—WRITTEN BY HANNAH ANDERSON HANSON.

[https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/55157259?p=2018684&returnLabel=Hannah%20Anderson%20\(KWC2-6BQ\)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FKWC2-6BQ](https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/55157259?p=2018684&returnLabel=Hannah%20Anderson%20(KWC2-6BQ)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FKWC2-6BQ)

[https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/5171592?p=2018611&returnLabel=John%20Alfred%20Hanson%20\(KWCY-NVL\)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FKWCY-NVL](https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/5171592?p=2018611&returnLabel=John%20Alfred%20Hanson%20(KWCY-NVL)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FKWCY-NVL)

HISTORY OF HAKAN & KARNA HANSON (Who the play is about) WRITTEN BY HANNAH ANDERSON HANSON, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND WIFE OF JOHN ALFRED HANSON WHO WAS BORN ON THE PLAINS OF NEBRASKA

[https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/56521345?p=2018715&returnLabel=H%C3%A5kan%20Hansson%20\(L5FT-CMT\)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FL5FT-CMT](https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/56521345?p=2018715&returnLabel=H%C3%A5kan%20Hansson%20(L5FT-CMT)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FL5FT-CMT)

[https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/5171923?p=2018715&returnLabel=H%C3%A5kan%20Hansson%20\(L5FT-CMT\)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FL5FT-CMT](https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/5171923?p=2018715&returnLabel=H%C3%A5kan%20Hansson%20(L5FT-CMT)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FL5FT-CMT)

AND THIS IS A LITTLE STORY ABOUT THE KIND OF WOMAN KARNA WAS THROUGHOUT HER LIFE. This was written by a daughter of John Alfred Hanson who was born on the plains. He told the story to his daughter and is relating his experience with his mother when he was a boy of 12 living in either Idaho or Utah. She was a living angel!!!

[https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/37248812?p=2018731&returnLabel=Karna%20Jensdotter%20\(KWVW-9RV\)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FKWVW-9RV](https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/37248812?p=2018731&returnLabel=Karna%20Jensdotter%20(KWVW-9RV)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FKWVW-9RV)