



Lovisa Miller Hammond

Lovisa's parents were living in Quincy, Illinois, when the Mormons were being driven from Missouri. The Millers joined with others of the town and opened their arms and homes to the destitute Saints. They became interested in the gospel and joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in August, 1839.

They moved with the Saints to Nauvoo and this is where Lovisa grew up. In 1846, they moved to Winter Quarters where the Miller brothers were instructed to build a log tabernacle at Council Bluffs. In 1848, they left Winter Quarters and started across the plains.

Her father was a captain of ten in the fourth company. Lovisa drove a team and sometimes rode a horse to help drive the cattle they were taking with them. They arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in 1848.

They moved to Farmington that same year and planted the first wheat to be planted in Farmington and had to contend with the Indians.

Lovisa married Milton Datus Hammond who had been headed to California for gold. Due to the loss of his team, he stayed in Utah, taught school in Farmington, worked for Lovisa's father.

They were married and moved to Sanpete County to assist in protecting the settlers from the Indians. They returned the next summer and her husband taught school again in Farmington.

In 1864, they moved to Providence to make their home. She had the first sewing machine in Providence and shared this machine with all who would come to her home to use it.

Lovisa cared for the sick, was a visiting teacher, and taught her children well. She had a strong testimony of the Gospel.