

## ZEMIRA PALMER

Zemira Palmer was born August 9, 1831 in West Loughborough, Frontenac, Ontario, Canada to George Palmer and Phebe Draper. Married Sally Knight December 1, 1851. They had twelve children: six sons and six daughters. Died October 22, 1880 in Orderville, Kane, Utah. Buried in Orderville, Kane, Utah.

When Zemira's father died his mother gathered her children and left Canada and joined the Saints in Ohio.

Zemira's mother remarried and his step-father joined the Mormon Battalion. His mother went as a cook and a laundress and Zemira went as a servant to an officer. He carried a gun and a sack as those in the ranks did. Food being scarce, they were forced to kill their horses and eat them. Because he was young he could not stand the privations as the other could, so his mother would purposely burn the bread so that the officers would cut it off and this would go to Zemira. He said those crusts were better to him than a piece of pie would be now many years later.

After reaching San Diego and being released from duty Zemira, with his mother and step-father, went to the gold fields to get enough money to get back to Utah. Zemira found a rich vein and as he was working it his stepfather ordered him to move on. Zemira refused and pulled his gun and said, "This is mine and I will not give it up." He was successful in obtaining gold in California and after getting \$500 went to Provo, Utah where he met Sally Knight, whom he later married.

He married his second wife, Caroline Jacques, on March 30, 1856.

He was six foot in his stocking feet, had black curly hair and black eyes and a light complexion. It is said that he did not know the value of money but was honest and had a quick, fiery disposition.

Zemira had used tobacco since a very young man, but he told his son, Alma, that he wasn't going to have his family point to him and say he set a bad example, so he threw it away and never smoked again.

They lived in Provo and Heber City, Utah; in Panaca, Lincoln, Nevada; Southern Utah to look after the cotton industry, and Orderville, Utah where he was called to be the leader of the United Order. While living there Zemira died at the early age of 49.