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HISTORY OF RELIEF SOCIETY

TAKEN FROM WRITINGS OF SISTER ENEZ HOFF

AS WELL AS SPIRITUAL WORK THE RELIEF SOCIETY WOMEN HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ACTIVE IN RENDERING FINANCIAL AID IN THE ERECTING OF CHURCH BUILDING, ETC FIRST THE SUNDAY EGGS AND (PENNY FUND) WERE MEANS BY WHICH THE RELIEF SOCIETY MADE ITS FIRST DONATIONS TO THE LOGAN TEMPLE.

SEVERAL CARPETS WERE ALSO MADE FOR TEMPLES. DONATIONS TO FIELDING ACADEMY AT PARIS ID, GEORGETOWN ID WARD MEETING HOUSE, BEAR LAKE STAKE TABERNACLE AT PARIS ID, THE STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY HOUSE AT PARIS ID AND THE MONTPELIER ID STAKE TABERNACLE.

SUMS AMOUNTING FROM \$30 TO \$50 AND LESS HAVE BEEN PAID TO THE GEORGETOWN ID WARD FOR WARD EXPENSES AND UP-KEEP.

OVER \$50 WORTH OF WHEAT WAS GATHERED, ONE BUSHEL OR MORE EACH YEAR FROM EACH MEMBER OF THE RELIEF SOCIETY. THE CASH FOR IT WAS DEPOSITED IN THE PRESIDING BISHOP'S OFFICE SALT LAKE CITY UT.

THE RELIEF SOCIETY DID THE FINISHING AND FURNISHING OF THE RELIEF SOCIETY HOUSE. SUCH AS: CARPETS, CHAIRS, BLINDS, CURTAINS, CUPBOARDS, ORGAN, BOOKCASE, ETC.

THEY MADE SIX TEMPLE SUITS WHICH WERE KEPT

FOR RENT. THEY DID THE WINDOW CURTAINS AND 40 YARDS OF CARPET TOWARD THE GEORGETOWN ID MEETING HOUSE, DISHES FOR PUBLIC USE, THE SILVER INDIVIDUAL SACRAMENT SET, FUNERAL DRAPERIES, E T C , TEMPLE DONATIONS AND WORK.

'SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO SEW FOR THE DEAD'

CHAIRMAN - MARY J. BEE, IDA HOFF, EMMA SMART, JANE HOFF

SEWERS - HATTIE SMITH, HATTIE HOFF, IDA HOFF, MARY ARMATAGE, ENEZ T. HOFF, LUCY P. DUNN, LAURINE RASMUSSEN, EMMA THORNTON, SELMA HOFF AND OTHERS.

MOTHER TOOK ME TO THE RELIEF SOCIETY WITH HER. THERE WAS ALWAYS A QUILT ON. I WOULD SIT UNDER THE QUILT. SHE WOULD PUSH THE NEEDLE DOWN THROUGH THE QUILT AND I WOULD PUSH IT BACK UP TO HER. I ALSO LEARNED HOW TO MAKE SOAP AND HEAD CHEESE, THE RIGHT WAY TO MIX BREAD, IMPORTANT TO WASH WHITES BEFORE DARK CLOTHES AND ALSO TO WASH GLASSES FIRST AND SILVERWARE LAST, ETC. (GG)