Revolutionary ancestors were the proud boast of this Utah girl. Lehi was the town of her birth 23 Dec. 1852 and John R. Murdock and Almira N. Lott Murdock were her parents. When she was 12 her father was called to preside over Beaver Stake of Zion and she moved there with her family. She attended district school until 18 and taught a free school for 2 years.

In 1874 she married Philo Taylor Farnsworth. She became president of the Retrenchment Assoc. Organization—the 2nd Suffrage Society of Utah. In 1889 she moved to Frisco, Beaver, then Salt Lake. She had 8 girls and 2 boys.

She helped organize and became historian of the Daughters of the Mormon Battalion. For 17 years she was director of National Women’s Relief Society. She had 4 daughters and husband toured Europe.

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Sister Farnsworth’s father, John R. Murdock went to California with the Mormon Battalion in 1847-1847 and reached G. S. L. Valley in Oct. 1847. Her mother drove an ox team from Winter Quarters to G. S. L. City in 1848. Traveling with her father’s family in Heber C. Kimball’s company. Julia was baptized in the mill pond at Lehi in July, 1860, by her grandfather John Murdock, who also confirmed her. When she was 12 years old her father was called from Lehi to Beaver, in Southern Utah, to preside as Bishop; afterwards he became the president of the Beaver Stake of Zion. Julia attended the district school until she was nearly 18 years old, after which she, in company with other girl friends, taught a free school for 2 years. The first school of that kind in Utah. In 1889 she moved to Frisco, Beaver, Utah then a great mining camp, in which the Horn Silver Mine, its largest producer, is located, and over which Mr. Farnsworth was superintendent. They remained at Frisco 3 years, but during the last 22 years the family has resided in Salt Lake City. Sister Farnsworth is the mother of 10 children, 8 daughters and 2 sons. She is a charter member and State Historian for the Daughters of the Revolution and was first corresponding secretary of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and also a charter member. She helped to organize and is now historian for the Daughters of the Mormon Battalion.

She has been a director of the National Women’s Relief Society for the past 17 years and has traveled many thousand miles as a missionary for this organization. 5 years ago, in the company of her husband and 4 of her daughters, she spent the summer and fall traveling in Europe, visiting over 65 cities. Sister Farnsworth’s strongest attributes are her faith in the gospel, her love of home and Utah’s people, and patriotism for her American country.