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Biographical Sketch

of

Eliza Faulkner Welsh

by herself

Pioneer Year 1855

Captain Secrist

Born: 1843 in Halifax County, Nova Scotia, Canada

Died: 27 Feb 1927 in American Fork, Utah

*Eliza Faulkner Welsh was born in Halifax County, Nova Scotia, in the year 1843.*

In 1853 two Mormon Elders came to our home and my family joined the church and one year after we left our home for Utah. We left home on the first day of May 1855. There was father, mother, and seven children. We came to the Missouri River and stopped. There we got ready to cross the plains. My father got his team and made ready to start.

My brother James died of cholera and about the 15th of June the cholera broke out again. The Indians stampeded the horses and our Captain, Captain Secrist, went back on the mail line to fetch the horses and he took cholera and my mother was the first woman to go to help him and she took cholera and died and four of my brothers. That left my father and three children, and we came on our road.

At this time my sister had the cholera and was not expected to live. She asked to be baptized and they carried her to the Platt River and baptized her and she walked back to camp.

When we came to fort Bridger my father had the mountain fever and was near death but he recovered and came to Utah about the later part of September.

In the spring of 1856 we came to American Fork and have lived here ever since.

*Died Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, 1927.*