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Biographical Sketch

of

Caroline Abigail Mayhew Chipman

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Pioneer Year 1853

D.R. Miller Company

Born: 18 Dec 1842, Edinburgh, Johnson, Indiana

Married: 30 May 1868, Salt Lake City, Utah

Died: 30 Nov 1924

Caroline Abigail Mayhew Chipman, Daughter of Elijah and Lydia Farnsworth Mayhew was born December 18, 1842 in Edinburgh Johnson Co. Indiana. She was the seventh child of a family of nine, 6 boys and 3 girls. Three boys and two girls died in their infancy, before reaching the age of 1 year, leaving the parents with 1 girls, Caroline and 3 boys, Austin, Otto, and Walter.

When the Gospel of Jesus Christ taught by the Missionaries reached them, they were convinced of its truthfulness and were baptized into the church. They at once go the spirit of fathering and moved in April 1853 from Indiana to Missouri and on June 8 of that year left Missouri for the land of Zion.

Under the leadership of Pres. Brigham Young, perfect organization existed. Presidents being appointed over the entire company departing. Captains then were appointed over 50 wagons, then captains over 10. The companies starting at that time were presided over by D.R. Miller and John Cooley, Luke Johnson was over the fifty and Jacob Bigler over the 10 of which Elijah and Lydia Mayhew and family were members. Elijah Mayhew being good at clerical work was appointed secretary of the company.

They had a hard long journey of over 1700 miles being 6 months and one day from the time of leaving their pleasant home in Indiana until they arrived in Salt lake City, Sept. 9 1853. They went immediately to Pl. Grove and made it their permanent home. Caroline in her youth was a great comfort to her parents. As soon as she was old enough she labored in the organizations of the Church especially in the recreational work. She belonged to what was then known as the "Pl. Grove Dramatic Troop" and traveled from place to place.

On May 30, 1968 she was married in the Celestial Order of marriage in the Endowment House, Salt Lake City, to Washburn Chipman of American Fork. To this union five children were born: Otto Lyman, Oct. 21, 1870, in Pleasant Grove, Utah. Lydia Lucinda, Nov. 20 1874 in Pleasant Grove, Utah. Austin, Feb. 19, 1876, in American Fork, Utah (died at birth). Walter Franklin, March 6, 1878,

American Fork, Utah. Caroline Florilla, Sept. 5, 1880 in American Fork, Utah.

She was a splendid mother entering, with her whole heart and soul, into the work of the early pioneer and proved herself an expert in many things pertaining to her work, braiding hats, knitting stockings, making soap, braiding rugs, etc. She was also a poet and artist, she did beautiful needle work, knitting, embroidering, painting, etc.

She not only proved a true mother to her own children but at the death of her sister wife Mendwell, the first wife of Washburn Chipman, she mothered in kindness and love her children, 6 in number, the same spirit and devotion to her husband.

In the month of Feb. 1892, Otto her oldest son then married to Martha Huggard was called on a mission to New Zealand where he died, Aug. 31, 1892. The evening of his death the father could not sleep and arose and wrote a long letter to his son urging him to be careful of his health, and 1 month before receiving the word of his death, Lillie a cousin to Otto was permitted to see him in vision proving that his spirit arrived before his body and that his spirit still lived. This was indeed a sad blow to the wife and entire family.

She was counselor in the Primary before the wards were divided and was a teacher in the Relief Society for many years and held this position at the time of her death, which followed an operation for tumor Nov. 30, 1924 at the age of 83 years.

To know her was to love her. She died as she had lived, a true devoted wife and mother and a faithful Latter Day Saint. Her life was one of love and worth. May we as faithful be, that we may meet and be with her, thru all Eternity.