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Biographical Sketch
of
Ellen Wright Jackson
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Pioneer Year 1853

Born 30 June 1836 in Comoron, Herts, England

Married 8 Jul 1854 in the Endowment House, SLC, Utah

Died 11 Dec 1904 at American Fork, UtaH

Ellen Wright Jackson was born June 30th, 1836, in Comoron, County of Herts, England and died at Am. Fork December 11, 1904., being at the time of her death, 68 years, 6 months and 19 days. She was the daughter of James Wright and Mary Dusall. She was at an early age associated with the Latter Day Saints and her whole life may be said to be interwoven with the history of this people; her father and mother having joined the church some time previous. Ellen was baptized in December, 1849, at Hampers Mill, Whatford, Herefordshire, England. About this time her father was given the choice by his employer of leaving the church or losing his position. He chose the latter and on January 2nd, 1850, he with three children, Elias, Fredrick and Ellen, leaving behind for want of means to take them his wife and three other children. They reached St. Louis by way of New Orleans in March, 1850, where after some time they were joined by the mother and the three children.

After being united again, they soon prepared to make another start towards their destination. This time it being decided that the mother should lead the way while the father remained to earn means to follow. In May 1852 Mrs. Wright, accompanied by Ellen, Fredrick, and Sarah, bade farewell to their father and rest of the family and once more started on their journey; father Wright intending to follow the next year had he not been prevented by his death. Arriving at Council Bluffs the latter part of June, they prepared for the long journey across the plains to Utah, starting on their journey July 5th, 1852. Ellen with others walked nearly the whole 1,000 miles, arriving in Salt Lake City Utah September 27, 1853.

Ellen was married to William Whally - Jackson July 8, 1854, in the Old Endowment House in Salt Lake City, remaining there until 1856, when she moved with her husband to American fork, being followed shortly after her mother, brothers and sister, most of whom made their home here. She shared with her husband the privation and suffering incident to the early settlement of American Fork and was ever a faithful helpmate. She was the mother of 13 children, 9 of whom together with her husband preceded her in their journey homeward. She left three sons and one daughter to continue the work here which she began. She was a true Latter-day Saint, and

twice bore the responsibility of the family while her husband filled missions abroad. Two of her sons have also filled honorable missions, and perhaps no act of her life did she display more true heroism than when she was willing that her youngest son and only child remaining at home should leave her to go and carry the Truth to the people of the world. The desire of her heart was granted and she lived to see him return home in honor.

She now has laid down the cares and responsibilities of this life, bidding farewell to those remaining her, she has gone to be received and welcomed by those who have gone before.

Sister Cornaby, a very dear friend of Brother and Sister Jackson, though very ill at the time of grandmother's death, sent the following sentiment:

“Now the storms of life are over
and all her toils complete
She rests on yonder peaceful shore,
By angel bands she's greeted.”