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Biographical Sketch

of

Eliza F. Welsh

Pioneer Year 1855

Born 23 Jul. 1843 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Married James Welsh 18 Mar. 1861

Mrs. Eliza Faulkner Welsh, 83, a resident of this city for seventy one years, passed away Sunday February 27, 1927 of ailments incident to old age.

Eliza Faulkner Welsh, daughter of James and Mary Ann Dunbrack Faulkner, was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia July 23, 1843. She was the third child of a family of seven. In 1853 two Mormon missionaries came to their home. Her parents were converted to the principles of the Gospel they taught and were baptized in the LDS Church.

On May 1, 1855 Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner with their seven children started for Utah. Eliza then being twelve years of age. They came to the Missouri River and stayed there until the 15th of June- when they continued their journey. The cholera broke out in their company from which many of their number died. Among them Eliza's mother and two brothers, leaving the father and five children to enter the valley in September 1855.

In the spring of 1856 they came to American Fork where the deceased has since resided. She married James Welsh, March 18, 1861, by Bishop L. E. Harrington. To Mr. and Mrs. Welsh were born ten children, five of whom died soon after birth. One daughter, Pearl, lived until seven years of age, leaving them with the remaining children, James, William, Minnie, and Robert. December 19, 1914, their daughter, Mrs. Minnie Welsh Barrett, the mother of four living children died. About three years later, October 22, 1917, Mrs. Welsh's husband was called by death and on November 13, 1919, another son William, a resident of Lehi, died.

Through all her trials of life Mrs. Welsh displayed unwavering fortitude. She was a faithful member of the Church, even willing to testify to the blessings she received. She was a Relief Society teacher for many, many years and also an active member of the organization until four years ago when she fell and broke her hip.

Her sons and grandchildren have been very faithful to administer to her wants in her declining years.

She is survived by two sons, James and Robert Welsh of this city, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mrs. Welsh was laid to rest in the city cemetery in where Bishop Storrs offered the dedicatory prayer at the graveside.