

DUP AF Book 2
Biographical Sketch
of
Eliza Williams Hindley
by John R. Hindley

Pioneer Year 1867

Born 5 Jul 1830 in Shropshire, England

Married 28 Mar 1868 in Salt Lake Endowment House

Died 22 Dec 1908

Buried American Fork, Utah

Eliza Williams Hindley was born in Shropshire, England July 5, 1830. She joined the church when a young woman and came to Utah about the year 1867. She came, partly by the aid of the "Perpetual Emigration Fund" and paid part of her passage by working as a cook and seamstress.

She lived in the households of Henry W. Nesbit and Wm. Jennings of Salt Lake City and did much of the dressmaking and fancy needlework for the Jennings family. They became very much attached to Aunt Eliza, as she became familiarly known. She was a life long friend of the Jennings and a companion through her later years of Priscilla Jennings.

It was here she met and became acquainted with John Hindley, whom she married 28 Mar. 1868. To their union one child, Joseph, was born March 7, 1872 but who died when 5 months old (Aug. 13, 1872).

When Father was in the mercantile business in Salt Lake, she lived there for some time, and later on the farm, in the old adobe house built by John Curry, one mile west American Fork. In front of their house, John Curry planted two apple trees, the first planted in Am. Fork. Jefferson Eastmond, as a boy, was passing their house and hailed by Mr. Curry, who asked him to come and hold the trees while he filled in the dirt around the roots. One of the trees died, but the other grew and thrived until it became the largest tree in Utah Co. [It was 12 feet in circumference and shaded 3600 sq. ft.] It will be remembered by many of the residents of American Fork. It split in half three years ago, one half falling down, and a year later the surviving part died. A picture of this tree is on another page in this history.

Three years before John Hindley died, he erected a store east of his home and went in the furniture and Coffin business. After passing away, Aunt Eliza looked after the selling of the furniture, wallpaper, coffins, etc. Aunt Mary took care of the accounts checking the invoices, and paying the bills and always taking the discount on same. They made a comfortable living for a number of years.

Aunt Eliza was much different in her makeup than were Auntie and Mother who delighted in relating their experiences as children, and the activities of their later years, while Aunt Eliza seldom mentioned anything that transpired in her life. Therefore, we are unable to record much of her history. It is deplorable that the efforts now put forth in collecting data, on the lives of our forebears, was not featured while the pioneers were still with us. But, we all commend very highly what their daughters are now doing.

One other incident in Aunt Eliza's life is related to me by my sister, Eleanor. Fifty years ago, in the Fall of 1883, my beloved wife, helpmate and companion was an expectant bride. She had saved by her own earnings enough money to purchase a beautiful dress pattern of brocaded satin. Knowing that Aunt Eliza was a high class seamstress and dressmaker, asked her to make her wedding gown. Aunt Eliza was glad to do so, knowing that Annie Chipman was shortly to become one of her family. During the making no one was allowed a glimpse of it until it was completed and delivered to the coming bride. Mother, Auntie and some of my sisters and some visitors would call in to see Aunt Eliza but she always had a handy cover and would slip the dress under same until the call was over when she could resume her work.

Aunt Eliza was liberal in donating to all ward activities. I copy from a small book in which she kept from year to year what she gave for various purposes, in 1891.

Jan. for the old folks	.50
Feb. Defense fund	1.
Mar. Sunday school	.50
“ Relief Society	.50
“ Missionary fund	1.
Apr. Temple	2.
“ Missionary fund	1.
May Temple	5.

"	Defense fund	1.
"	Fast donation	1.15 for 50 lb. flour
May	Poor family	1.15 for 50 lb. flour
Aug.	Relief Society	.50
"		.50
Sept.	Stake Tabernacle	1.
Provo		
Oct.	Defense fund	1.
Nov.	Missionary fund	1.
"	Temple	3.
Dec.	Quilt lining	.55
"	Young Mens	.25
"	Womans Suffrage	.25
"	Relief Society	<u>1.</u>
Years total		23.85