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Elizabeth Pugh Young

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Elizabeth Pugh was born May 4, 1819 near Waynesville, Ohio to Jesse Pugh and Elizabeth Taylor. Her mother died when she was about 3 years old and her father died the year she was married.

Elizabeth was the sixth generation of Quaker heritage originating in Wales. It is interesting to note that she named her 9th child "Friend." She was ousted from that church when she married. Her line goes back to Ellis Pugh in Dolgelly, Wales, who was a stone mason. He converted to the Quaker faith and later became a minister.

Elizabeth was reared by an Esther Brown in Paynesville. When she was 23 she married Joseph C. Young in Lebanon, Ohio. Joseph was about 4 ½ years her junior. They had 11 children, all born in Ohio, Indiana, or Illinois. Elizabeth was 43 when the last two, twins, were born.

Elizabeth joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in May of 1869. Her sons, Peter, Friend, and Eugene joined 2 years later and James joined in 1875.

In 1972 her husband, Joseph, entered into the practice of plural marriage. His new wife was 15 years younger than he, a widow with 3 children. Elizabeth, apparently, did not like the arrangement because two of her sons, James and Peter, talked her into leaving Joseph and going to Idaho to keep house for them.

She was living with a daughter, Rachel, when she died at age 82 in Colville, Washington, and is buried there.

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