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ELIZA MARY ANN WELLARD STANLEY



BIRTHDATE: 8 Feb 1861
Williamsburg, Kings, New York
DEATH: 3 Apr 1938
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
PARENTS: James Elias Wellard
Mary Ann Farnes Wellard
PIONEER: 19 Oct 1862
Horton D. Haight Wagon Train
SPOUSE: Thomas A. Stanley
MARRIED: Date Unknown
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
DEATH SP: Date Unknown
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah

CHILDREN:

Max, date unknown
Vera Ione, 13 Oct 1898

Eliza Mary Ann was born in New York, 1861, as the oldest of twelve children. As a baby she came to Utah. Her family settled in Salt Lake City, until 1890, when they settled in Twin Groves, Idaho.

After age 30, Eliza married Thomas Alfred Stanley. They became parents of two children. Their daughter was born in Salt Lake City, 1898. It is unknown when and where their son, Max, was born.

Eliza was a devout and active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was active in school and civic affairs. She loved to entertain and attend social functions. She was a devoted mother and friend. Little is known of her life and activities.

SARAH BRYANT STAPLEY (2:3)



BIRTHDATE: 22 May 1802
Rolvenden, Kent, England
DEATH: 4 Dec 1879
Toquerville, Washington, Utah
PARENTS: John Bryant
Jane Watson
PIONEER: 2 Feb 1858
Starling Driggs Co.
SPOUSE: Charles Stapley Sr. (2:2)
MARRIED: 1 Dec 1822
Rolvenden, Kent, England
DEATH SP: 26 Mar 1886
Toquerville, Washington, Utah

CHILDREN:

Charlotte, 29 Mar 1823
Charles, 28 Nov 1824
Hannah, 21 Nov 1826
Henry, 20 Feb 1829
Thomas, 8 Jan 1832 → (2:1)
Seymore, 3 Dec 1833
Harriet, 4 Mar 1836 (died at age 10)
James, 4 Nov 1838
William, 1 Apr 1841
Robert Dent, 14 Oct 1841

Sarah, 10 May 1843
John, 6 Aug 1846 (died at age 13)

Sarah and Charles were married in 1822 and quickly had a large family of children around them. England's economy was in a state of transition. Agriculture had been its mainstay. Now, industrialization was taking place, reducing the market for small crop producers. Each year it became harder for the small tenant farmer to survive.

About 1837, the families of Charles Stapley and Samuel Bryant began a journey from England to Australia, to California, to Utah. In the 1840's, both families were living in South Wales.

In 1853, missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints opened a new mission. The Stapley and Bryant families were numbered among the seventy souls to align themselves with the Church that year. The Church in this area was growing very fast, and a call was issued by President Brigham Young for the members of the Church to prepare to come to Utah.

These families left New Castle on Wednesday, March 22, 1854. The ship "Julia Ann," was procured for the crossing of the Pacific and docked at San Pedro, California on June 12, 1854 and settled there for about thirteen years.

With the threat of Johnston's Army mustering troops against the Mormon people in 1857, there was considerable unrest in Utah. Brigham Young needed all of the Saints outside of Utah Territory to come to Zion to help resist this menace.

The Stapleys joined with Starling Driggs Ox-Team Company, which left San Bernardino on December 3, 1857. They arrived in Cedar City on February 2, 1858. They remained in Cedar City until November 13, 1858, when word was received from church authorities that they were to serve in the Dixie Mission. Their assignment was to settle Toquerville, Utah.

For twenty-one and a half years, Sarah helped to make Toquerville a place of prosperity and love for her family. She watched her children and grandchildren grow in the gospel.

Sarah passed away on December 4, 1879, in Toquerville, Washington County, Utah. She is buried by her husband.