

Mary Jane Roberts, Clark

Mary Jane Roberts, Clark was born Aug. 4, 1847 in England.

When she was a few months old she came to America with her parents, John and Dorothy Martin Roberts. Her father died in St. Louis Mo. in 1858. Leaving my Grandmother Dorothy Martin Roberts a widow with three small children. Mother the youngest. Grandmother came to Utah with other saints and settled in in Parowan. I have been told by some of mothers acquaintances that she was a beautiful girl and that her character was just as beautiful as was her looks. She had quite frail health, caused from a weak heart. This handicapped her from accomplishing many things she would have liked to have done. Although she was a very ambitious person, often working beyond her strength. I am very proud and happy to pay a short tribute to my mother.

I can look back now at my age and more appreciate the love and devotion she gave her family. Also I was a child and young girl can remember of her often speaking of a few of her very true friends, and many times I have seen them in our home, Mrs Sarah Ann Adams, Mrs. Maggie Richards, Mrs. Caroline R. Adams, Mrs. Juliette Adams and others. I have heard her speak of her dear friend and neighbor, Augusta Mitchell, (Walter Mitchell's) mother. Few people really knew what faith, mother had in the gospel. She being quiet and reserved in her nature. She was always faithful with her tithes and offerings. Her faith in prayer was outstanding. So much so, that two times in her life she had almost miracles happen through her prayers. I have heard her tell it. Bro. Morgan Richards also made mention of the same thing at her funeral. In her early married life she did not have many luxuries, and she worked hard and made butter and cheese, which she exchanged for furniture that was made by people in our own town.

Some of these things were, bedstead, cupboard, chests, etc.

Mother was 18 years when she married my father, Nov. 27, 1865.

Later they were sealed in the L. D. S. Endowment house. Oct.

3, 1868. She passed away at the age of 54 years. Feb. 10, 1902.