

Harriet Ingram Gardner Hoyt was born in the village of Lindon, near Arundel, in the county of Sussex, England, January 29, 1816. She was married to Henry B. Gardner on April 22, 1845. Became a member of the Mormon Church April 14, 1851.

Her husband died in England, in 1853, leaving her with four children, the eldest not eight years old. With these she left her native land to gather to Zion, crossing the Ocean in the Golconda, arriving at New Orleans in March 1854. She crossed the plains in David Kearns' Company, arriving in Salt Lake City, Oct 1, 1854. She was sent to Parowan in company with other saints.

Two of her children died when she was coming up the Mississippi River, leaving with 2 small children, Alice Ann, 3 and Henry Gardner 5 years old.

Just after arriving in Parowan she met Silas Hoyt, a man coming from Vermont, going to the gold fields of California. But becoming interested in the Mormon religion, he joined the LDS church and met Harriet and they were married Nov 2, 1854. Three children born to them, Rachel Hoyt Jolley, Mary Hoyt Hicks and George Hoyt, who died in infancy.

Alice Ann Gardner married Alma Barney and they moved to Panguitch in 1870 and were with the first settlers of Panguitch. Sadie B. Evans and Josephine B. Smith, now residents of Parowan, are their daughters. Henry Gardner married and lived in Mt. Carmel, Kane County, where he raised a large family.

Rachel Hoyt Jolley died in Provo, Friday, July 17, 1941 at the age of 85 years. She was born Dec. 20, 1855, in Parowan, Utah, being one of the first white children born here.

Mary Hoyt Hicks was born in Parowan a few years later. She died in Kanab, Kane, County and left a large family of descendants at Kanab. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt lived in Parowan until the early sixties when they went to Long Valley and helped build an establishment there, passing thro the trials instant to Pioneer life and were driven from the Valley by the Indians, moving to Dixie for safety. For 55 years Mrs. Hoyt has been a faithful member of the Church. She leaves a great many grand children to cherish her memory and pattern after her noble example.