

HISTORY OF EMILY TERISA HODGETTS LOWDER

UTAH PIONEER OF 1856

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My mother, Emily Terisa Hodgetts Lowder was born in England in 1841. She was confirmed in the Church of England when but a babe. When she was eight years of age, her mother was converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. All the family over eight were baptized except Grandfather who never joined the Church, though he allowed his oldest son, William Ben, to come to Utah, when but nineteen years of age, in 1847. He remained in Utah two years and then returned on a mission. When he was ready to return again to Utah, Grandmother Hodgetts decided to run away with her family while Grandfather was away, and come to Utah. Mother was then fifteen.

They boarded the ship 'Enoch Train', March 18th, 1856. Grandfather had the ship stopped while still in the Irish Channel and took his family back, except Uncle Ben, Any Maria and Mother. When they reached Boston, Aunt Maria returned to England at Grandmother's request.

Grandmother only lived a few months. Grandmother requested Mother to come to Utah with her brother, keep faithful and work in the house of the Lord. Mother has surely filled that request. She has won the love of all who know her by her sweet disposition and untiring efforts among the sick. She has been called on from far and near. Everyone felt they could trust their loved ones in her hands. She is still living at the age of 91 years, 7 months (1932)

She is very active and her intellect very keen. She was married to John Lowder, April 25, 1860, to this union nine children were born, all of whom are still living. She has lived a life of sacrifice leaving every comfort and her loved ones in England, her brother dying after they came to Utah.

But she never regrets it and always is thankful she was able to come to Utah and able to do the work in the house of the Lord for her loved ones.