

SUSANN A. TOPHAM ROBINSON

Susann A. Topham was born September 28th, 1865, in Paragonah, daughter of John and Besty Baker Topham who were pioneers to Salt Lake City in 1847, and to Iron County in 1851. I am one of twelve children born to them. In my early childhood I played with the babies on the floor, sewed carpet rags and did other little chores around the house. When I grew larger I washed dishes and helped Mother as much as I could with cheese making and tidying up the kitchen.

As the Indians were very bad we little folks did not dare get very far from home. I used to gather rabbit brush blossoms for Mother to color with as she used to spin and color her yarn ready for the weaver. As years rolled on and I finished my school days, for in those days we could have school only three months in the winter, the rest of the time was spent in doing house work, piecing quilts and other necessary work.

I was married to Thomas Robinson April 30th, 1885, in the St. George Temple (when it took one week to make the trip there and back). He was the son of John E. Robinson and Jane Coop Robinson who were pioneers to this Parowan valley. Four children were born to this union, two of whom died in infancy, and Thomas A. Robinson and Myrtle Robinson Abbott, both of Paragonah, surviving.

My husband, Thomas Robinson, was born September 19th, 1863, in the old adobe fort in Paragonah. When he was a small boy he used to plow with ox teams with his older brothers and when horses got more plentiful, he farmed with horse teams. He also assisted his

father in the Grist Mill, grinding flour for all the settlements in the county when other mills were frozen up in the winter. People from Panguitch also brought their grinding here to be done. He also chopped barley which was freighted to Silver Reef Mine and to Pioche, in which he did his share with other freighters. We have lived here together in Paragonah for over 68 years.

Susann A. T. Robinson.

Susann Robinson died in July 1950.