

Sketch of the Life of Eliza Shepperson

Utah Pioneer of 1850

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Eliza Shepperson was born July 15, 1842 in England. She came to Utah in its early history and endured the consequential hardships with courage and faith. She possessed a very cheerful disposition always optimistic and happy, although handicapped with very frail body averaging in weight from 78 to 90 pounds. She worked in a factory in England from the time she was old enough until she left to come to America.

She had all to learn in a new country. To cook, sew and all housekeeping and that under difficulties. Their first home was a one room cellar with a fire place in the end. Later on a log house was built close to the cellar which consisted of one room and a small lean to for the kitchen. She was very proud and neat in her appearance, kind hearted and charitable with all, honest in her dealings, living her religion the very best she knew.

After the death of Charlotte, a friend, Mrs. Brown, she did all in her power to care for the children. She went every day and some times two or three times a day to the Brown home carrying with her cheer and sunshine. She assisted Mary Brown in what ever she could with the home duties. She subscribed for a small monthly paper called "Chatter Box" and took delight in reading its cheery pages to all the children. It was a happy treat when they saw her coming with the pink paper in her hand. This was her way of bringing happiness to them.

She was faithful worker in Relief Society as a teacher. She died in Cedar City, June 21, 1899.