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ANN ROBERTS GRIFFITHS



Ann Roberts Griffiths, daughter of David Roberts and Mary Thomas was born at Llangollen, Denbig, North Wales. 28 April 1819. She first heard the gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Whittington by Elder Henry Rile in 1841 at Oswestry and was converted. She was baptized in 1842 by George Edwards at Wakbrook, Shropshire, England. She married Joseph Griffiths Jan 3, 1843

and started for America the next day. They arrived at New Orleans in 1843 and came to Nauvoo, Illinois the same year. On landing she met the Prophet Joseph Smith and had a hearty shake of his hand.

They stayed at Nauvoo some time, until the expulsion of the Saints, bought land of the Prophet Joseph Smith. They built a sod house to live in until circumstances afforded better, then a storm came and blew the roof off from over our heads. Through hard labor and the help of the Lord, we were able to cover the house again.

We passed through the persecution at Nauvoo, we saw the Prophet and Patriarch start for Carthage Jail, we also seen them after the martyrdom. saw them carried to the mansion house after they were murdered in cold blood. We were driven from Nauvoo with the saints in 1847 to seek a home across the prairies. Came to Garden Grove, saw many of the brethren start with the Battalion. We saw very hard times while at Garden Grove, left there in 1848. Came to Council Bluffs and up to Ferryville opposite Winter Quarters, remained there some time and came to Utah in 1850, passed through the grasshopper troubles and a great many hardships.

Lost my husband 20 July 1860. Left with nine small children to support, I gave birth to fifteen children, eight boys and seven girls. There were five pairs of twins. Ann died at Union, Utah 26 December 1895 faithful and true to the end. Interred in the Union Cemetery by the side of her husband.

* The funeral services were held in the Union Ward House on December 30, 1895. The speakers being Elders M.H. Brady; S.R. Bennion; Hy Harker; Sister Elizabeth Pixton; Elder Joseph E. Taylor; and Bishop Ishmael Phillips, all intimate acquaintances of the deceased. They each bore testimony to the faithfulness and devotion of the departed and many incidents in her useful life were related. She was buried beside her husband in the Union Cemetery, A large group followed the remains. The grave was dedicated by Bishop Phillips.

MOTHER REST IN PEACE

Ann Roberts Griffiths, wife of Joseph Griffiths, who departed this life December 26, 1895, was born in Denbigshire, North Wales on April 28, 1819 and was the daughter of David and Mary Roberts. She was married on January 3, 1843 to Joseph Griffiths in Liverpool, England and started the next day for Nauvoo. She arrived with her husband and after the usual time accompanied by emigrants coming in steamers at that day.

On landing at Nauvoo, where she arrived with her husband, the Prophet Joseph Smith took her by the hand and blessed her in the name of the Lord and she testified that the blessing continued with her to the day of her death. She was the mother of fifteen children, 10 of whom were twins. Eight boys and seven girls, her husband died on July 20'th, 1860. She also had 50 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren at the time of her death.

Sister Griffiths was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1842 by Elder George Edwards in Wallbrook Shropshire, England being the only one of her family to embrace the gospel. She left Nauvoo at the time of the exodus of the Saints from that place and went to Garden Grove being driven from her home by the mobs. From Garden Grove she with her husband moved to Winter Quarters and then to Far West. In 1850 the family started for Great Salt Lake Valley and arrived in the fall of the year, stopping first in Mill Creek, then in North Jordan and finally settling in Little Cotton Creek in 1851 and when Union Fort was first built, moved into it remaining in it's locality up to the time of her death.

Grandma Griffiths as she has been lovingly known has been about 40 years a constant patient and effective nurse and her memory is revered by hundreds who have received her ministrations, her faith in the ordinances of the church being almost without limit. She was a member of the Relief Society and for many years acted as counselor in the Union Ward Society. *