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ANCESTRY OF ELIZABETH BULLOCK McARTHUR AND A SKETCH OF HER LIFE
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Alexander Hill, who was the Grandfather of Elizabeth McArthur, was the son of Daniel and Mary Hill, was a scotchman, having been born at Skipness, Argyllshire, Scotland in October 1779 and lived in a small town called Johnston, near Paislel, Renfrenshire, about 10 miles southwest of Glasgow, Scotland. At the age of ten years he was apprenticed as a sailor boy and in later years rose to the dignity of first mate. He was tall, over six feet tall, slender and athletic. His friends tell of him falling from top mast to the deck below and fell standing like a cat and wasn't hurt. He sailed many times around the world. On one of his return trips he brought a pound of tree tea to his wife from the West Indies, She stewed it for dinner as greens. He was a very good story teller, his memory was very tenacious. He told of war experiences. His family especially enjoyed his stories when the back log burned low and they listened to his thrilling adventures of his seafaring life. He married Elizabeth Currie about 1806 in Johnston, Abby Parish, Scotland. They had four sons and three daughters. Daniel born 12 April 1807; Agnes born 6 June 1808; Alexander born March 1, 1811; Mary born August 16, 1812; John born 16 January 1814; Archbald born 2 August 1816; Elizabeth born 17 November 1818.

He and his family moved to Canada as he received a tract of land there, from the British Government, being a retired sailor. They settled somewhere near Montreal, Canada. He busied himself cutting timber clearin land, making maple sugar and farming. His older children married in Canada. They came to Canada in 1821 and spent 12 years in their first location then moved to upper Canada.

Mary Hill (Elizabeth McArthur's Mother) married James Bullock, March 28, 1836, at Tosoronto, Upper Canada. He was born in Kirkintillock, Dumbar-tonshire, Scotland, in 1806 or 1807.

At thás time there existed in the city of Toronto, Canada a Society which was called the John Taylor Society, all were decenters from the Methodist Church. The Hill family joined this Society. Elders Parley P. Pratt and Elder

Lake, Missionaries for the Later Day Saint Church, Converted 36 members of the Hill family to the Church. They also converted John Taylor, who later became President of our church, and many others at this same time.

Parley P. Pratt told of a prophecy made by Heber C. Kimbal, that his wife should become well and have a son and that he (Parley) would be sent to Canada and he would find many people ready for the Gospel. He said the Heavenly Father would prepare the way for him.

Elizabeth Bullock (McArthur) was born in 1841. After her parents conversion they left Canada in 1842 and went to Nauvoo, where James Bullock helped on the Nauvoo Temple and the Nauvoo House. Elizabeth was very small but went through many trials the same as the other converts. They were driven from their home, beaten by the mobs etc. Her parents James and Mary Bullock received their endowments in the Nauvoo Temple. They left for Winter Quarters after the Prophet Joseph was murdered. They were present at the meeting when the mantle of Joseph fell on Brigham Young. They heard Oliver Cowdery and Brigham talk and knew the Prophet's voice. On the way to winter Quarters a friend by the name of Orson Spencer, who had a family of six children, lost his wife. She was delicate in health and could not endure the hardships. Mary Bullock Mothered these children.

Arelia Spencer Roger's (She started the first Primary) writes this in her life sketch. The door of Brother Bullock's cabin faced ours and was only a few feet from it so if anything went wrong they could hear us. Brother Bullock's children would come in and we would have spelling matches or till riddles till bed time. Orson Spencer was called on a Mission to England while at Winter Quarters and left his children in the charge of James Bullock and Mary. Orson Spencer returned from this Mission in 1849.

While in Winter Quarters due to lack of proper food and being afflicted with fever they endured many hardships. Their two little girls died, Janet 7 years old and Isabel 3, years old. They died within less than four months

of each other. Their relative Archbald Newel Hill's wife died so James and

Mary took their daughter Rebecca to live with them.

After living in Winter Quarters for 18 months they started West June 2, 1848. They had their own three children and the Spencer children and Rebecca Hill. James Bullock had two ox teams. He drove one and his son Alexander the other he wasn't yet 10 years old. The Spencers had two ox teams and Ellen Spencer the oldest child drove one and Howard Spencer 8 years old drove the other. That made lots of work for brother Bullock to see everything went alright. They came in Brigham Young's Company. Arrived in the valley of Great Salt Lake Sept. 20, 1848. The Bullocks cared for the Spencer children until September 1849.

James Bullock was working two years later in his field at Milcreek when a sudden storm came up, he was chilled and took pneumonia and died. His good wife sewed, and helped in many homes so she could take care of her children. Her boys began working for Daniel H. Wells and others. Mary Married Orson Spencer. She died in January 1871. She was a noble woman, always kind and helpful to all.

Her daughter Elizabeth was offered marriage by Daniel D. McArthur when she was sixteen. He had been away on a mission to England and Scotland four years and returned on Friday and Brigham Young told him to be at the endowment House on Tuesday with a young lady to be a plural wife. He talked with his wife about it and she suggested the Bullock girl. So he went to her home and requested her in marriage. Her folks thought her too young but said she could speak for herself as she wasn't home at the time. Daniel went back and told his wife and she suggested her cousin Mary Hill, She was seventeen. He next went to the Hill home and made his request. Their daughter was at Sacrament Meeting also, so he went back home. The Hills came a few minutes later saying they didn't want to go against Brother Brigham's request so he could wed their daughter. They had just left and he went to go out the gate and there stood the Bullocks saying if he would let their daughter come home and live one year he could marry her as they wouldn't go against the Prophet's

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requests. So he went the second mile and married both girls the following Tuesday. This was around the time Johnstons Army was in Utah.

Daniel had homes in Bountiful, Salt Lake and Pleasant Grove. When he was called to Dixie Brigham Young told him to see to it no calves were left tied in their stalls so he sold his holdings for a ox team, a watch and chain and came to Dixie. The Property later sold for thousands of dollars.

As they were coming into the St. George Valley their friends the Pymn's needed help. Sister Pymn's baby wouldn't wait until they got into the Valley so it was born coming over the black ridge south east of town. He was John Pymn. Mary Hill McArthur had the first baby girl born in St. George. She was named Margaret McArthur. Elizabeth helped with these babies. She was always ready to help those who needed her, She was quiet and wouldn't offend anyone if she knew it. She lived in the house with the other wives and never let known if she was ever offended. Each wife had her own work to do. Elizabeth supervised the garden planting, weeding, watering etc. and she could tell the time by the stars as readily as by the sun. She took care of the milk and butter, cheese etc. She always prepared dinner, helped with breakfast and supper. One wife wove the carpets so would do that in the early part of the day. Elizabeth would help with the warp and rags. She also made vingar and pickles and sold cider vingar. They had a number of apple and peach trees so there was plenty of fruit to dry. It was dried and hauled to Milford where it was shipped to Z.C.M.I. to be exchanged for merchandize. They knit all the stockings in those days and Elizabeth made the men's suits and bradeded the straw hats and warp hats and starched them stiff, they were a good shade. She helped teach the first Sunday School and Primary. She attended Relief Society and did her part there. She did Temple work. She raised the child of Mary Hill McArthur. Marianda. Mary Hill McArthur died in the early 70's after having three children two of them died Margaret and Experience. Marianda married Ott McMullin.

She was born Sept. 22, 1841, Lanark, Canada. She married Daniel D. McArthur in the endowment house Feb. 13, 1858. She was the mother of six children. She died Jan. 28, 1913. at St. George, Utah Her decedents number over 300 Her children

ARE-----Eugena McArthur---- married Frank Coats

Isabelle McArthur---married George Bunker

George McArthur----died in infancy

James McArthur---married Elizabeth Oxborrow

Emma McArthur----married Charles Seegmiller

Moroni McArthur---married Emma J. Cottam