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A LIFE SKETCH OF MARY FRANCES CALLAWAY MCARTHUR

Mary Frances Callaway McArthur, daughter of Levi Hamilton and Mary Van Buren Callaway was born at Union Fort, Salt Lake County, Utah on January 31st, 1854.

With other children and her parents she came to Dixie in 1865. The family located in what is now known as the town of Santa Clara and lived for nine or ten months in a log cabin of their own construction when sickness compelled them to move to a cooler climate and for the next two years they made their home in Beaver. Her father, feeling that he should continue his southern Mission, moved with his family to Hebron near the present town of Enterprise. There they remained until the spring of 1871 when Mary was sealed to Daniel D. McArthur in the Endowment House at Salt Lake City, on April 19th, and has since made St. George her home.

She is the mother of six children as follows: Sybil, Buncal, Levi, Wilford, Arthur and Ellen.

Like other Dixie Pioneers and wives of foreign missionaries, she was subjected to the hardships of the Dixie Mission. Being the oldest child of her father's family and losing her mother in her childhood, she assumed the responsibility of mother for the family. At the age of ten years, she was placed at the spinning wheel and loom and later became expert on those machines. On account of the scarcity of imported fine cloth, she would take wool from the backs of sheep and manufacture the same into colored clothing. During her married life, after homemade clothing was no longer profitable

the manufacture of rag rugs and carpets was her part of the financial support of the family. In one single year, she wove two thousand fine hundred yards of carpet with an arm driven loom.

Her present social activities are with the Relief Society. She plays the part of a quiet, humble toiler.

Honored and loved by those who know her, she remains true and devoted to her family and the cause of humanity.