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MATILDA CAROLINE FULLER McARTHUR

Some of the things known about the life of Matilda Caroline Fuller as compiled from the records of Daniel Duncan McArthur, by Brigham K. McArthur, a great grandson of Matilda Caroline Fuller.

Matilda Caroline Fuller was born 1 May 1820 at Providence, Saratoga County, New York, a daughter of Edward M. Fuller and Hannah Eldridge.

Have not located any records as yet on how she and her family joined the church or how or when they moved west with the church. The first account found is when she married my Great Grandfather Daniel Duncan McArthur.

I was married to Daniel Duncan McArthur on 14th day of December 1845 by patriarch John Smith, an uncle to the prophet Joseph Smith. My father and mother prepared a nice wedding supper and invited friends for the occasion. We had a ~~reception~~ dance after the supper was over and all felt well. We were married in Nauvoo, Illinois. On the 1st day of February 1846 we went into the Nauvoo Temple and received our washings, anointings and endowments and were sealed for time and all eternity by President Willard Richards.

We left Nauvoo on 26th February 1846 and camped on Sugar Creek, across the Mississippi River west, where the saints collected until the month of March and then moved on into Iowa where we stopped and built houses and planted crops. We left the Saints there who could not continue on the march west, and we moved on westward with the Prophet Brigham Young. After crossing the Missouri River, our Company of 100 saints moved on, leaving the most part of the saints with Brigham Young at Winterquarters, and we stopped at a place called Pawnee Village. We moved again from there another 150 miles further on the Missouri River to make a camp for the winter. As we moved to this place we came upon several herds of buffalo. Two of the buffalo were shot and brought into camp for meat. It was quite a sight to see these wild animals that weight about 1000 pounds each, brought into the camp. We all had beef aplenty for a while. When we stopped to camp we were

about 150 miles from Winterquarters on the banks of the Missouri River. Here we prepared for winter, building comfortable houses, storing up wood killing wild turkeys. My husband with some of the other men went back to Missouri to work during the winter and we stayed at this place called Punea. In May of 1847 we moved back to Winterquarters and I started on down to Missouri to meet my husband. I met him at Father Clark's place (The Father of his first wife Adelia Clark, who died in Nauvoo ). He had a team and wagon, provisions of clothing for three years and food for one year and a cow with calf. In July and August 1847 nearly every one was sick with violent fever and chills. Many people died including my father and mother, my brothers Thomas and Mix and my sister Hannah. My husband, his child Andrew and myself were sick with the fever but lived through it. We harvested the crops that we had planted and made preparations for moving west to the Salt Lake Valley. In May 1848 we started for the Mountains, a distance of 1030 miles. We traveled about 10 miles the first day.

On the 5th of June we organized into Companies of 100 wagons and we were assigned to Brigham Young's Company of 100. The Camp Stopped once a week for the women to do the washing and baking and we had meetings on sabbath days generally. On the 18th August 1848 my first child was born. He weighed 8½ pounds. We were then 15 miles west of Devils Gate on the Seetwater river. We called him Daniel Duncan McArthur Junior. We resumed our journey on the 19th the next day after my child was born and I was feeling fine. We arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on the 26th September 1848. We were assigned a lot in the third ward and my husband built an adobe house 14x16 feet and if ever a family enjoyed a dwelling it was this one.

My second child was born on 1 August 1850. a daughter and we named her Hannah Suzan. In 1851 we built a new house 18x 26 feet. My 3rd child Emma Mitilda was born 31 July 1852. On this same day a Special Conference was called and 160 Elders were called to go on missions. My husband left for his Mission to Scotland on 15 September 1852.

Other Children born to us were: Caroline, born on 28 February 1856 at

Salt Lake City, Edward Meeks born 20 March 1860 at Pleasant Grove and Mahaly born 11 February 1862 at StGeorge, Utah. Our 1st child died 8 Aug 1858 at Pleasant Grove, 2nd child died Aug 1860, and 3rd child 26 Aug. 1860 at Pleasant Grove. The fourth child died 20 Feb. 1863 at St. George and the 6th Child died 27 February 1863 at St. George. My 5th Child.

Edward Meeks was the only child who lived to reach maturity and get marr married.

Matilda Caroline Fuller died in February 1913 at St. George, Utah, just 3 month short of being 93 years of age at the time of her death. When she died she was living with her son Edward Meeks and his family in the house he owned which was located across the street frome the Dixie College Building, just below the Tabernacle building. At the time of her death she was walking in the back yard when she slipped on come ice in one of the irrigation ditches. She broke her hip bone but was still tough at the age of 93 that it took her six more days to die.