

LIFE HISTORY OF MY MOTHER ELIZABETH McCOMBS.

Elizabeth Felicia Astle McCombs, daughter of John Astle and Isabella Jane Bradshaw was born February 4, 1868 at Montpelier, Bear Lake County, Idaho (three years after the valley was first settled, so she knew what Pioneer life was.)

Her Mother made the yarn and had it wove into cloth on a hand loom for most of her family for several years. The white yarn was dyed various shades of blue with what was then called indigo blue dye, some with Anneline a red color, and some with barks of trees.

She learned to spin yarn when she was ten years of age and knit her own stockings and one of her brothers stockings when she was eight years of age, she always knit a certain amount every day.

School was held but a short time during the summer so she just went to school a few weeks until she was fourteen years old then she got three or four weeks a year until she was seventeen.

At fifteen years of age she began teaching the small children in Sunday School and taught for many years. She moved to Afton, Wyoming in 1887 and taught a class of boys and girls age ten to twelve years, she also worked in Grover and Bedford Sunday Schools in Wyoming; Trenton, Utah; and Strevell, Idaho.

She was secretary of the first Primary organization at Afton, Wyoming, in the Star Valley Stake, Eliza Lee Hale being president. Was treasurer of the Y. L. M. I. A. at Bedford, Wyoming also Relief Teacher. She was assistant secretary in the Relief Society at Trenton, Cache County, Utah for one year. She served as a teacher for ten years in the Smithfield first ward Primary, she taught the boys from eleven to fourteen years of age. She worked under three different presidents, and was Second Councillor one year.

She went out nursing among the sick for a number of years, did house-cleaning, helped clean the school house, picked apples, worked in beets, in fact she worked like a man in order to support her family after her husband was killed in Blacksmith Fork Canyon, November 1, 1910. She also took in sewing to earn a little money and still makes quilts for people because she wants to be independant.

She is now a teacher in the Logan Sixth Ward Relief Society, of Logan Stake.

She married Alvin Slauson McCombs October 2, 1889 in the Logan Temple.

They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are still living.

Alvin Albert, married Lydia DuElla Nelson

Felicia Catherine, married Earnest A. Jensen

Andrew Wilford, married Abigail Done

John Clarence unmarried

Elwin Jessie, died when sixteen months old.

Lucy Isabell, married Wayne S. Willie

Una Mozelle, married Howard Baker

Lucetta Zora died at eight and one-half months, she was born eight months after father was killed.

A better Mother, Friend or Citizen has never lived than she has proved herself to be.

She is now living in Logan, Utah, her son John is still with her, September 1934, in their home at 202 East 3rd. South.