

## MARY ANN BOSWORTH HUBBARD

Born August 12, 1816 at Sheffield, Massachusetts. Youngest daughter of Jared and Lucy Hubbard Bosworth.

Mary Ann Bosworth was working for an uncle in Monroe, Michigan when she met and married her cousin Charles Wesley Hubbard who was ten years her senior. The bride and groom rode horseback to establish their home in Sheffield.

The following year, they heard of the new religion - Mormonism and the new prophet Joseph Smith. For this religion they left the comforts and security of their home for the hardships and privations suffered by the members of the church as they moved from place to place. Before they settled in Nauvoo, their first child, Noah Ely, died of exposure.

Before they reached their new home among the mountains, they had acquired a rather large family. Their first child, Noah Ely, died of exposure before they settled in Nauvoo. Rhoda Ann, Lucy, John, and Heber were born in Nauvoo and Emma in Clay County, Missouri and Julia in Council Bluffs. Albert and Melinda were born in Ogden after the journey was completed.

The family located in Ogden where Grandfather operated a grist mill. He sold out his interests there and decided to move to California. Grandmother fasted and prayed that they might remain in Utah and when they reached Willard, Grandfather consented to stay there. Three more children were born at Willard, Charles Newton, Permelia, and Clark. Of these twelve children, Grandmother buried nine before her death at ninety-two.

During her early child-bearing, Grandmother contracted milk leg (Plegmasia) and for the rest of her life she dressed an open sore on her leg each day.

Grandmother Hubbard was a charter member of the Relief Society organized by the Prophet Joseph Smith and was first president of the organization in Willard in 1869. She held this position faithfully for thirty-three years. She also taught Sunday School.

Grandmother was a true woman and lady. Her great faith made her an inspiration to all who knew her and her sound judgment and understanding of other's problems made her a source of great strength to all who knew her. She was always well groomed and neat in her person and wherever her home was, it was as beautiful and well-organized as circumstances would permit. *Submitted by her granddaughters Rhoda Jones, Julia Welling and Maggie Wood.*