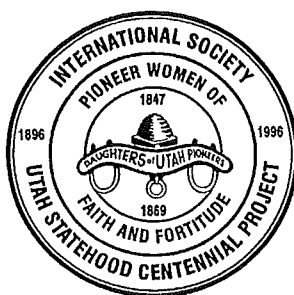
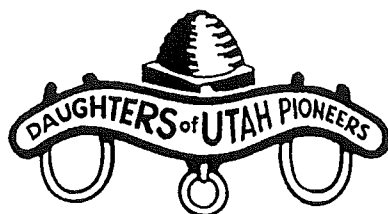


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MARY ANN BALES DICKERSON

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BIRTHDATE: 1 Dec 1831
Lakenham Parish, Norwich,
Norfolk, England
DEATH: 18 Mar 1917
Pleasant Grove, Utah Co., Utah
PARENTS: Lydia Bales Cowles
PIONEER: Sep 1860
SPOUSE: Joseph Dickerson
MARRIED: 14 Apr 1858
Florence, Douglas Co., Nebraska
DEATH SP:

CHILDREN:

Elizabeth Eleanor, 27 Oct 1861
Josephine, 2 May 1865
Joseph Alfred, 11 Dec 1870
Carl Sydney, 4 Oct 1873

Mary Ann Bales was born in 1831 in England. On March 21, 1857, she emigrated to America with her family, Alfred W. Cowles, her mother, and a half-sister, Eleanor Nellie Cowles. Mary Ann's mother had married Alfred W. Cowles later, in England.

Mary Ann met Joseph Dickerson when he emigrated to America. They were married at Florence, Douglas County, Nebraska, and joined the westward-bound Saints, arriving in Utah in September of 1860.

They settled in Pleasant Grove when they came to Utah and made this their lifetime home. She and Joseph had four children born in Utah.

Mary Ann passed away in Pleasant Grove, March 18, 1917, at the age of eighty-five years and three months.

MARTHA SLADE DICKSON

BIRTHDATE: 31 Jan 1856
Crewkerne, England
DEATH: 19 Apr 1932
Richville, Morgan Co., Utah
PARENTS: William E. Slade
Amelia Lacy Slade
PIONEER: 26 Oct 1864
William Hyde Wagon Train
SPOUSE: William H. Dickson
MARRIED: 22 Mar 1872
Richville, Morgan Co., Utah
DEATH SP: 5 Apr 1936
Ogden, Weber Co., Utah

CHILDREN:

John Henry, 13 Aug 1873
William Stewart, 31 Mar 1875
Albert Douglas, 18 Mar 1877
Mary Amelia, 8 Jan 1880
Eliza, 17 Nov 1881
Wallace Henderson, 28 Dec 1883
Martha May, 28 Oct 1886

Edna, 12 Sep 1889
Lucy, 30 Jun 1892
LeRoy, 24 May 1895
Wilden Reed, 17 Feb 1902

Martha was born in Crewkerne, Somersetshire, England, 1856, the third child in a family of six. Her parents were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the time she was born. Their great desire was to emigrate to Utah, but as children came and expenses grew, they found it impossible to save even the small amount for their passage.

They decided that William would come to America and then send for the family when he had saved enough money. As soon as he could, William did send for his family. They sailed on the ship, "William Tappscott."

They arrived in Philadelphia, happy to see the green rolling meadows and beautiful countryside. Martha's father became ill and died, leaving her mother, with five children to care for and another one on the way.

It was very difficult, but Amelia put her trust and faith in the Lord and began the long journey west. The family stayed in the town of Wyoming on the Missouri River, waiting for the wagon train sent to help from Utah by Brigham Young. The company arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on October 26, 1864. Martha, eight years of age, walked nearly all the way across the Plains.

One evening she was rocking her young brother, Edward, and thought she had got him to sleep, but he was never to awaken. Her mother became ill, and the children feared they would lose their mother too. They prayed for her recovery and she got well.

Their first home in Utah was a one-room cabin where they stayed through the winter, Martha slept in a wheat bin. A Mr. Thurston built him a new home and let Amelia, and her children have his old home. Later they moved to Morgan into a brick home acquired through a Mr. Agar.

When ten years of age, Martha lived and worked in different homes. She lived and worked in the home of Billia Dickson. It was here that she became acquainted with her future husband, William Henderson Dickson, whom she married at the age of sixteen, on March 22, 1872. When she was seventeen her first child was born.

Martha was a beautiful seamstress and sewed dresses for orphan children also. She always thought of others first, before herself. She was a gentle, soft spoken woman, always wearing an apron, long skirts, black shoes.

She passed away, April 19, 1932, a life-long active participant in her faith until the end of her life.

A true pioneer mother of great faith and extreme fortitude, one to be revered by all, Martha Dickson passed away in Richville, Morgan County, Utah.