

The Life of Elizabeth Hunter Murdock

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ELIZABETH HUNTER MURDOCK

Elizabeth's mother, Agnes Hunter, got baptized in 1847 by John Sharp, The president of the mission branch. A year later her husband Robert, and her daughter Elizabeth were also baptized in the church. She started saving to go to Zion all the way from Scotland. Robert earned enough money for his wife and children he would come after he sold his store. On the ship there were 357 saints. After they arrived the next year Elizabeth's mom passed away from cholera. Elizabeth got married and her brother and sister got to go to Utah with her. They arrived in Utah August 13, 1852. She walked all the way without any shoes. A year later they heard that their father died. On June 11, 1854 she got married again to Joseph Stacy Murdock who lived in Salt Lake. At first they had a great life until Brigham Young said for all emigrants to leave and to sell there property. At first this news was bad until one day an emigrant bought there land and all was well. So they moved to American Fork where they lived for four years until Joseph was ordained as a bishop and was sent to Wasatch County. There he became the first bishop of Heber City. Then in 1867 Elizabeth and Joseph and about fifty other families were sent to settle Southern Nevada and also to help settle Dixie and grow cotton. After that her sons were sent to

break up some land that was far away from home. When they got there they saw the land was rough and they broke their plows and harness so they decided to go home. When they got home their mom had a baby. In 1870 they moved and their son put the house on fire so they couldn't go back. They went back to Heber City. Now she was the mother of 11 children, 88 grandchildren, 102 great-grandchildren, and 27 great-great-grandchildren when she passed away on June 11, 1935. She was my great-great-great-great-grandma.

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