

# HANNAH HOLYOAK LEFEVRE

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(Some punctuation corrected)*

On what is known as and celebrated as "Lady's Day," March, 25 in 1841 at Mosley Ware on Green Common near Birmingham, England, the subject of this sketch, Hannah Holyoak LeFevre was born. Her parents, George and Sarah Green Holyoak were prosperous farmers and trusk gardeners, quiet, industrious, religious and methodical in their habits and trained their children so thoroughly in those principals that governed their lives that none of them ever deviated therefrom.

Hannah, the youngest of eight children, four boys, and four girls, was yet a child when the family embraced the gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She was baptized at eight years of age. On account of the ridicule of both adults and children, she was not permitted to attend school as her former associates could do.

In 1852 or 53, they left England for America, spending nine weeks on the water. At New Orleans, they took a boat up the Mississippi River to St. Louis where sickness and the death of her sister delayed them for awhile.

When they finally reached the plains of Iowa or Nebraska the mother died. A grave was hastily dug. The body sewed in a quilt and covered over with earth. The company moved on. Hannah never ceased to regret having thus to leave her mother. She spoke of it just prior to her own death.

At Ogden, Utah, her oldest sister was married to Joseph James. Her other sister having married John Knowles. To Hannah was left the responsibility of making the home for her father.

On Christmas night, 1855 (text reads 1955) she was married by Elder Erastus Snow to William LeFevre, only living son of John LeFevre and Ann Dalton. The mother-in-law who thereafter lived with them was a great help and inspiration to the motherless wife, who never ceased to be grateful for the loving helpfulness and tender solicitation.

The following year, November 10, 1856, the young couple were sealed for time and eternity in the Old Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Utah.

She was the mother of eleven children, four boys and seven girls, all of whom lived to maturity. One daughter preceded her and one followed immediately to the grave. Her grandchildren numbered ninety-five and her great grandchildren forty at the time of her death, August 2 1920.

Like many of her sisters in the church, she consented to her husband embracing the principle of plural marriage and for forty-eight years shared her husband's love and attention with Aunt Fanny, with the same adherence to duty she had given to all whose association she claimed.

In the spring of 1871, with other pioneers, she came to Panguitch Valley and made her home there.

From November 9, 1990 to October 2, 1902 together with her husband, she filled a mission to the St. George Temple. She was thoroughly converted to temple work and therefore took a great deal of pleasure as well as satisfaction in the time thus spent.

As most of the latter part of her life was spent on the farm, she was denied many privileges of the church members, yet she filled the position of Relief Society President of the Relief Society and Sunday School Teacher.

Her never ceasing faith in the Gospel message, her devotion to her family, and her helpfulness to her neighbors made life ever dear to her.

No one can truthfully repeat a vile or worthless story told by her or accredit her with ever originating or repeating gossip about others.

She was ever a home-loving mother and wife doing her duty as it was made known to her.

She died August 2, 1920 in Panguitch, Utah after years of suffering from cancer on her leg (right) caused supposedly from a bruise. She was buried in the Spry Cemetery, August 4, 1920, her husband having died only five months before her.

She was a Utah pioneer and a the daughter of a Utah pioneer.

Note by her daughter Sarah LeFevre Houston:

She was dark complected, having dark eyes and hair, weighted about one-hundred and fifteen to twenty pounds. She loved to sing the Gospel hymns and as I remember, she never missed an opportunity to bear her testimony to the truthfulness of her faith in the plan of salvation as restored through Joseph Smith, the Prophet, and the divinity of the Prophet's mission as she understood it.

Her father and mother, and all of her brothers and sisters embraced the Gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in England and emigrated to Utah. They were all true to their faith until death.

The two Indian Girls have been sealed to Grandfather and Grandmother.