

History of Elizabeth Eleanor (Ellen) Wright

Elizabeth Eleanor (Ellen) Wright was born 22 Nov 1841 in Screddington, Lincolnshire, England. Her birth certificate lists her name as Elizabeth Eleanor but all of her other records list her name as Elizabeth Ellen¹. She was baptized into the LDS Church 2 Apr 1853, in Screddington².

Elizabeth Ellen lived with her parents John Ward and Elizabeth Bailey Wright, until she migrated to America, at the age of 17. She sailed on the ship "Tuscarora," 30 May 1857, arriving 3 July 1857 in Philadelphia, in the Richard Harper Company³. Elizabeth Ellen married as the second wife of Edward John Farmer in Philadelphia, on 26 Sept 1858. They lived in New York City, and their first child was born and also died there. (Edward John's 1st wife, Mary Ann Parker, and their children had been living there. Mary Ann died, and is buried there.). Elizabeth Ellen and Edward John Farmer had 7 children⁴.

1. John Edward, born 23 Nov 1858 in New York. Died 16 Nov 1860.
2. Erastus Grenig, born 29 June 1861 in Florence, Douglas, Nebraska, in a covered wagon. Married Mary Ellen Holt, 12 Jan 1887. He died 31 July 1937, in Logan, Cache, Utah.
3. Emma Louise, born 3 Sept 1863, Herriman, Utah. Died 1864. Mary Ann Theresa, born 8 Oct 1865, Salt Lake City, Utah. Married Edwin Reese, 10 Apr 1886. She died 8 Feb 1947.
4. Richard Wright, born 25 Dec 1867 in Herriman, Utah. Married Margaret McCann, 23 Oct 1893. He died 17 May 1927.
5. Robert Fredrick, born 15 Aug 1870, Herriman, Utah. Married Mae Evelin Henderson. He died 1 Nov 1902.
6. Sarah Jane Elizabeth, born 17 Aug 1872 in Herriman. Married Henry Egbert, 17 Mar 1896. She died 11 Nov 1960.

Elizabeth Ellen's parents, John Ward and Elizabeth Bailey Wright joined them in New York and journeyed West with them. They entered the Salt Lake Valley 12 Sept 1861 in the John R Murdock Company. Edward John's little daughter Elizabeth Ann came to Utah with the family. (Her mother was Mary Ann Parker)⁵.

They traveled further South and settled at Fort Herriman, Utah. Elizabeth Ellen died 14 Feb 1889 and was buried at Herriman. Edward John married

(3) Christina Arnold. He passed away 20 Jan 1915, at Emmett Idaho at the home of his daughter. He was buried at Herriman, Utah.

Edward John's father, Richard Farmer died in Preston Wynne, Hereford, England and his mother, Elizabeth Morris Farmer died enroute to Utah in 1856, in Chicago, IL⁶.

1. Screnington Parish Register, GS #883501.
2. Screnington LDS Branch Conference Records 1845-56, GS #87030.
3. Shipping records, GS #25691
4. History of Erastus Grenig Farmer.
5. Ibid.
6. Erastus Grenig Farmer history.