

Sketch of the life of Mariah Louisa Grow (Worthen)
Great Grandmother (Written by Lena W Miller)

Mariah Louisa Grow daughter of Henry Grow and Mary Moyer Grow. was born Sep 10, 1837, at Philadelphia, Penn. Her father Henry Grow a prominent Elder in the Church was born Oct. 1, 1817, at Philadelphia Penn. the son of Henry Grow and Mary Riter.

His great grandfather Fredrick Grow and his wife emigrated from Germany to Pennsylvavnia. Her (Mariah Louisa Grow) father Henry Grow was in the famous battle of Nauvoo, while this battle was going on he heard a voice one night distinctly say, "Get up and get out of here in the morning" He rose early in the morning hitched a yoke of cattle to his wagon, put in utensils, bedding and tent, leaving everything in the house, put his wife and children in the wagon and had moved about fifty yards from his house when the mob fired a twelve pound ball through the house.

In the Spring of 1851 he and his family again came up the Missouri River bound for the Valley, On the ~~Sweetwater~~ ^{Sweetwater}, below Independence Rock, the company was surrounded by a war party of Cheyennes and had a narrow escape of being destroyed by the savages. The next day above Independence Rock they met a thousand snake Indian Warriors waiting for the Cheyennes.

Mariah Grow was about five years old when the Saints were driven from Nauvoo Ill. to Platte Co. Missouri, She remembered distinctly when the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were Killed, she regretted it because her mother did not take her to see them after they were ready for burial. She also remembered how badly her mother felt at having to leave Nauvoo, as they could not take anything with them, but her mother picked up a set of silver teaspoons and put them inside her dress and took them with her, she went back across the river to get something, it grew dark before she returned and Mariah stood watching for her and crying thinking the enemy would not let her return. She lived in that vicinity until her parents came to Utah. In 1851.

She was married April 27, 1856 to Samuel Worthen at Salt Lake City, she moved to New Harmony in connection with Sarah Worthen, about 1862, she remaining in Harmony while Sarah went to St George to live, while in Harmony Almine (Allie)

was born, that night a woman took care of her and the baby was not bathed again until she was able to sit up in bed and bathe it herself. At one time she started to St George to take Nelse to a doctor, he had what was called a white swelling on his knee, she went in connection with William Worthen, he driving an Ox Team, while going one wheel of the wagon broke, they still had quite a distance to go, she walked carrying Allie, who was the baby in her arms and William carried Eliza and took Nelse on his back, they completed their journey in this way. When they arrived to St George they took him to the doctor whom they called Uncle Billy Matthews, he bound up his knee in mud that was taken from the creek and it cured him.

About 1866 she moved to Salt Lake again, where she lived about five years returning again to New Harmony.

When Worthens came from New Harmony to Panguitch in 1873 they moved into a one room house in the old Fort, the two families living in one small room.

During the summer of 1875 she lived on the ranch now owned by Joseph E. Heywood although the Indians were friendly at that time she was badly frightened whenever they came to her home, she would give them all the bread she had so they would leave.

In the Summer of 1876 she went to the Panguitch Lake, where she spent the succeeding summers until about the years 1887. After the death of her husband in 1888 she and Jane Worthen went with their families to the ranch then owned by Samuel Henrie to earn a living for their children, there they lived during the summer until the year 1894. After that she continued to reside in Panguitch until the time of her death June 13, 1919.