

Ann Mariah Bowen Call

Birth: Jan. 3, 1834
Bethany Center
Genesee County
New York, USA

Death: Jul. 26, 1924
Bountiful
Davis County
Utah, USA

Daughter of Israel and Charlotte Louisa Durham Bowen.

Wife of William "Billy" Lloyd and Anson Call.

‘TYPICAL PIONEER MOTHER CALLED TO HER REWARD’

In paying tribute through this publication to the memory of Mrs. Mariah Bowen Call, who passed away at 2 o'clock, Saturday morning, at her home in Bountiful, at the age of ninety, of the general debilities of old age, following an illness of four days, we see but one aspect, that monopolizes all other virtues; as a typical pioneer mother-as a pioneer, a colonizer, a builder, a "Winner of the West" as a mother, a gift of God who brought love into desert desolation, who found strength in hardship, happiness in service, glory in her Christ, her chastity, and her child.

Just another beautiful pioneer story: Mariah Bowen Call was born the daughter of Israel and Louisa Durham Bowen at Betheny, Jenesy county, New York, January 3rd, 1834. Shortly after she was eight years of age, her parents being members, she was baptized into the Church of Latter-day Saints, the ceremony taking place in the Mississippi river.

Answering the call of the west and following the Saints, the Bowen family moved from New York to Michigan, thence to Indiana, then to Iowa. It was at Iowa that the family endured that most tragic incident of frontier life-laid away their precious father, 1846.

A sister having married Charles Dolten, a member of the Church who had planned to emigrate to Utah with the Mormon pioneers, Mariah, answering the call of the Gospel, joined them, leaving her family in Iowa.

Practically throughout the westward journey, she drove two yoke of oxen arriving in Salt Lake City in William Hyde's company in the fall of 1849. She made her home at Centerville, then in Bountiful, with her sister and brother-in-law, and lived with them until April 15, 1851, when she was married to Anson Call, who had made the acquaintance of Bowen family when they lived in Iowa in 1838, and immediately moved to Parawan with others to establish a colony.

They resided at Parawan for three months then returned to Salt Lake City, leaving in October, 1851, to found Fillmore, first capitol of Utah, Mr. Call being in charge of a colonizing expedition of fifty wagons.

They made their home in Fillmore until the fall of 1854, while there, two children Israel and Violate, were born. In the fall of 1854, this courageous pioneer family still winning the west, left Fillmore to move north, settling in what is now known as Call's Fort, ten miles north of Brigham City, only to strike the trail again in 1856 for Carson Valley, Nevada.

Mr. Call stayed at Carson Valley through the summer then was obliged to return to Salt Lake, leaving Mrs. Call and four small children to care for the ranch and stock, until the spring of '57 when he wrote for his wife to join him at Bountiful. Joel Loveland drove her team a part of the way, but Mrs. Call drove the team at the same time caring for her children for over half the journey.

The family resided in Bountiful until the move south in '58 after which they returned to their home at Call's Fort-having had five different places of residence in eight years. For the last thirty-three years, Mrs. Call has made her home permanently at Bountiful.

An account of this pioneer mother would not be complete without a mention of her late husband, who was one of the four founders of Bountiful-Perregrine Sessions, Jazarael Shoemaker, John Perry, and Anson Call, Mr. Call having settled here in September, 1848 and one of the leading colonizers in the Church in early days, for in all of which expeditions after their marriage this faithful woman was an constant companion and help mate.

The deceased is survived by four children, Israel Call and Viola George of Bountiful; A. B. Call of Colonia Dublan, Mexico, and Harriett Louisa Mann, of Woods Cross, forty-six grandchildren, and 133 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Bountiful First Ward Tabernacle, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Counselor Joseph Kynaston Presiding. The speakers were: Elder George F. Richards and Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of Twelve, A William Lund, Willard Call, Thomas Waddoups, David O. Willey, and President James H. Robinson. A. W. Peterson of Salt Lake City offered the invocation and Bishop William M. Waddoups the benediction.

The Bountiful mixed quartet composed of William Hardy, Mrs. Joseph E. Hepworth, Mrs. Lester Garrett, and John A. Call, a grandson, sang at the services, and Edith Call, a great granddaughter, rendered a soprano solo, "Some Perfect Day".

The funeral was befittingly attended and age floral offering most profuse and beautiful. Interment took place in the Bountiful cemetery. Dr. Briant Stringham dedicated the grave.

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