

A life sketch of

Elizabeth Ann Brown Walker

1816 – 1900

Elizabeth was born October 24, 1816, at Williamson County, Tennessee. She was the youngest in a family of twelve children born to Daniel Brown and Sylvia Winset. Her parents and their children were all born in Williamson County, Tennessee.



Elizabeth married John Beauchamp Walker in Tishomingo, Mississippi in 1835, where he was in the dairy business with his brother, Thomas. Thomas was a Methodist minister.

John and Elizabeth were converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1838. John's brother asked John and Elizabeth to renounce their belief or leave. They chose to leave and took their two-year-old daughter with them.

They went to Nauvoo, Illinois, where they both labored on the Nauvoo Temple. They were permitted to receive their temple endowments and perform the same for some of their deceased kindred. Later, during the persecutions and mobbing, which befell the saints, family records were lost so the temple records were all they had.

John B. Walker was a wheelwright and assisted many immigrants in their journeys to the Rocky Mountains. Elizabeth became the mother of seven more children before they reached the Salt Lake Valley in her husband's company in 1852. One tiny son was buried at Winter Quarters, Nebraska.

Their children are:

Mary Jane	16 April 1836
Sarah Elizabeth	14 June 1838
Jesse Hunter	4 February 1841

John Taylor	29 June 1845
Joseph E.	1 February 1847
Margaret Ann	27 December 1848
William Albert	25 April 1850
James Ephraim	8 June 1852
Selena Mesenile	4 February 1855

In Utah, the Walkers settled in Grantsville, where John B. died March 10, 1856 and was buried in Grantsville, Utah.

Elizabeth Ann was the mother of nine children, four of whom died before she did. A son had left the family because of cattle and Indian trouble and she never saw him alive again. She often sang the refrain, "Oh, where is my wand'ring boy tonight?"

In 1877, she along with sons Jesse and William, and two daughters Margaret Ann Kay and Selena Cardon went to Arizona to colonize for the Church. The little settlement of Taylor, Arizona, grew and Elizabeth Ann became a devoted Primary teacher for the remainder of her life.

Elizabeth Ann passed away January 23, 1900 in Taylor, Apache County, Arizona and was buried at the side of her son, Jesse. The Primary children placed a monument at her grave as their gift to her.

This Life Sketch of Elizabeth Ann Walker Brown was compiled from writings, stories, documents and other records collected and kept in the Family History Library of K. Oswald.

Names, places, and dates have been verified with family genealogy information and records in possession of K. Oswald, and family history records in possession of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.