

## Margaretta Hull Rallison

Margaretta was the name given to the baby girl who on April 6, 1871 came to bless the home of Robert McClellen and Mary Ann Chadwick Hull. The stalwarts were pioneering the first permanent settlement of Idaho at Franklin Idaho.

In 1873 the family moved to a farm two miles north of Franklin to what is now known as Whitney. Margaretta lived in Whitney until her marriage April 16, 1890 to Joshua Rallison. The young couple moved to North Fairview on a homestead.

She was active in Church and Community work all her life. The first organization of Primary in Idaho, was held in Whitney school house (1884) and she was made Asst. Secretary. Margaretta was First Council of the first M.I.A. organization in Whitney. She was a Sunday School Teacher and also sang in the choir. In Center Fairview she was Relief Society Teacher then president of Relief Society for seven years. In North Fairview she was Councilor and Teacher in the Primary.

Her activity increased when they moved to Preston to make their home in 1912. Teacher and Relief Society Secretary of Preston First Ward, later becoming President for seven years. Other Church activities here were corresponding secretary of Stake Primary Board, Councilor in Franklin Stake Relief Society for twelve years, also working for several years during that time on Stake Genealogical committee in its first stake organization.

Civic and community projects that were sponsored or worked on by this tireless worker were, Chairman County Red Cross, during World War I, Chairman of County Civic Pride Committee, Chairman of Travellers Aid in the County, and Chairman of the County Flower-Shows.

Mrs. Rallison worked in compiling and publishing a cook book, sponsored by the Relief Society, for use especially during the food rationing during World War I.

An outstanding activity of Margaretta has been her work with the Daughters of Pioneer organizations. The Relief Society Board of Oneida and Franklin Stakes were called together at the home of Nellie Porter Head on Sep. 14, 1922 by Flora B. Horne of the Central Company of Salt Lake. An organization of a County Camp was made with Margaretta as Captain, Amelia Howell Crockett as Secretary. A Historian was appointed in each town and Village of the County to gather history of that community from the remaining Pioneers and any other reliable source. Very fine cooperation was had including that of School Principal John W. Condie.

These histories were published in 1930 in a booklet called, "The Trail Blazer." Business houses in Preston were helpful in taking advertisements in the booklet to make it possible to publish one thousand copies.

The monuments at Battle Creek and the First School House Marker were accomplished during the term of Mrs. Rallison in the organization.

The private life of Mrs. Rallison has been an active one. She was the mother of six children with no two having been born in the same house due to the family moves. While homesteading in North Fairview they moved to Franklin for the winter months.

Mrs. Rallison was a pupil of the first school, taught by Verena Foster in her fathers granary.

After taking a course in Home Nursing she was given a certificate of completion by Dr. Cuttler. She devoted many years of her life to the research and gathering of genealogy both for her parents relatives as well as her husbands people. She did much work in the Temples for Endowments as well as sealing of her dead ancestors.

All of the five living children of Mrs. Rallison have completed a Foreign Mission for the Church. Three have college degrees and teaching certificates.