

## Alice Frewin

Alice Frewin, daughter of Alfred and Ann Mariah Frewin, was born on November 6, 1869 in Reading, Berkshire, England. She was the tenth child in a family of twelve brothers and sisters and three half-brothers. Alfred Frewin had a hack service in England and rented out fancy conveyances and horses. Alice was quite a horsewoman in her day.

Alice wrote, "My mother, two brothers and one sister were converted to the Gospel by the missionaries of the L.D.S. Church and the family was very anxious then to come over to America." Her two brothers and sister came to Salt Lake City, Utah. Ann Mariah was never satisfied after part of her family had moved to America. Alice wrote, "It was two years later before my mother could get my father to come. He didn't join the church so he wasn't interested. We arrived in America in 1876 and went to Salt Lake City. I was about seven years old." Alice was baptized in the city creek in Salt Lake City on May 2, 1878.

Alice said she used to go to Weber Canyon with her father to buy sheep. She'd always find the abandoned lambs and take them home and raise them.

This country didn't agree with Ann Mariah and she died of mountain fever on September 23, 1877.

The father later remarried and she said, "So, my older sisters had to raise me and then a while after my sister Jane got married to George W. Quibell, I went to live with them until I got married." Alice's sister Jane had poor health and needed one of the girls to come and live with her and help her care for the little children. Alice said, "I know she will choose me because I am the prettiest" and sure enough, she did. Alice was delighted to go because she loved babies.

Jane and her husband, George Quibell, lived on a farm. They were quite poor. They had a big dog that Alice used to ride. If there was a black spot on the horizon that looked like a sheep camp, she would get on her big dog and ride across the prairie. She would ask them if they had any bum lambs. Then she would ride home again and George and Alice would

harness the team up to the wagon and go after them. She said that sometimes they would get as many as twenty lambs at once to feed on the bottle. "We lived in Ogden, Utah for four years. I surely enjoyed the school there," Alice wrote. She used to attend Ogden City School. They played lots of baseball at school. When they choose up sides, Alice was always one of the first to be chosen because she was such a good player. "And then we moved to Hooper, Weber County, Utah and lived there a number of years," she recorded.

One time, while George was away from home working, the baby became ill and Alice had to ride the big dog to a far distant neighbor for help. It was in the middle of the night and it was very dark. Alice was frightened, but she knew she must go or the baby would die. The neighbors had a lot of dogs, but she knew her big dog would protect her. She got there safely and the neighbor brought her back.

"When I was twenty, I married Thomas Benson Hull on December 18, 1889 at the Logan Temple in Utah."

Alice is described as having medium brown hair and clear, light blue eyes. She had a very fair complexion.

Alice wrote, "We had a small farm in Hooper and as the family got larger we were in need of a larger home so we decided to move to Alberta, Canada and take up a homestead. We were the first to settle in that part of the country. There were three of the Hull brothers that went up and they all took up land. There was a railroad that went through that part of the country so we soon put up a six room house. We took a carpenter from Ogden with us, plenty of everything to eat and horses and cows. We lived in tents while the house was being built. Myself and the girls helped all we could. We did a lot of lathing until late at night. We were glad when we could move in. There was a train that went through once a day and people began moving in. A ward was soon organized in our new home and we began to have a good time. Our first dance was on the grass. The meetings were held in our home for quite a while. Later my husband put up a tent hall where they held

the dances and meetings so that made less work for me. We had plenty of music. The Hull boys were all musicians.

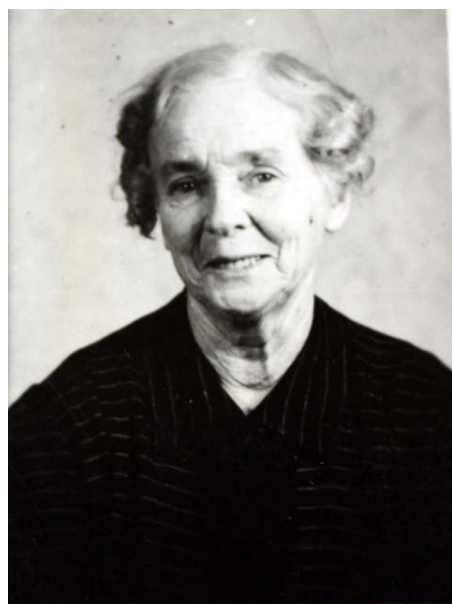


*Alice Frewin and Thomas Benson Hull*

This town in Canada was named Taber. My husband and his three brothers helped to built up this place. James Hull built the first hotel and store and John Hull built the first butcher shop. Joe and John were good musicians, but in a few years his brothers moved back to Utah and this made us want to go too, but we had a home in Canada. I worked in the Relief Society for ten years as well as in the Primary. I used to go around teaching with my horse, buddy and baby on my lap. There were no cars in those days, but we used to enjoy a buggy ride. I had a ride in the first car that came to Taber. We made a good start in life in Canada.” They lived there for twelve years.

The family took the train back to Idaho and stayed on John Hull’s Circle Ranch for a few months before relocating to Burley. Alice continues, “We bought a farm in Burley. My husband was very interested in Burley farming.”

Alice loved to cook and she never bought bread. Twice a week she would mix up the bread dough at night then get up about six in the morning to put in the loaves. She liked to have company and always had something cooked up ahead for them. Their company never went away empty-handed. They always had some fresh fruits or vegetables to give them.



Alice Frewin Hull

Thomas and Alice were lovingly called Ma and Pa by their family of five girls and five boys. They both loved children and enjoyed their family. Alice was a good organizer and manager. The girls helped her with the house work, picking fruit and canning. The boys helped their father with the outside work. Alice was always meek, calm and kind. She never raised her voice to her children or others. She was dependable and like things neat and clean. Her home was kept clean. She never spanked her children, but rather would set them on a chair or shut them in the closet. She was very careful about children getting hurt. She would always warn them and believe in preventing children from getting hurt. Shoes were polished, clothes always clean and baths taken on Saturdays in preparation for the Sabbath. Sunday’s food was prepared ahead also, which usually included a cake!

One night Alice had a vision. She saw her father, Alfred Frewin, standing at the foot of her bed. He told her that he couldn’t rest until the temple work was done for him. Alice told the family about it and Aunt Jane, Alice’s oldest sister, had the proxy work done for their father in 1906. Two years later, on April 16, 1908, the whole family was sealed together in the Salt Lake Temple.

Alice liked to sing and remembered well the songs she used to sing as a child in England. She had quite a sense of humor. She was good at rhymes and was asked to give some of them at her Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration in December 1939.

Alice was always forewarned; she knew ahead when any of her married children had problems. She would have an uneasy feeling.



Alice and Thomas

Thomas and Alice lived together happily for over sixty years until Thomas died on November 17, 1950.

When Alice was sick with the flu and believed to be dying, she saw her husband, Thomas Hull, who had been dead for a few years. Her son Lester was in the room and she said to Lester, “Your pa is standing right beside you. Why don’t you speak to him?” No one else in the room saw him. Then the Elders came and administered to her and she got well after she had not been expected to live through the night.

“Our family of ten children, five boys and five girls, are all married with good husbands and wives. There is a bunch of us when we all get together with the grandchildren added. I had 24 great grandchildren and 30 grandchildren (1959). I am very thankful they are all grown up to be good men and women and have good husbands and wives.”

Alice was no more than about 4 feet 10 inches tall with a very petite build. Robert Hull, Alice’s brother-in-law, said that they wondered about Alice. They didn’t think she would ever have a family since she was so little and frail looking. “She really fooled

us!” Thomas and Alice had a larger family than any of his brothers.

Alice completed her autobiography with, “I have seen a few hard times through life when we had to church out butter, turn out washing machine, sew all our dresses, even the men’s heavy underwear, but it was a good pastime for me and I still like to sew. It came in handy with my family. I live with my oldest daughter as I don’t like to live alone after living with a large family.” She attributed her long life of 92 years to plain food and simple living. She passed away on August 12, 1961.