

A Mystery

My grandfather's wife we know little about because she was raised by people who were not her parents. They called her Jane and gave her their name of Hull. It was in this way that she became Jane Hull of Hooper, Utah.

Mr. Hull and his wife crossed the plains in 1859 from Pennsylvania. He was about 20 years of age and she was younger. After reaching Utah, they went to settle land which is now known as a town by the name of Franklin, Idaho. This place was wild and very unsettled as there were many Indians who would go on the warpath over any slight grievance. It was after a battle that William Hull found a small child and having none of his own, he took her to his wife and she then became their daughter, Jane. Her father and mother had probably been killed.

Jane always thought of the children that were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hull as being her own sisters and brothers but she was unlike them; being very short and not strongmen well. It was probably for this reason that they moved back to the Salt Lake Valley where Jane could have a Doctors care and less strain upon her nerves since Utah was better settled then Idaho. She later showed a great liking for outdoor door work and in this way, she soon became strong and well although she carried and Arrow scar where and Indian or a white had shot her in the leg. Because at this time guns and rifles were scarce and some early settlers use bows and arrows so they were not as accurate as the Indians.

She married George Heber Riley when she was 15 and he was 29. They had 10 children, all of which are now living except two who died while very young. She was a strict but fine and practical mother. Of course in those days women had to work hard even harder than some men now work and it was in 1910 that she died from heart failure. Leaving this world with no hatred toward anyone and it was not only the family and relatives that were sad when she died, but many friends who love this woman because she had helped them in times of need.



Mary Ann, Bertha Sarah, Hebert Oram,
John Lawrence and Arthur Evan- Janes' children.

My mother says that it seemed very clear that she could see into the future of her children because she often said to her grown son's, now John, George and Hebert you be kind to your sisters and I want you to marry some girl like they all are even though it seems to me that you, not one of you will ever marry. So far it has been true not one of the three had married and they often say that they will never marry. The oldest is now 52.



George Heber Riley

Grandfather was called "Uncle Heb" because he was so jolly and full of life. He never married again and lived to be 79 years of age, dying in 1927. We always smiled when we think of the way he argued up until his death about wanting to meet his wife because he said he knew that there was a hereafter, even though

his lifelong friend it disagreed with him upon the subject, and they spent much time telling each other their own reason for believing the way they did. Thus pass my grandparents and only our memory of them lingers on. I remember my grandfather as a kind old man who would come around each morning rain or shine with care in the, gum, or cookies for us kiddies.

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Jack Clancy and Bertha Sarah Riley



Kenneth Murray and Eva Alice Riley



Harriet May Riley