

Elizabeth Thomas Rowe.

Elizabeth Thomas Rowe was born in Victoria, Monmouthshire, South Wales in 1816. She was married to Edward Rowe. He suffered for eight years with asthma and couldn't lie down.

Edward, Elizabeth and their four sons moved from Tydfil to Blinas, Monmouthshire, Wales, where the father died on October 1856. Elizabeth Rowe assumed the responsibility of raising the family which consisted of one daughter, Ellenor, Who married Edward Phillips (John Phillips' mother and Father), John, Lewis, Thomas, Owen and a step son, Edward. During her husband's illness and after his death, she worked in the coal pits to support the family.

Elizabeth Thomas Rowe accepted the Gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and on May 18, 1866, she and her son John embarked on the ship "John Bright" and landed in Hyde Park, New York after a six week ocean trip. They went to Carbondale, Pennsylvania, where John worked in the mines.

John's wife, Ann Frances Eames Rowe and her son Edward Rowe, joined them later. About a year later Owen Rowe came to join them.

They all lived at Carbondale Pennsylvania where John, and Owen worked in the mines until 1870, when they emigrated to Salt Lake City, Utah, in the President Carl G. Maeser's company. They stayed in the old tithing house years until they moved to Lehi, Utah, where they lived with friends for three months. While here, they became acquainted with William Roach who persuaded them to come to Spanish Fork which they did. A short time after their arrival in Spanish Fork, Grandma Elizabeth Rowe met and married Phillip Sykes. They were married in the old Endowment House in Salt Lake City. He was a devout member of the church and was

called out often to administer to the sick, She loved her home and busied herself with household duties and her garden.

She died at the age of 72 on January 5, 1888. Six months later Phillips Sykes, her husband died. Both are buried in the Spanish Fork Cemetery, on the John Rowe Lot.

While living in Carbondale, Pennsylvania Ann Frances Rowe gave birth to her second child Mary Jane Rowe born April 24, 1868 she died April 29, 1868. The third child was Annie Rowe born Sept. 20, 1869.

Ellen Rowe Phillips (Grandpa Rowe's sister) remained in Wales, and raised her family and through the encouragement and financial aid of people here in Utah Her son John Phillips came and brought his family to Utah. Two of his daughters came before he and his wife could come, they were Ellen and (Rebecca) Becky, they stayed Here with Grandma Rowe.

Thomas Rowe, (Grandpa Rowe's brother) came to America with a company of saints (he came before his mother and John Came) and worked in Pennsylvania. For a time he sent money to his mother in Wales but after a while both money and letters stopped. He had married and had a son. Upon arrival of his mother to America, she tried to locate him but she learned he had enlisted in the army. He was never heard from again.

When the town of Spanish Fork was divided into four wards, Marinus Larsen was chosen Bishop of the third Ward, and for his counselors were Charles D. Johnson and John Rowe. This Bishopric was released November 8, 1891.

The Relief Society organized, with Margery Boyack President, Ann F. Rowe first counselor; and Emily Fereday Second Counselor.

John Rowe died of Pneumonia, he was sick only three days. During his illness he made the statement that he was not afraid to die, but "Procrastination is the thief of time, I have neglected going to the temple."

His funeral was as follows.

The funeral of John Rowe was held at 10: 30 a.m. and the meeting house was filled with sorrowing relatives and friends. Bishop George Hales presided. The opening prayer was offered by Robert W. McKell of the First Ward. A number o speakers paid glowing tributes to the nobility of character of the deceased and extended words of comfort to the sorrowing family. Following were those who delivered short addresses Berry Wride, Payson; ex-Bishop Marinus Larsen of the third ward, Spanish Fork; Apostle John Henry Smith of Salt Lake City; C.W. Booth, Superintendent of the Third Ward Sunday School, and President J.S. Page of the Nebo Stake of Zion. Benediction was offered by Bishop Ralph Poulsen of Provo.

The musical services were especially good. The deceased was interested in music all his life, and was a member of the choir in the ward, the following selections were rendered by the choir; "Resurrection Day," "Wanted on the Other Side," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." A solo, "What voice Salutes the Startled Ear" was sung in a pleasing manner by Ed Williams, "Flee as a Bird," soprano solo by Mary Nave, was another pleasing song offered.