

MARY HENDERSON HEINER



BIRTHDATE: 2 Sep 1847
Andrews Co., Missouri
DEATH: 28 May 1882
Morgan, Morgan Co., Utah
PARENTS: David E. Henderson
Mary "Polly" McFadden
PIONEER: 1856 Handcart
SPOUSE: George Heiner
MARRIED: 22 Dec 1866
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
DEATH SP: 16 May 1937
Morgan, Morgan Co., Utah

CHILDREN:

Mary Ellen, 18 Dec 1867
Eliza Adélgunda, 15 Sep 1869
Clara, 2 Mar 1872
George Angus, 22 Aug 1874
Nettie, 3 Nov 1876
Christine Sophia, 11 Jan 1879
John Martin, 24 May 1880

Mary Henderson Heiner was born into a family of five sisters and two brothers. She was nine years old the Summer of 1856, when her family walked across the Plains to the Salt Lake Valley, pushing and pulling their handcart.

In the Spring of 1859, her father built the first log cabin in Richville, Morgan County, Utah. The entire family set to work to plow and plant crops. Other Latter-day Saints were soon to follow and within a few years Richville became a thriving community.

Mary married George Heiner, December 22, 1866, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, by Apostle George Q. Cannon. That winter they lived with Mary's sister and brother-in-law in a one-room house.

When Spring came her husband, George, built a log cabin where they lived for the next seven years. In 1874, George built Mary a 19 x 20 two-story brick home. It was the first brick house in Morgan County. Mary was very proud of her home which she needed for her growing family of seven children, five girls and two boys.

Mary was a lovely lady who thought that her place was in the home caring for her husband and children. She seldom took part in social affairs that would take her away from her family. However, she attended Church meetings faithfully, seldom missing a meeting. She was a quiet, tender-hearted woman who never raised her voice. Her family and friends adored her.

When Mary was only thirty-six years old, she became ill with black measles during an epidemic. She was pregnant and not well enough to survive the disease. She passed away on May 28, 1882, leaving her husband alone with seven children. Her husband passed away on May 16, 1937, in Morgan, Utah. They both are buried in the Morgan Cemetery.