

A TRIBUTE TO MY OTHER MOTHER
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Martha Stevens Heiner, was born December 14, 1855
She was the first white child born in Morgan County.
Tomorrow Mother would have been 103 years old.

My first recollection of her was the summer of 1917
when Spence took me to Morgan to meet his folks and
---to go fishing up Lost Creek. Immediately upon
meeting both Father and Mother Heiner, I sensed a
Warm feeling of welcome and friendship from both of them.

I also got the impression that Father Heiner was truly
the Patriarch of the family and Mother Heiner was his
silent partner who stood beside him in all his endeavors.

Time passed and I became her daughter-in-law in June 1921
I had a feeling of being accepted. I could tell without a
word from her, that she loved her son and was deeply con-
cerned about his happiness, just as she was with each
member of her family.

President McKay refers often to the three realms that
should be dominated always by the beauty, virtue and
intelligence of womankind--She possessed all three.

First realm, she should be a home builder. So much
could be said of Mother Heiner's ability as a home
builder. She was a hard worker, a neat housekeeper
a splendid cook--kind to her children, always at peace
with her neighbors, so gentle and kind--what more
could be said?

Home sentiment is second to religion in influencing
the human mind, all else may be forgotten, but
the experiences of childhood will remain undimmed on
the walls of memory.

The second realm that Brother McKay speaks of is
that of teaching--she was a Christian mother who
taught by example. Her image was the first to be
stamped upon the unwritten page of her young
children's minds. Her caress gave them their first
sense of security--She was truly a mother in Israel.

Third Realm is that of Compassionate Service.
She was happiest when she was serving others.
Quietly and sincerely she smoothed the troubled
waters in times of need. In times of happiness
she radiated joy and peace.
For 45 years she lived the law of Celestial

marriage with never a quarrel or a question of
doubt between these two noble women. Father
Heiner said Martha proved to be one of the
finest wives and noblest mothers in all the world.

The greatest tributes that any one could have paid
to Mother Heiner was when the other wife, Aunt
Sarah as we called her, was ill and her last
request was that Mother Heiner would prepare her
for burial. Through out the lives of these two
women, when one was ill, the other one came to
her aid to cheer and give her comfort. What
noble women they both were.

The years and life had brought its happiness
and disappointments 'tis true, but time had
brought her a spiritual beauty greater than
physical beauty, which no short separation
can change.

Through out Eternity--may we all grow together
toward perfection so that we may meet these
dear loved ones--Over There.

Tomorrow, Mother Heiner would have been 103
years old.

Tomorrow is also Evas Birthdays as well as her
60th Wedding anniversary

I would like to pay tribute to Both Mother Heiner
and Eva with these words by T.L. Peacock

"It is their nature
To chase the clouds of life's tempestuous hours
To strew its short but weary way with flowers,
New hopes to raise, new feelings to impart,
And pour celestial balsam on the heart.
For this to man was woman given
The last, best work,
The noblest gift of Heaven."