

Elizabeth Barnum (Dwelling #699)



Elizabeth Thorn Barnum was born May 27, 1810 in Clinton, Dutchess County, New York. She was the daughter of Richard and Mary Anner Armstrong Thorn.

Elizabeth married Charles Barnum on January 25, 1831 in Mount Morris, Livingston County, New York. Charles was born on August 11, 1809 in Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut. He was the son of Thomas Stevens and Margaret Gay Barnum.

Two children were born in Livingston County, New York, Alfred and Eliza. The family then moved to Nauvoo, Hancock County. Another child was born in Nauvoo, Mary Elizabeth was born on September 15, 1843.

While in Nauvoo, both Elizabeth's husband Charles and son, Alfred, died. This left her alone to travel to the Middle Missouri Valley. They were good friends with the Curtis family. They settled in Big Pigeon near them.

Uriah Curtis took Elizabeth for his second wife on January 7, 1848. The 1850 U. S. Census listed Elizabeth living next to Uriah but using the Barnum name. Enumerated were Elizabeth, age 40; Eliza, age 13; and Mary, age 7.

Elizabeth's family traveled west with the Uriah Curtis Company. Just before they left for the west, Uriah's son, Lehi, married Elizabeth's daughter, Eliza on June 6, 1852. Uriah and Elizabeth had one child named Harriet Ann Curtis who was born March 22, 1853 in Salt Lake County, Utah Territory.

By the 1870 U. S. Census, Elizabeth was 60 years old and lived with Levi and Eliza and their family in Hyrum, Cache County, Utah Territory. The 1880 Census listed Elizabeth in Hyrum City again but with her daughter Harriet and her husband, W. J. Mann.

The Mann family moved to Shelly, Bingham County, Idaho before the 1900 U. S. Census. Elizabeth was still living with them and listed as age 90. She died there on March 7, 1902.