

Elizabeth Maria Dixon (Dwelling #679)



Elizabeth was born March 31, 1809 in Blount County, Tennessee. She was the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Brewer Dixon. She was the seventh of twelve children.

At age 17, Elizabeth married Samuel Hugh Lusk on October 12, 1826 in McMinn County, Tennessee. Samuel was born in 1807 in Carter County, Tennessee. At some point, many of the family members moved to Greene County, Illinois. The couple had four children—Louisa Jane, John Winters, Lucretia, and Sarah Anne Elizabeth.

A cholera epidemic broke out and Elizabeth's husband contracted the disease and died on June 15, 1833. Elizabeth supported her family as a tailor.

On October 4, Elizabeth married Thomas Taylor in Greene County, Illinois. He may have been an alcoholic as he didn't treat his family very well. A daughter was born to Elizabeth and Thomas. Her name was Susannah Taylor and she was born on July 27, 1835. Thomas died in 1837 in Greene County.

In 1841, Elizabeth joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Her oldest daughter, Louisa Jane, married at age 15, and stayed in Greene County and died at the age of 19. Elizabeth took John Winters Lusk, Sarah Anne Elizabeth Lusk, and Susannah Taylor with her to Nauvoo.

Elizabeth left Nauvoo with her family and settled in Big Pigeon. On the 1850 U. S. Census, the family is listed as Elizabeth Taylor, age 41, born in Tennessee; John, age 21, born in Illinois; Sarah, age 17, born in Illinois; and Susannah, age 14, born in Illinois.

John Winters Lusk married Mary Elizabeth Park in 1851 and Sarah Elizabeth Lusk married Levi Perry Bingham in 1852. In February of 1852, Elizabeth remarried. His name was Ashael Thorn.

The Ashael Thorn's families travel west in 1853. The Company departed from Six Mile Grove on June 8, 1853. They arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on September 9, 1853. The first winter after they arrived in the Utah Territory was spent in West Weber. The next spring, they moved to Three Mile Creek, later named Perry.

Elizabeth joined the "Josephites," and remained in Six Mile Grove until 1883 when she and Ashael moved to Willard, Box Elder County, Utah in 1883. Elizabeth died on May 21, 1883. Ashael died on February 10, 1897. Both are buried in the Willard City Cemetery.

Note: Elizabeth is a grandmother of Harold Bingham Lee, eleventh President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints through her daughter Sarah Elizabeth Lusk who married Levi Perry Bingham.