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HISTORY OF SARAH HANAH TABERER OWEN MARTIN

PIONEER TO UTAH: 1862-63

WIFE OF: Aswell Owen
Ezra Francis Martin

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Died: June 5, 1877, Salt Lake City

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Married:

- (1) Aswell Owen
Died - Crossing Plains
- 2) Ezra Francis Martin

Martin, Sarah Hannah Taberer Owen
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Sarah Hanah Taberer was born March 27, 1842 in England. She was the fourth child of George Taberer and Mary West Taberer. Her brothers and sisters were as follows: Elizabeth Born May 5, 1834, George Born Nov. 5, 1838, Mary Ann, July 28, 1840, Newton Born Feb. 11, 1843, Harriet July 2, 1845 and Joseph born Jan 13, 1836.

Sarah was raised in England and in early womanhood immigrated to the United States. She married Aswell Owen and they lived in Williamsburg New York. They became acquainted with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and all indications show that they joined said church. To them was born a son whom they named Joseph Hyrum Owen. He was born July 12, 1861 in Williamsburg, New York.

While in Williamsburg the Owen family must have known the Ezra Francis Martin Family. Francis Martin and his family joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Dec. 1856. They lived there until 1862 when they started their long journey to the valley in the Tops of the Mountains, Salt Lake City.

The Owens family also came across the plains. The trip was hard and when they got somewhere in Wyoming, Sarah Hanah's husband Aswell died and was buried in one of the lonely graves along the trail. It was in sorrow that Sarah Hanah entered the "Valley." When they left Williamsburg, months before their hopes had been high. They would make a new home among the Saints of their chosen religion. They knew the pioneering would be hard but they had great faith and started on their way rejoicing. Now Hannah was alone to try to make their dreams come true.

The only bright spot in her arrival was that she could be with her old friends the Ezra F. Martins. She found that Sophia, the wife was very ill, for this she was sad. It is thought by the writer that probably Sarah Hanah Taberer Owen went into the Martin home and helped to care for the sick wife, Sophia and her four children.

Ezra Martin writes in his diary that on June 10th he got a recommend from Bishop Hoagle to get another wife. On the 20th of June he took Hanah Taberer Owen for wife. They were married by D. H. Wells.

They all lived together as a family.. Sophia was ill most of the time, so as a result most of the work fell upon Sarah. They were poor in earthly means Ezra Francis tried hard to provide for his family but there were many reverses.

In June 21, 1868 Sophia Packer Martin breathed her last, after a long illness of nine years and 5 months.

In 1870 the family moved from Salt Lake City and answered a call to settle in Soda Springs Idaho. They were given two city lots and 20 Acres of land and they started to make their home. They lived there until the spring of 1869 and then they sold their furniture to pay debts and arrived back in Salt Lake without a chair to sit on.'

They worked hard to build a home. Ezra Martin went to work as a shoe maker.

Sarah Hanah Taberer Owen Martin bore seven children as the wife of Ezra F. Martin.

Rose Hanah: born May 5, 3 AM. 1865

George Eli, Born Feb. 13, 3 PM 1867

Emma Sophia Born Aug 20 1:30 AM 1868

Samuel Bisley born Sept 13 12:30 AM 1870 died June 22 1871 at 11:30

Mary Alice Born Jan. 3, 7:30 PM 1872

Wm. Henry Born Nov. 20 9 AM 1873 Died one hour after birth
Harriett Maud Born Nov. 8th 8 PM 1874.

Ezra F. stated in his diary about the death of his wife. "June 5, 1877
My beloved wife Hanah, after a severe illness of nine days departed and went
home and left me with five motherless children. Their Names are as follows.
Rose Hanah, Rose because she was born with the Roses and Hanah in Memory of
her Mother. George Eli. George in Memory of his Mother's brother and Eli
after my Nephew. Emma Sophia, Mary Alice and Harriett Maud. The remains
of their mother was on the 7 day June, layed in the Silent Grave. The
services was conducted in the 20th Ward School House. A kind feeling was
manifested by the friends and the speakers were W. J. Smith and E. Snellgrove.
Now comes another phase of experience. Bereaved of my wife's and the prospects
of my dear bright little children to be scattered. Language fails me to
describe my feeling yet the spirit manifests to me in it all this is the
path and not for anything I have done for I have no duty undone to repent
of. The Moral Law can have no hold on me, the divine Law I have always
delighted to Honor and my Hope is still in the God of Israel and the princ-
ples of Jesus Christ his Sone."

So Sarah Hanah Taberer Owens Martin was only 35 years old when she passed
from this life. Her life was short on this earth but her memory lives on.
Her children gave thanks for their birth, they were thankful for her faithful-
ness through all her sorrow. Her posterity has brown to great numbers and
they all thank her for the pioneer heritage that this brave young women gave
them.

Written by Maxine Breinholt historian Wandamere Camp from the Diary of
Ezra Francis Martin.