



## **LOUISA ANN GARNER LAKE**

### **1843-1930**

Louisa Ann Garner Lake, born 12 July 1843 at Lima, Adams, Illinois, was the first child born to David Garner, Jr. and Marie Dolly Durfee. Her father joined the Mormon Battalion and left Council Bluffs, Iowa 1846, as a Private in Company "A." He left his wife and three children, Louisa Ann, Fannie Marilla, and David Edmond and his aged parents. David became ill at Santa Fe. He and his brother, Philip, who was injured, both returned to Pueblo, Colorado with the sick detachment.

In the spring of 1847, David and Philip started with the company to Salt Lake City arriving 29 July 1847. He worked in Salt Lake helping to build the bowery and make adobe bricks. In August, he left for Council Bluffs and arrived two months later. In 1850, the family journeyed by ox team to the Salt Lake Valley. Brigham Young sent the family to North Ogden to settle.

Louisa, age 8, is found on the 1850 Census of Weber, Utah Territory with her parents and three younger siblings. By the age of 14, Louisa Ann was a "tall strong girl. . .with many abilities that were recognized by William Bailey Lake." He had a large farm of cattle and milk cows and sold the milk and cheese in Salt Lake. She married William Bailey Lake on 20 March 1857 and became his second wife. Lovina Jones (age 13) was also married to Bailey Lake the same day. They were both married and sealed in the President's Office by Brigham Young. Bailey's married his first wife, Sarah Jane Marler, 26 Dec 1850, and together they had four children: Mary, Philomela, Sarah, and William Bailey; Bailey Lake's only children.

A few days after marriages to his second and third wives, Bailey returned to Idaho where he was serving a mission. He returned home in the fall of 1857 and saw his new born son, William Bailey. This is the last time his family saw him alive. When he returned to Idaho, the missionaries were having trouble with the Indians. Bailey was sent back to Salt Lake with nine other missionaries to carry the mail and report on the situation. En route to Salt Lake they were ambushed by Indians. He was scalped and killed. Others returning from the mission found his body and carried it back to North Ogden packed in snow. He was buried in the North Ogden Cemetery.

When Louisa was nearly 17, she married George Lake, the brother of Bailey Lake on 13 May 1860. In those times, it was considered a duty of a brother to marry his dead brother's wife. In the fall of 1861, Brigham Young invited George to come to Salt Lake to receive his endowment. At that time, his wife Louisa was sealed to her first husband, William Bailey, and George acted as proxy. President Young noticed that George was saddened by the knowledge that he did not have a wife for eternity. George records in his journal that Brigham stated, "You have done your duty my boy and your reward shall be greater than as

though this woman was your own wife but go to now and be here in two weeks with two more for yourself. I pled for a little more time. Stating that I wished to make wise choices. So as to not to have to trouble him for divorces. This he thought would be a good plan but said he, 'do not delay.'”

Eight children were born to Louisa Ann and George Lake. They included Olive Ann (1861), James Bailey (1862), Emma Jane (1864), Chauncey William (1865), David Edmond (1867), Rachel Louisa (1869), George Ephriam (1872), and Hyrum (1874). Their first four children were born while they lived in Harrisville. In 1862, George married a second wife, Sarah Jane Hill, and in 1868 he married a third wife, Mary Edda Foster.

In April 1868, Louisa was called and sustained as the president of the Harrisville Relief Society. At the same time, George was serving as a counselor in the branch presidency. In April 1869, George was called on a mission to England. He left his three wives in charge of his affairs and was gone for over two and one half years.

In 1871, the family moved to Oxford, Idaho. George's parents moved to Oxford in 1872. In 1874, George was counseled by church leaders to move to Arizona because of the problems with polygamy. When George went to Arizona, Louisa chose to stay in Idaho on the farm while his other wives eventually joined him in Arizona.

Louisa Ann Garner has been described as a tall, large, woman, strong of body and a gracious lady of many talents. . . .She used to save the best straw from the grains to make straw hats and weave baskets which she sold to sustain her family. She also sold milk, cheese, and butter.

Louisa's son, David Edmond, ran away at 15 and joined his father who was now living in Mexico. He returned to Idaho in 1897 with his Mexican wife, Aurelia Perez, and two children, David Edmund (1891) and John Hyrum (1896). George also came to visit his family in Oxford in 1897.

James Marion Grant was a man in Oxford whose wife had deserted him leaving five children. Louisa Ann hired him to take care of their farm. She helped with his children in return. Louisa Ann married him in 1889, fourteen years after George left Idaho for Arizona and Mexico.

About 1902, Louisa's son, Chauncey, and his family moved to Payette, Idaho. A year later they moved to Emmett, Idaho. Shortly after that, Louisa and James left Oxford and joined Chauncey in Emmett. Her grandchildren grew up knowing her, and she kept busy with a garden and fruit trees. She was also a beekeeper. Her husband died in 1915 in Emmett.

Louisa later developed dropsy and she eventually moved in with Chauncey and his family, so they could take care of her. Her life spanned the time of the Civil War, the Western expansion, the Indian wars, and the era of polygamy. She died 19 Jun 1930 at the home of

her son, Chauncey, and she is buried in Emmett, Idaho.

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Foster, Mary Edda	Lake, Hyrum
Garner, Lovina Jones	Lake, James Bailey
Garner, Louisa Ann	Lake, Louisa Ann Garner
Garner, David Edmond	Lake, Louisa Ann Garner Lake
Garner, David Jr.	Lake, Mary
Garner, Fanny Marilla	Lake, Mary Edda Foster
Garner, Marie Dolly Durfee	Lake, Olive Ann
Garner, Philip	Lake, Philomela (1853)
Grant, James Marion	Lake, Rachel Louisa
Hill, Sarah Jane	Lake, Sarah
Jones, Lovina	Lake, Sarah Jane Hill
Lake, Bailey	Lake, Sarah Jane Marler
Lake, Chauncey William	Lake, William Bailey (1826)
Lake, David Edmond	Lake, William Bailey (1857)
Lake, Emma Jane	Marler, Sarah Jane
Lake, George Ephriam	Perez, Aurelia