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HISTORY of Martha Bromley Alverd *Strong*

Martha Bromley Alverd was the only daughter of Thadeus Alverd and Sally Briggs. She was born at Waterford, Michigan on February 28, 1838.

Her father joined the Church in 1834 and they moved to Missouri in 1835. Then two years later they moved to Far West, Missouri. When she was six (6) they moved to Nauvoo, Illinois, crossed the river and located on a farm in Lee Co., Iowa and in 1844 returned to Nauvoo, Illinois and then left for the Salt Lake Valley, reaching Salt Lake on October 28, 1849.

When Grandfather Wm. Strong was released from the Mormon Battalion, he went back to meet his parents, Jacob Strong and Sarah Hill. He met Martha washing by a stream. Having seen her in his dreams, he recognized her. They were married a year later in President Brigham Young's office.

Grandfather Strong obtained a land grant that Captain Brown received from Goodyear as a soldier of the Mormon Battalion.

When they had been married three years, my mother was born. Their home was very poorly made. Grandfather had built swinging shelves from the ceiling. The snakes would come through the willows on the roof and hang by their tails and drink the cream from the pails of milk set up there.

Later they moved to Fars Fort, to be protected from the Indians. They later moved South when Johnson's Army came through.

It was there that Grandfather Strong took up his plural wives. One of them was the wife of one of his friends that was in the Mormon Battalion.

Grandmother and Harriet Neeley got along very well. Aunt Harriet had a little girl Sarah Elizabeth. Grandmother worked for cloth to make this little girl a dress. It was lavender. Sarah Elizabeth was burned to death in a bonfire.

While in Springville, Grandmother sent word for her brother, Ben Alverd, to come and get her. After she left Grandfather Strong, Grandmother wanted to be with her father. She missed him very much. When she could, she would go with other people to where he was. Once she was crossing the Weber River and the wagon got stuck. They bound her to the wagon so she wouldn't float away while they went for help.

Once she saw him sitting on a fence peeling sugar

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cane. She started to go to him but her mother pulled her back.

Grandmother Martha B. Alvord married Abile Campbell. They had three children Sylvia, Albina, and Ronie.

She was quite happy with him. He had a home and twenty acres, quite marshy, in Old North Ogden. They have drained all this ground now.

Sylvia and Bina each divided this land between them later. This place was close to their brother's, Gideon Alvord. While they lived there the place prospered. They had a large orchard and grape vines.

Grandmother was always willing to divide her substance with others less fortunate. She spoke of a purple dress she got for food from an imigrant woman. We have two China plates in our family that were also given her for food.

Abile Campbell died and Grandmother seemed very restless. Abile had started a new two-story brick house. He didn't live to finish it. She married again but soon separated.

Grandmother had five brothers Simmion, Joseph, Gideon, Rubin, and Benjamin.

Her father was in the War of 1812. He had been married three times. He lived and died in Utah before the railroad came.

They came in George A. Smith's Company--Captain of the Hundreds, Lovington Captain of the 10.

Uncle Nate Fremon said Martha was a scold. She was determined to build a pantry in the house. While she was carrying rock for the foundation, she had a bad hernia that caused her death September 27, 1882 at the age of fifty-two (52).

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