

Mary Elize White Campbell
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Mary's grandparents were Isaac and Mary White, and John Brown, and Sarah Mundy, who were all of English birth.

Her father, John White, was born June 24, 1835 at Seend, Wiltshire England. Her mother Eliza Brown White was born January 30, 1847, at West Lavington, Wiltshire England.

John White's mother died when he was four years old, but later his father remarried. In 1854, at the age of nineteen, he was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Two years later he, his father, his sister Jane, stepmother Polly Bull and half-brother James left England. They crossed the Atlantic Ocean on a sailing ship taking six weeks to make the voyage. After landing at New Orleans they took a boat up the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers for Florence, Nebraska. Here outfits and companies were assembled in preparation for the crossing of the plains to Utah. It was on their journey up the Missouri, however, that John's stepmother and brother James, took sick. They died and were buried on the banks of the river.

In the fall of 1856, he was called to go back to Florence, Nebraska to bring emigrants back. While on this trip he met Eliza Brown, a young girl nearly seventeen. Eliza, with her father John Brown and brother George, had been assigned to his wagon. John and Eliza spent many pleasant hours together on the trip (which took about two months), and on November 18, 1863, they were married.

They lived with his father Isaac after their marriage. Both father and son farmed together. The farm house was a three room log building on the property where Heber Roylance's residence is today (about 1900 North and Washington Blvd, North Ogden, Utah).

Mary Eliza, the first child was born November 3, 1864 at North Ogden. Sarah Jane, the second child born December 5, 1866, was an invalid. She was helpless all her life never learning to walk or talk. Mary's life was burdened with the care of her sister. To add to this hardship her father died very suddenly on February 11, 1869. This was four months prior to the birth of her sister Anna Louise who was born June 10, 1869. Mary then had two younger sisters to help care for and because of their recent sorrow life was none too pleasant.

After the death of her father, they moved from the old White farm to a smaller farm. Her father had purchased this farm a short time before his death. Their home was a log room with a slope. This property is where his mother lived the remainder of her life, although not in the same house.

The following year, May 9, 1870, her mother married Thomas B. Brown. His first wife was Jane White, the only sister of John White. They, Thomas and Jane, already had several children. Four years after this marriage Jane died, which meant much of her mother's time was spent supervising both homes. More responsibilities were added for Mary while her mother went to Jane's home.

Mary's girlhood days were very busy, filled with plenty to do. When only twelve years old she would stand on a box and rub clothes on a rubbing board, helping her mother with the washing. She milked, watered and staked the cows and did all the kinds of farm work and chores that a small fatherless girl could do. Her school days were limited to the winter months. The school house was a one room adobe in the main part of the town. In those days they furnished their own books, every child paying two dollars each quarter. They studied reading, writing, and spelling. She remembers some of her teachers: Julia Wade, Mr. Wardly, John Gibson and Lorenzo Waldram. Water was carried in buckets from the Williams well. They drank from a public long handled dipper. One day each week she stayed home from school to help with the washing.

As she grew older she went out to work part time, doing house work the laundry. When washing at Sydney Stevens she received sixty cents worth of merchandise from his store per day. Other times she did a two weeks wash for a family of three for twenty-five cents. With the money she earned she bought her first pair of Sunday shoes a real luxury. She also did house work for \$1.50 a week in the summer and on one special occasion she receive \$2.00 a week.

She and her mother did the sewing for the family by hand until later she was invited into Sarah Alvord's home. Sarah Alvord was very fortunate to own a sewing machine. Mrs. Alvord taught Mary to sew on the machine. Her first quilt was made on shares. Mrs. Alvord furnished the material for two. She pieced them by hand at home in her spare time. Mary knit stocking and lace and sold many pieces. She gathered straw from wheat and oats, prepared, braided and made it into hats. The hats were sold for fifty cents apiece. On one occasion she gave a house party. A fiddler, as the musician was called in those days, was hired to furnish the music. For this pay he received one of the hats she had made. The road was very often too muddy to cross, so while visiting her neighbor they would call from fence to fence.

She was one of the first members of the YWMIA, which was organized at this time. She was later sustained as Treasurer of this association and labored until some time after her marriage. She also taught in the Sunday School.

Seven other children were born in her mother's family: John, Ellen, George, Willie (who died when but a few weeks old), Emily and Harriet. These children were born while Mary was home, and the youngest, Nephi, was born after she was married.

Mary married Warren Campbell November 15, 1884 at her home in North Ogden. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Thomas Wallace. Mary and Warren lived in two back rooms of his father's home. On December 9, 1885, their first child, Mary Louise was born. They went to the Logan Temple, June 23, 1886, received their endowments and were sealed.

Warren spent many days up Cold Water Canyon cutting logs. He brought them down, had them sawed and with his father's help they built a two room frame house on the property he bought. This property is south of Reynolds home of today.

In this home, Harriet Geneva was born Aug. 8, 1887. The next spring they moved to Liberty

where they rented a house from James Ferrin. He bought some property from Ellen Holmes and built a one room house made from logs he got from the mountains. They returned to their home in North Ogden for the winter and on March 6, their third child Warren Delbert was born. That spring they sold the property to William Holmes. Mormon Reynolds then bought and moved the house to his property. The two rooms are still standing as part of Orson Reynold's home today. Warren and Mary bought more property adjoining that in Liberty.. He built an additional log room and lived very happily raising a family and working to pay for their new home and farm.

Her husband was a Ward Teacher and also worked in the YMMIA. She was called to labor as Second Counselor in the Relief Society organized in Liberty on Aug 14, 1891. Later she was released on Feb 22, 1893.

Four more children were born to them while living in this two room log house. There were Myrtle Ellen, Sarah Luella, Etta Eliza and Bessie Lovina. Later in the following spring she stayed with her mother, and here John Leonard was born. Five weeks later she traveled over North Ogden Canyon in a bob sleigh. The snow was deep and the trip was dangerous.

After the birth of Floyd Willie, in Liberty, they were very fortunate to be able to build a two roomed frame house. They still used the two log rooms for bedrooms. When Curtis White was born, the older children were a big help to their parents. Three more rooms were then added to the frame house. This made a nice up-to-date home. About this time the Relief Society was organized by the law of the land and Mary was again sustained as Second Counselor on November 8, 1908 which was just before Vera Jane was born. Also, their first daughter Louise was married and a big wedding supper was given for her.

She spent many hours sewing and knitting to supply the whole family with winter stockings. She also made all the best dresses for her children and many neighbors and friends.

On February 21, 1904, her husband was called to labor as Second Counselor to Bishop Joseph E. Ward. They both held these positions until they moved to North Ogden, March 5, 1906. Because of her husband's health the family moved there for a better climate. Before they left Glen Doral was born.

On April 24, 1908, Cyrus was born. He passed away the following month on May 15. Then on May 24, 1909, Donald Ira the fourteenth child was born. This made seven girls and seven boys born to Mary and Warren. The first son, Delbert, married on Oct. 20, 1909. He and his wife bought and lived at the Liberty home.

In 1910 she was sustained as a visiting teacher in the Relief Society and in 1920 was sustained as quilt supervisor and is still working in both of these positions. Three of their sons, Delbert, Floyd, and Donald filled missions for the Church.

Her husband, Warren, was ill for some time. He was taken to the hospital in May 1926, where he was treated for diabetes and then taken home one month later. Much care was needed until he died Sept. 6, 1926.

On April 29, 1932 Donald, their last child was married. All the other children had previously married. Mary was very proud of all her children and happy to have all but one married in the Salt Lake Temple.

Later she married Charles Maxwell, December 21, 1938, in the Logan Temple.

Up to this day, January 13, 1943 she has 60 grandchildren and 33 great-grand children living. Twenty-nine of the grand children are married. She has made and quilted a quilt for each one and gave it to them as a wedding present.