

ANNE HOWARD

Born: 1820 in England

Age: 35

Willie Handcart Company

The following biography was written by Gloria O. Berg, 2nd great-granddaughter of Anne Howard:

Anne Howard was born in Horsford, Norfolk, England, to Mary Lubbock and James Howard. Records show she was christened on August 6, 1820 (the same year that Joseph Smith received his first vision in upstate New York). She was the 7th child in a family of 8 children.

Her first introduction to the Church was in 1846 as a young woman in her 20's and still living with her parents. She was the only member of her family to recognize the truthfulness of the gospel message. She was given the ultimatum that she must cease to investigate or have any association with the LDS missionaries or members of this religion or she would no longer be welcome in their home.

Anne loved her family, but she had found something that she knew was essential for her eternal salvation. She was baptized on January 1, 1847, and then made ready to sail to America on a vessel called the Thornton [in 1856]. ... Her family refused to see her after her baptism and she never saw or heard from any of them again.

The voyage was not easy, but she arrived in New York City and traveled by train to Iowa where she joined the James Willie Handcart Company. Anne loaded her handcart with her meager possessions and supplies and joined with ... other handcarts in this group. She was a woman alone and did not ask for nor did she receive much assistance from anyone as she pushed and pulled her cart across the trails and rugged terrain for 1300 miles to the Salt Lake Valley. ...

Many in this company never reached their earthly destination and were buried along the way. Others lost hands, feet, even their sight due to the extreme conditions under which they traveled. Anne's feet were frozen to the extent that she could never wear regular shoes again.

Anne was a kind, gentle, yet determined woman. She became the 2nd wife to John Lambert in February of 1857 and [was] blessed with an only child, Georgiana, in December of that year.

She was a life-long devoted member of the Church and died in Spring City, Utah, on December 31, 1900, at the age of 80 and is buried in the Spring City Cemetery. Anne is revered by her descendants as a noble Latter-day Saint woman who displayed great courage, determination and commitment building the Kingdom here on earth.

John Linford of the Willie company wrote the names of the people in his tent group over which he presided. Anne Howard was in this group. These are the people with whom Anne shared a tent for several months while journeying to Utah:

-John Linford (48), died October 21, 1856, Maria Linford (43), George J. Linford (17), Joseph W. Linford (14), Amasa C. Linford (11)

-Samuel Gadd Sr. (41), died October 9, 1856, Eliza Chapman Gadd (41), Alfred Gadd (20), Jane Gadd (17), William Chapman Gadd (12), Samuel Gadd Jr. (10), died October 23, 1856, Mary Ann Gadd (8) Sarah Gadd (5), Isaac Gadd (1), twin, Daniel Gadd (1), twin, died October 4, 1856

-Mary Ann Britin (51 or 55)

-Mary Ann Winters Funnel (62) and daughter, Elizabeth Funnel (23)

-Mary Ann Miller (30)

-Ann Howard (35)

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