

ELIZABETH WAREING CRITTENDEN

Elizabeth Wareing was born in Birmingham, England, November 25, 1844. She was the daughter of George and Susannah Clark Wareing.

Her mother died when she was about ten years old. She went to live at the home of a wealthy family. As she grew older, she learned the art of cooking.

Later she and her sister (Susan Harris) left for America, leaving their father dying. They had to come on that ship or wait another year. This was a sore trial to the two girls. They sailed June 4, 1863, on the ship "Amason" via London. Elizabeth crossed the plains the summer of 1864.

She met Chauncey S. Crittenden by recommendation and arrangement of mutual friends and after three days of courtship, was married Feb. 1, 1865. They were always very happy. To them were born five children, all boys. Willard married Drucilla Birch; Oscar married Julia Coles; Chauncey Herbert married Jemima Sargent; Irwin married Florence Brown; and Lyman married Emma H all. Three of the sons filled missions for the LDS Church. Irwin serving in West Virginia and surrounding area; Lyman serving in the Eastern States out of New York and Herbert serving in England, laboring in Birmingham, his mother's birthplace. Irwin also was bishop of the Hoytsville Ward for 27 years, being released in December of 1936.

Elizabeth Crittenden was an excellent cook and housekeeper. Her pantry and cellar were always full. She always had cookies or apples to hand out to grandchildren and neighbor's children. At times she took in ~~boarders~~ boarders to help out with the family income. Many school teachers thus enjoyed her hospitality and good cooking. She also helped in running the post office, which was located in their home for a few years during the early history of Hoytsville.

She was an active worker in the Relief Society and attended regularly her Sacrament meetings. She was never known to speak an unkind or evil word about anyone. Her patience and kindness were outstanding virtues.

She was quite good at sewing and obtained material by trading eggs for it at the store owned by C. H. West.

She was about five foot four inches tall and weighed about 140 pounds. She had black hair and blue eyes. She ususally wore dark colored dresses with an apron of white or bright color.

She died May 15, 1909, and was sincerely mourned by her family and a host of friends.