

SKETCH OF LIFE OF BERNELLA E. SNOW GARDNER

NATIVE OF UTAH BORN 1866

PREPARED BY HERSELF

FOR THE OLD FORT CAMP CEDAR CITY UTAH

I was born in Pine Valley, Washington County, Utah, June 26, 1866, the daughter of William and Ann Rogers Snow, and on March 8, 1883, was married to Robert Berry Gardner.

William Snow was born in St. Johnsbury, Caledonia County, Vermont, Dec. 14, 1806. When twenty-two years of age he moved to Charleston Vt. where he first heard the gospel, preached by Lyman E. Johnston and Orson Pratt. He was baptized in 1832 and went on a short mission the same year. He came to Nauvoo and suffered the persecutions endured by the saints. Stayed in Council Bluffs for awhile and then came to Utah in 1850 and was captain of his company. They settled in Salt Lake first, then moved to Lehi, was called to the Dixie Mission and settled in Pine Valley, Washington County in 1865. He was Bishop of Pine Valley for several years.

He was elected to the Legislature in 1865 to go to Fillmore, the the capitol of Utah, and was again sent as a delegate from Washington County in 1869. He assisted in framing the first laws of Utah at a convention held in Salt Lake City, was justice of the peace in Salt Lake and was High Council in Salt Lake and held many positions of trust. He died in Pine Valley, May 19, 1879. He was the son of Levi and Lucina Streeter Snow.

Ann Rogers was born in Pembroke, Wales, December 30, 1835, was the daughter of John and Janet Reese Rogers, was baptized in the spring of 1849, left Wales January 1850 with her father, step-mother, two brothers and three sisters, came in a sailing vessel to New Orleans. They were ten weeks on the ocean and came up the Mississippi on a steamboat, her sister Elizabeth died before they reached St. Louis and was buried on the river bank. Her sister, Sarah, died in the summer of 1850. Her brother, Thomas was married and stayed awhile in St. Louis. Her father and the others came to Council Bluffs and

Stepmother and sister and drove an ox team or walked nearly all the way to
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Utah:

When they were nearly to Salt Lake their wagon broke down and she
walked into Salt Lake for help. Thus after leaving a comfortable home in
company with her family she at last arrived on foot and alone. She found
work in the family of William Snow and March 12, 1853 was married to him.

She assisted her husband in building a home in Lahti and when called
south also helped to Pioneer in Dixie. She was active in helping care for
the sick, was teacher Sunday School for years and was counsellor in Relief
Society for awhile and on the death of the President she was chosen as
President and holds the position though now in her 89th year.

I was born in 1866 in the early settling of Dixie and know a little
of the hardships of those days.

When the Primary was organized in 1880, I was appointed Treasurer
and on June 11, 1881 was chosen Secretary and served in that capacity for
several years, also assistant Secretary of the Y.L.M.I.A. On the third of
Sept. 1899 I was chosen as president of Primary which position I held until
we moved to Cedar City in 1915.

Note: In spite of the fact that she is an invalid she has raised
a splendid and has done an great deal of genealogical work, and is always
cheerful.