

# History of Marvel Riding Booth



Marvel Riding Booth was born In St. George, Utah June 5, 1890 to Malinda Barlow and Edwin Taylor Hale Riding. Her direct line ancestors were original pioneers into Southern Utah. She had a great pioneer heritage. Her Riding family contributed much to settling the St. George area. More details of their married life are in the chapters of her husband, James William Booth and her first born Fred Booth.

*The following was written by Marie Booth, wife of Fred Booth.*

I never had the privilege of knowing Fred's mother. This I felt was my loss. I have thought how happy I would be if any one of my children loves me as Fred

loves the memory of his mother. He truly idolizes her, she is his angle mother.

She was born in St. George, 5 June 1891 to Malinda Barlow and Edwin Taylor Hale Riding. She was blessed 3 September 1891 by D. D. McArthur. She was baptized 18 July, 1899 by William Atkin and confirmed 18 July 1899 by James G. Bleak. We really know very little about her childhood. Uncle Fred Riding, her brother, has told us she was sort of a lackey in the family and she had a slight stuttering problem.

She married James William Booth in St. George July 1908. In reading the life of James William Booth, I wonder how this lady stood the trails and tribulations that came her way. They moved from pillar to post and she had a baby every two years. Fred and Rea are only 18 months apart.

There were doctors at this time but I wonder if she had one for Jim who was born in Harrisburg. There were midwives who cared for ladies. They assisted the doctors when they were there but many of them delivered the babies themselves.

Fred tells me of the time when all his mother had in the house for them to eat was a little flour. She browned the flour in a frying pan and used water to make gravy for them to put on bread.

The heartaches and anguish she must have suffered when Will was gone for long periods of time and she was left to care for her growing family. Rea was a sickly child, every disease he had was worse then any one else. Marvel's life was one of hardships. She didn't have the necessities let alone any luxuries. Fred remembers that his mother was sick a lot. How hard it must have on her to do those back-breaking washes. The last move they made to Lehi was hard on a Dixie girl used to our winters, then to weather through cold of Lehi.

Zetta Pearce Worthen Stucki, Hale Pearce and Helen Pearce Blake Barker, two of Marvel's nieces said she was their favorite aunt. They loved to go visit at her house.

Marvel did not have the care of good doctors and eventually she was taken to the American Fork Hospital for Gall Bladder surgery. She lived through surgery but died a few days later. Fred and Will went to the hospital on her birthday, June 5. Fred gave her a hair brush. She gave him a kiss for it. This was the last Fred saw his mother alive. She died 7 June 1923. She was buried in Lehi, Utah.



James William and Marvel Riding Booth



Early Photo of Marvel Riding Booth



Marvel Riding Booth School Photo.  
She is one of the three girls on the left.  
Teacher was Alena Nelson who taught  
most of the Booth family.



Marvel's headstone  
Grave located in Lehi, Utah cemetery in lot  
number 2, just inside the South entrance to  
the cemetery, on the right.

WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certifi-

1 PLACE OF DEATH 3 Mar 263 Riding Booth State Board of Health File No. 223

County Utah STATE OF UTAH—DEATH CERTIFICATE  
 Precinct \_\_\_\_\_  
 or \_\_\_\_\_  
 Village \_\_\_\_\_  
 or \_\_\_\_\_  
 City American Fork No. \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If death occurred in a hospital or institution give its NAME instead of street and number.) 300

2 FULL NAME Marvel Rida Booth  
 (a) Residence No. 263 St. 13 Ward Lake Utah  
 (Usual place of abode) (OF NON-RESIDENT CITY OR TOWN AND STATE)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. (Not long in U. S. if foreign birth?)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
3 Sex <u>Female</u>	4 Color or Race <u>White</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) <u>Married</u>	16 Date of Death <u>June 7</u> 19 <u>23</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>May 25</u> , 19 <u>23</u> to <u>June 7</u> , 19 <u>23</u> that I last saw her alive on <u>June 6</u> , 19 <u>23</u> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>4:30</u> pm. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Cholelithiasis</u> <u>of Gall bladder</u> <u>Probably</u> (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. Contributory <u>Stenosis of Gall bladder</u> (Secondary) <u>free disease</u> (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.	
6a If Married, Widowed, or Divorced Husband of (or) Wife of <u>James W Booth</u>	8 Date of Birth <u>1</u> <u>5</u> <u>1891</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	7 Age <u>32</u> If LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. or _____ min.	18 Where was disease contracted <u>Lake U</u> if not at place of death? <u>Lake U</u>		
6b Occupation of Deceased (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <u>Housewife</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____ (c) Name of Employer _____	9 Birthplace (City or town) <u>St George</u> (State or Country) <u>Utah</u>	10 Name of Father <u>Taylor Rida</u>	19 Place of Burial, Cremation, or Removal <u>Lake U</u> Date of Burial <u>June 10 23</u>		
11 Birthplace of Father (State or Country) <u>Utah</u>	12 Maiden Name of Mother <u>Alvina Carlson</u>	13 Birthplace of Mother (State or Country) <u>Texas</u>	20 Undertaker <u>T.W. Melan</u> Address <u>Lake U</u>		
14 Informant <u>M.R. Booth</u> Address <u>263 13th St Lake U</u>	15 Filed <u>June 9</u> 19 <u>23</u> <u>Mollie Anderson</u> Registrar	REGISTERED NUMBER <u>31</u>	NO. OF BURIAL PENNY <u>31</u>		

HEAD CAREFULLY INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF CERTIFICATE



Obituary from St. George News Paper

### MARVEL RIDING PASSES

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Mrs Marvel Riding Booth a former resident of St George passed away at American Fork following an operation June 7 aged 32 years June 5

She was born and raised in St George a daughter of Mr and Mrs E T Riding and is survived by her husband and seven children They left here about two years ago to make their home at Lehi

Mrs E T Riding Mrs Luther Hemenway and Mrs Glenn Stewart the latter being a visitor here went up to Lehi to attend the funeral which was held on the 10th inst many beautiful flowers being sent from Salt Lake City

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