

# HISTORY OF RUTH GAMBLE BOOTH

*(Parts of this story were written by Marie Booth, wife of Fred Booth)*

Ruth Gamble Booth was born November 20, 1820 in Heaton-Norris, Stockport, Cheshire, England. Her parents were John Gamble and Hannah Appleton.

She married John Booth November 14, 1841. John and Ruth joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in England and were baptized June 16, 1849.

John had a small business in Compstall. He rode a pony trap and one day while getting down from it, he fell over an iron hoop which had been rolled down a hill by some children. He sustained a wound on his leg which became infected and he subsequently died of septicemia (blood poisoning) on August 26, 1870.

Ruth brought her two daughters, Sarah, and Hannah, to America traveling aboard the ship Wyoming. They left Liverpool, England on October 14, 1874 and arrived in the port of New York on October 27, 1874.

The church leader in charge of the group was William N. Fife. The company was listed as the 6<sup>th</sup> Company. There were 155 LDS immigrants aboard the ship. It is reported that the company arrived in Salt Lake City November 5<sup>th</sup>.

She left two children, Polly, and Joseph, in England. They were grown. Ruth and sisters Sarah and Hannah had a arduous journey overland which took several months. They worked their way across the United States until they arrived in Salt Lake City.

Sarah has a son when they traveling thru Iowa. Not being able to take care of him she gave him up for adoption and it is only recently that Millie Thomsom has been able to trace his family in California.

Sarah married Tuscarora Gillins and raised a family in Minersville, Utah.

Hannah married August Thiessen and raised a family in California.

Ruth Gamble Booth died 12 December 1887, in St. George and is buried in the St. George, Utah Cemetery. Fred, Jim, and Shirley Booth

placed a monument on her grave. She is close to her son James in the cemetery.

