

LIFE OF ELLEN BRIDGET GALLAGHER COTTAM AUG 12, 1924  
MATERIAL GATHERED BY MARGARAT ARBON AND ADA TAYLOR AND REWRITTEN BY CHARLOTTE  
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VERY FEW OF OUR PIONEERS HAVE HAD A MORE EVENTFUL LIFE THAN ELLEN BRIDGET GALLAGHER COTTAM. STRONG IN CHARACTER FROM A SMALL CHILD. SHE PASSED THROUGH DIREST POVERTY, SICKNESS, LONLINESS, DANGER AND SACRIFICE. WITH FAITH IN HERSELF AS WELL AS GREAT FAITH IN GOD. HER FATHER LOVED HIS PRESENT WIFE ENOUGH TO LOSE BOTH FORTUNE AND TITLE FOR HER. SHE WAS ELLEN DUFFY AND WAS EMPLOYED AS A MAID IN THE HOME OF THE GALLAGHERS. AND WHEN JAMES, THE SON CAME HOME TO DUBLIN AND SAW THIS BEAUTIFUL IRISH GIRL, HE FELL IN LOVE WITH HER AND AFTER A TIME PERSUADED HER TO CONSENT TO A SECREET MARRIAGE, WHICH WAS AN IMPLUSIVE IRISH BOY WOULD BE MOST APT TO DO. HE LOVED HER SO HE COULD NOT IMAGINE HIS PARENTS RESISTING HER CHARMS FOR LONG, BUT IN THIS HE WAS MISTAKEN, FOR WHEN THEY DISCOVERED THE FACT, AS THEY DID WHEN ELLEN WAS NOT ABLE TO CONTINUE AS A MAID ON ACCOUNT OF HER HEALTH, THEY WISHED HIM TO DESERT HER, THIS HE FIRMLY REFUSED TO DO AND WAS MADE A STRANGER TO HIS PARENTS. THEY WERE VERY KINDLY TAKEN IN BY SOME OF HER MOTHERS PEOPLE, WHO WERE WEALTHY, WHO WERE VE.Y KIND OF HEART, AND MADE THEM WELCOME. THEY REMAINED THERE UNTIL A LITTLE DAUGHTER WAS BORN IN 1831, ELLEN BRIDGET, THE SYRJECT OF THIS STORY.

AFTER A TIME THEY, AND A COMPANY OF OTHERS SEEKING HEW OPPORTUNITIES MADE THEIR AWAY OVER TO ENGLAND, WHERE THERE WERE BETTER ADVANTAGES IN MAKING A LIVING. DURING AN EPIDEMIC OF CHOLERA HER FATHER CONTRACTED THE DISEASE AND LEFT HIS YOUNG WIFE AND 4 CHILDREN, WHO HAD BEEN BORN IN THE MEANTIME, BRIDGET, JAMES, THOMAS AND HANNA OR ANN. ALONE IN THE WORLD WITH NO ONE TO HELP HER.

LIFE WAS VERY HARD FOR HER AND SHE REMARRIED HOPING TO BETTER HER CONDITION AND FIND COMPAINSHIP, BUT LOVE FOR HER DEAD AND BURIED WITH HER YOUNG HUSBAND. THIS SECOND HUSBAND WAS A TAILOR, THOMAS JENKINS, WHO WAS BY NATURE SELFISH AND DISAGREEABLE. AS SOON AS THE LITTLE ONES COULD WIND A BOBBIN THEY WERE FORCED FROM HOME BY THE STEPFATHER. ELLEN EARNED A PENNY A DAY DOING THIS FOR 2 YEARS, AND AFTER 7 YEARS HER SPIRIT REBELLED AT THIS CRUEL MAN'S WAY AND SHE LEFT HOME AND ACTED AS NURSE MAID IN PRIVATE HOMES. BUT SHE FINALLY WENT BACK TO THE FACTORY AGAIN WHERE LINEN WAS MADE, AND HERE HER BROTHER JIM FOUND HER. SHE HAD NOT DETERMINED TO KEEP HIDDEN FROM HER STEPEATHER. SHE HAD NOT SEEN HER PEOPLE FOR FOR YEARS, BUT ONLY LIVING A SHORT DISTANCE APART. WHEN THIS BROTHER AND SISTER SAW EACH OTHER, THEY RAN INTO EACH OTHERS ARMS AND CRYING FOR JOY, HE TRIED TO PERSUADE HER TO RETURN HOME, BUT SHE NEVER WENT AGAINE, SHE MET HER MOTHER SECRETLY. IN HER EARLY TEENS, A WHITE SEELLING CAME ON HER KNEE. THE MANAGER OF THE FACTORY WHERE SHE WORKED WAS VERY KIND TO HER AND ARRANGED TO SEND HER TO THE MANCHESTER HOSPITAL, WHERE SHE RECEIVED SPLENDID TREATMENT. WHEN SHE RECOVERED THERE WAS NO HOME TO RETURN TO, SHE WAS INVITED TO THE FINE HOME OF THE MANAGER, BUT ELLEN, WAS VERY INDEPENDENT AND VERY KINDLY REFUSED AND APPLIED FOR A POSITION AT THE HOSPITAL TO PAY FOR HER TREATMENT THERE. PROVIDENCE MUST HAVE GUIDED HER FOR SHE WAS PLACED IN THE MATERNITY ROOM, CARRYING THE BABIES BACK AND FORTH FROM THEIR MOTHERS TO THE ROOM WHERE THEY SLEPT. SHE WAS SOON ADVANCED. SHE STAYED HERE, WORKING FOR 2 YEARS. WHERE SHE LEARNED A GREAT deal about babies and delivered many women. AND IN HER LIFE THIS PROVED A GREAT BLESSING, BECAUSE LATER IN LIFE SHE DELIVERED HUNDREDS OF BABIES AND NEVER MOST A MOTHER.

BEFORE ENTERING THE HOSPITAL, SHE MET WILLIAM COTTAM, IN LANCHSHIRE, ENGLAND. BUT THEY LOST TRACK OF EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE, BUT WHEN HE FOUND HER AGAIN HE PERSUADED HER TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL AND MARRY HIM. SHE WAS 21 AND HER HUSBAND 25 YEARS OF AGE. SHE WAS A DEVOUT CATHOLIC, AND HE WAS A LATTER-DAY SAINT. AFTER A SHORT TIME SHE BECAME CONVERTED TO HER HUSBAND'S FAITH, AND THEY LONGED TO COME TO UTAH, THEY SEEMED UNABLE TO GET MEANS ENOUGH TO COME TOGATHER, AND THE YEARS PAS.ED. THEY HAD A LARGE FAMILY, MANY OF THE CHILDREN DYING AT BIRTH. THEY FINALLY DECIDED THAT THE HUSBAND WOULD GO FIRST AND SEND FOR HER AND THE CHILDREN LATER. THERE WERE ONLY 3 OF THE 13 CHILDREN LIVING AND SO HE ARRANGED WITH HIS PARENTS TO CARE FOR THE OLDER BOYS AND SHE WOULD FOLLOW LATER WITH THE YOUNGEST, AND THEY WOULD SEND FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE GRANDPARENTS, (WILLIAM'S PARENTS) SHE CONSENTED BUT HAD NO INTENTION OF LEAVING ANY OF THE CHILDREN.

WILLIAM, THE HUSBAND CAME AND WORKED IN THE MINES (HIS TRADE) AT PENNSYLVANIA. AS SOON AS HER HUSBAND LEFT, BRIDGET WORKED AT MIDWIFERY, AND SOON STOCKED A SMALL STORE, WALKING 7 MILES FOR HER GOODS WHOLESALE AND PACK THEM BACK. IN THIS WAY SHE EARNED ENOUGH TO TAKE THE CHILDREN TO AMERICA. ANOTHER CHILD WAS BORN 7 MONTHS AFTER HER HUSBAND LEFT, AND THIS WAS KEPT SECREET FROM HIM AS A SURPRISE FOR HIM. WHEN THE CHILD WAS 9 DAYS OLD SHE STARTED ACROSS THE OCEAN. DURING ALL THIS TIME, SHE WAS OPPOSED BITTERLY BY HER MOTHER, WHO WAS

A DEVOUT CATHOLIC, HER MOTHER FELT SHE WOULD SURELY BECOME ONE OF THE WIVES OF BRIGHAM YOUNG, AND SHE TOLD BRIDGET, "I WOULD RATHER POISON YOU THAN HAVE YOU GO TO UTAH." AT THE BOAT WHEN SHE CAME TO SEE HER OFF, SHE SAID, "I WOULD RATHER PUSH YOU INTO THE OCEAN THAN TO GO TO BRIGHAM YOUNG." BUT SHE TRIED TO COMFORT HER MOTHER AND TOLD HER SHE WAS GOING TO PENNSYLVANIA TO HER HUSBAND. SHE WAS 6 WEEKS ON THE BOAT. A STORM CAME UP WHILE THEY WERE ON THE OCEAN AND IT WAS SUCH A BAD STORM THEY WERE TOSSED ABOUT IN SUCH A MANNER, THE CAPTIAN AND SOME OF THE OTHERS WERE WASHED OVER BOARD AND DROWNED. FOR THREE WEEKS OR MORE THEIR CLOTHING WAS WET AND THEIR FOOD SOAKED. SHE TRIED TO KEEP THE TINY BABY'S CLOTHES DRY BY KEEPING THEM WRAPPED AROUND HERSELF. HER OLDEST BOY, JAMES USED TO SAY, "COVER US UP, MA, SO WE WONT SEE OURSELVES DROWN." WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BRAVE FAITHFUL BRIDGET, ALL ON BOARD EXPECTED TO DROWN. BUT SHE CONTINUED TO PRAY AMID CRIES AND GROANS. THEY ALL WONDERED AT HER CALM, AND SHE TOLD THEM OF HER FAITH AND BELIEF, AND THAT SHE HAD BEEN PROMISED SHE WOULD ARRIVE SAFELY. THEY GATHERED ABOUT HER SEEMING TO RECEIVE CONSOLATION AND FAITH FROM HER.

SHE LANDED IN NEW YORK ON NEW YEARS DAY. HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN TO MEET HER MANY TIMES, BUT COULD FIND OUT NOTHING ABOUT THE SHIP. SHE WENT TO PENNSYLVANIA, AND YOU CAN IMAGINE HIS JOY AT MEETING THEM. HE ONLY EXPECTED TO SEE HER AND ONE CHILD AND WHEN SHE AND ~~4~~ 4 children ARRIVED, THEY CRIED FOR JOY AT BEING TOGETHER AGAIN, AND ESPECIALLY THE NEW ONE WHICH HE DIDNT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT. HE CONTINUED WORKING IN THE MINES UNTIL SORELY AFFLICTED WITH BOILS, 17 OF THEM ON ONE ARM, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO WORK AT THAT TIME, THAT PART OF THE COUNTRY WAS INVADDED BY A BAND OF LAWLESS MEN CALLED, "THE WHITE CAPS" THEY WOULD ENTICE PEOPLE FROM HOME UNDER FALSE PRETEXTS AND MISTREAT AND KILL THEM. ONE NIGHT A MAN CAME TO GET HER TO ASSIST HIS WIFE IN CHILDBIRTH. AMONG HER GIFTS WAS THE SPIRIT OF DISCERNMENT AND SHE FELT HE WAS AN EVIL MAN. THEY TALKED A FEW MINUTES AND SHE TURNED IN THE HOUSE AS THOUGH TO PREPARE HERSELF TO GO AND PICKING UP A PISTOL, SHOT IN THE AIR SEVERAL TIMES. HE LEFT VERY QUICKLY AND SHE FOUND OUT LATER HE WAS A MEMBER OF THIS BAND. THEIR RESOURCES WERE VERY LOW AND SHE RESOLVED TO SELL HER HAIR, WHICH WAS VERY ABUNDENT. SHE OFFERED TO SELL IT FOR \$40.00 TO MR BLACKBURN, THE FOREMAN OF THE MINE WHERE HER HUSBAND WORKED, BUT WHEN HE NOTICED HER SWOLLEN EYES, ASKED HER WHY? SHE SAID THEY WERE WITHOUT FOOD, SO HE TOLD HER HE WOULD GIVE HER THE MONEY, BUT SHE WAS TO KEEP THE HAIR ON HER HEAD AND TAKE CARE OF IT. AS SOON AS SHE WAS ABLE TO SHE PAID HIM BACK. HER SON WENT TO WORK WITH HIS FATHER AS SOON AS THE BOILS WERE BETTER. SHE TOOK IN BOARDERS, BESIDES PRACTISING HER PROFESSION. THEY SOON HAD ENOUGH TO COME TO UTAH. THEIR FRIENDS FROM ENGLAND, WHO WERE LIVING IN UTAH, TOLD HER TO BRING CLOTHES, SHOES AND SUCH THAT THEY COULD, INSTEAD OF MONEY. THEY CAME ON THE FIRST TRAIN, (FRIEGHT) THAT BROUGHT CARS, MAIL AND PASSENGERS. THERE WERE NO EXTRA MEN TO RECEIVE THE CREW, AND WHEN THEY REACHED A STATION AT NIGHT FALL THE ENGINEER, FIREMAN, AND BRAKEMAN AND CONDUCTOR ROLLED UP IN THEIR BLANKETS IN THE STATION HOUSE AND SLEPT UNTIL MORNING. THEY ARRIVED IN OGDEN ON THE FIRST TRAIN INTO OGDEN, AND THEN ON TO MORGAN UTAH ON OCT. 6, 1868. AND WERE MET AT THE TRAIN BY BROTHER THOMAS DEARDON AND FRIENDS. THEY SETTLED IN PORTERVILLE, 3 MILES EAST OF MORGAN, IN A HOUSE WITH A DIRT FLOOR, QUILTS WERE USED FOR DOORS, BURLAP BAGS FOR WINDOWS. THEY WERE THE FIRST PEOPLE IN PORTERVILLE TO HAVE A STOVE AND A LAMP WHICH BRIDGET BROUGHT IN OGDEN, SHE TRADED A REVOLVER AND A SUIT OF CLOTHES FOR THEM. BEING A MINER HE WAS VERY ANXIOUS TO SETTLE IN EUREKA OR WYOMING. BUT HIS WIFE WAS DETERMINED TO RAISE HER CHILDREN IN A BETTER ENVIORNMENT. WILLIAM WENT TO EUREKA TO WORK BUT CAME HOME AT INTERVALS WHILE HE WAS AWAY SHE ACQUIRED A FARM. AND IT WAS A VERY HAPPY SURPRISE FOR THE HUSBAND WHEN HE FOUND THEM ALL SETTLED ON "AN HONEST TO GOODNESS FARM" AS HIS DAUGHTER EXPRESSED IT. HOW THANKFUL BRIDGET WAS FOR HER EXPERIENCE IN THE HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND. SHE EARNED MANY DOLLARSTO HELP PAY FOR THE NEW FARM. PART OF THIS FARM WAS A LARGE MEADOW 5 MILES UP THE CANYON. SHE WENT TO HELP HER OLDEST SON PITCH HAY, THEY HEARD A PLANTIVE SOUND AND REMEMBERIND HEARING THE PANTHERS CALL, DESCRIBED AS SUCH, THEY DECIDED THAT THEY WERE ABOUT TO BE ATTACKED BY ONE. THEY URGED THE SLOW OXEN TO GREATER SPEED AND WHEN THEY ARRIVED HOME THEY DID NOT HAVE A SPEAR OF HAY LEFT. THEY HAD COME SO FAST THEY HAD LOST IT ALL. SHE OFTEN TOOK THE CHILDREN TO PICK UP POTATOES FOR THE WINTER. SHE WHITE WASHED THE SCHOOL HOUSE WHICH ALSO SERVED AS A CHURCH AND TOWN HALL.

SHE TOOK IN WASHING, AND DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP. ONE CHILD WAS BORN AFTER REACHING UTAH, A GIRL ELIZABETH. THE CHILDREN'S CLOTHES AND SHOES WERE SO SHABBY THAT SHE FELT ASHAMED TO SEND THEM TO SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND AT TIMES FELT VERY DISCOURAGED. SHE CALLED AT THE HOME OF HENRY BOWERING, A PATRIARCH OF THE CHURCH, WHEN A NEW BABY WAS BORN, SHE RECEIVED A WONDERFUL BLESSING AT THIS TIME AND WAS TOLD THAT AS LONG AS SHE REMAINED FAITHFUL AND TRUSTED IN THE LORD, SHE WOULD BE EQUAL TO ALL OCCAGIONS, AND IN THE PRACTISE OF MIDWIFERY FOR 50 YEARS, IN ENGLAND, PENNSYLVANIS, PORTERVILLE AND SNOWVILLE UTAH, SHE NEVER LOST A MOTHER OR A BABY. IN PORTERVILLE, SHE USUALLY WENT TO THE PATIENTS ON HORSE BACK,

WADING STREAMS, AND SOME TIMES RIDING ON THE RUNNING GEARS OF WAGONS. WHEN NOT ABLE TO GET A HORSE, SHE WALKED THROUGH THE SNOW FOR MILES. THE NIGHT WAS NEVER TOO DARK OR THE WAY TOO FAR, FOR HER TO GO, WHEN SHE WAS NEEDED. AFTER MOVING TO SNOWVILLE, WHERE THE PEOPLE WERE SCATTERED, SHE OFTEN WENT 25 OR 30 MILES. THEY WOULD PUT HOT ROCKS IN THE SLEIGHS TO KEEP FROM FREEZING, BUT SHE NEVER REFUSED TO GO. SHE SEEMED TO BRING AN ATMOSPHERE OF FAITH AND HOPE WITH HER. SHE ALSO TREATED CONTAGIOUS DISEASES. IT SEEMED A GIFT WITH HER. SHE DID NOT KNOW HOW TO READ A THERMOMETER, IN FACT SHE COULD NEITHER READ OR WRITE. SHE USUALLY CHARGED \$3.00 FOR THE WHOLE ILLNESS, AND IF THE PEOPLE WERE IN POOR CIRCUMSTANCES SHE RETURNED THAT.

THEY HAD HEARD SOME ENCOURAGING REMARKS OF PROMOTORY COUNTRY, AND WILLIAM AND HIS OLDEST SON WITH A COMPANY OF OTHER SETTLERS WENT TO CURLEY VALLEY AND TOOK A PLOT OF LAND, AND SPENT THE WINTER PLOWING. IN THE SPRING THEY RETURNED AND THE PARENTS CONSIDERED THE ADVISABILITY OF TAKING THEIR FAMILIES OUT WHERE THERE WERE NO SCHOOLS, NO CHURCHES OR ORGANIZATIONS OF ANY KIND, AND VERY FEW PEOPLE, THEY FELT IT WAS NOT WISE TO TAKE THEM AT THIS TIME, PREVIOUS TO THIS, HE HAD TAKEN UP A HOME STEAD IN HOOPER UTAH, AND THEY DECIDED TO MOVE THERE, BUT WHEN THEY WENT TO PREPARE TO MOVE, HE FOUND OUT HE HAD WAITED TOO LONG AND HAD LOST HIS RIGHTS. SOME ONE ELSE HAD TAKEN IT.

HE HAD SOLD HIS HOME IN PORTERVILLE, BEFORE HE KNEW THIS SO THERE REMAINED NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT GO TO CURLEY VALLEY. THEY PACKED UP AND STARTED WITH 2 HEAD OF CATTLE 2 OXEN, 2 HORSES AND A WAGON. OF THIS WAGON THE FAMILY WAS VERY PROUD, AS IT HAD A SPRING SEAT AND WAS DRAWN BY A SPAN OF HORSES. THE JOURNEY TOOK 8 DAYS AS THEY HAD TO TRAVEL VERY SLOWLY. IN AN AUTOMOBILE NOW THE SAME DISTANCE IS TRAVELED IN 3 TO 6 HOURS.

ONE NIGHT THEY CAMPED IN CORINNE, UTAH AND THE MOTHER WOULD LET THE CHILDREN GET ONLY SO FAR AWAY FROM HER, FOR FEAR SHE WOULD LOSE THEM IN THE TALL WHEATGRASS. THEY ARRIVED AT THEIR NEW HOME THE FIRST OF MAY. THEIR NEW HOME NEITHER HAD FLOORS, DOORS OR WINDOWS AND THE STOCK WANDERED ALL OVER AT RANDOM. BRIDGET HAD GONE THROUGH SO MUCH HARDSHIP AND WAS SO WEARY AND OVERWORKED, SHE BECAME ILL. THREE OF THE CHILDREN GOT LOST AND SHE SENT 3 OF THE OTHER CHILDREN TO FIND THEM. SHE WORRIED SO MUCH BEFORE THEY FINALLY GOT BACK THAT SHE WAS DELIRIOUS WHEN THEY TOLD HER THEY WERE ALRIGHT. WHEN SHE WAS IMPROVING SHE DETERMINED TO THINK MORE OF HER BLESSINGS AND LESS OF HER OWN HARDSHIPS. AND SHE RECALLED THE BLESSINGS SHE HAD RECEIVED WITH HER HUSBAND, WHEN THEY RECEIVED THEIR ENDOWMENTS. THE TRIP TO THE ENDOWMENT HOUSE IN SALT LAKE FROM PORTERVILLE, UTAH. THE WEATHER WAS VERY COLD AND STORMY SHE RECALLED, AS IT WAS MARCH AND THEY HAD TRAVELED IN A LUMBER WAGON WITHOUT A SPRING SEAT THE WAGON BEING DRAWN BY OXEN, THE ROADS VERY BAD AND FOR TWO MILES SHE HAD WALKED THRU DEVILS GATE IN WEBER CANYON THROUGH DEEP SNOW. SHE WAS VERY ANXIOUS TO GO AT THIS TIME AS SHE WAS EXPECTING ANOTHER BABY, VERY SOON. DANIAL H. WELLS PERFORMED THE CEREMONY AND HE CALLED HER BZOK AND GAVE HER A SECOND BLESSING, SAYING IT WAS A VERY RARE THING TO SEE AN IRISH CATHOLIC CONVERTED TO THE FAITH AND HAVING HER ENDOWMENTS. TWIN GIRLS WERE BORN TO THEM AFTER THEY ARRIVED HOME, MARY AND MARTHA. JUST THINK OF ALL EXPERIENCE AND SUCH A HARD TRIP AND THEN TO HAVE TWINS. AT THIS TIME A VERY DEAR FRIEND LOST HER BABY AND ASKED BRIDGET TO GIVE HER ONE OF THE TWINS, THINKING ONE WOULD BE ALL SHE COULD PROVIDE FOR IN THESE HARD TIMES, BUT BRIDGET KNEW THAT THE LORD WOULD PROVIDE.

IN TWO MORE YEARS SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A BABY GIRL. THE SNOW WAS 2 FT. DEEP AND IT WAS A BITTERLY COLD DAY. THERE WAS NO ONE NEAR TO HELP HER, AND ONLY AN OX TEAM TO GO FOR HELP, SHE FELT SHE DIDNT WANT TO BE LEFT LONG ENOUGH FOR ANYONE TO GO OUT IN THIS BITTER COLD WEATHER TO FIND HELP. SO THE BABY WAS BORN WITH THE HELP OF HER HUSBAND. THEY SAID THEY FELT SO MUCH LIKE THEY IMAGINED ADAM AND EVE FELT THAT THEY NAMED THE LITTLE GIRL, "EVE" EVE LIVED UNTIL SHE WAS 34 YEARS OLD HAD A FAMILY OF 4 CHILDREN AND WENT AS A PIONEER TO BIG HORN WYOMING. THE FIRST WHITE WOMEN THERE. BRIDGET THOUGHT AS SHE LAY IN HER BED HOW THE LORD HAD HELPED THEM IN THEIR TROUBLES. AND SHE FELT THAT IN THEIR NEW WORLD HE WOULD OPEN THE WAY FOR THEM OUT OF EVERY DIFFICULTY AND GIVE HER STRENGTH AND KNOWLEDGE TO HELP HER HUSBAND

AND OTHERS IN DISTRESS AND SHE FELT THAT IN THIS NEW WORLD HE WOULD OPEN THE WAY FOR THEM. GREAT FAITH HAD BEEN EXERCISED FOR HER BY THE FAMILY AND THE ELDERS. A DANISH NEIGHBOR BY THE NAME OF HANSEN WOULD COME AND ADMINISTER TO HER IN THE DANISH LANGUAGE. SHE ALWAYS FELT THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WHEN BEO. HANSEN CAME. SHE BEGAN TO BE HER OWN SELF FULL OF HOPE AGAIN, ALWAYS LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OTHERS.

WILLIAM AND HIS OLDEST SON CUT CEDAR POSTS AND HAULED THEM 60 MILES TO SELL THEM AND THROUGH THIS ENTERPRIZE PROVIDED FOR HIS FAMILY. AS SOON AS THEY WERE ABLE THEY STOCKED A STORE IN SNOWVILLE, THEY HAD 2000LBS OF FLOUR AND 3 BARRELS OF SYRUP OF WHICH SOLD VERY QUICKLY. THEY HAD BOUGHT OUT THE CO-OP STORE. THEY WERE VERY THRIFTY AND SOON HAD A BETTER

HOME. IT WAS A 2 ROOM LOG HOUSE. BRIDGET WAS NOW ABLE TO PRACTIS HER PROFESSION AND HER HUSBAND STARTED TO PETITION TO GET A MAIL ROUTE, HE GOT THE CONTRACT TO CARRY MAIL TO KELTON UTAH TWICE A WEEK, LATER HE FREIGHTED FROM KELTON TO HAILY, WOOD RIVER COUNTY, IDAHO.

THEY HAD NEVER BEEN ABLE TO HELP BRING ANY OF THEIR PEOPLE TO THIS COUNTRY, AND NOW THEY FELT THEY COULD SO THEY SENT MONEY FOR WILLIAM'S OLDEST BROTHER. THEY ALSO SAVED FOR BRIDGET'S OLDEST BROTHER, WHOM SHE LOVED VERY DEARLY. BUT HE DIED BEFORE THE MONEY REACHED ENGLAND.

THEIR OLDEST DAUGHTER, MARGARAT, HAVING HAD THE ADVANTAGES OF SOME SCHOOLING, STARTED SCHOOL TEACHING AND AMONG HER PUPILS WERE MANY OLDER THAN HERSELF. THE SCHOOL HOUSE WAS BUILT BUILT NEAR THE FOOT HILLS AND A MILE FROM THE HOUSE. THE COYATOES AND WILD CATTLE MADE HER VERY UNEASY. IN FACT SHE WOULD WAIT UNTIL THE YOUNG MEN CAME TO OPEN THE HOUSE. HER LITTLE SISTERS AND BROTHERS AND NEIGHBORS CHILDREN ATTENDED. THERE WAS NO MONEY FOR THIS LABOR, BUT SHE RECEIVED CEDAR POSTS, MEAT AND FLOUR.

THE FOLLOWING SUMMER THE WARD ORGANIZED AND ALL THE FAMILY BECAME ACTIVE MEMBERS. BRIDGET WAS A RELIEF SOCIETY TEACHER, SOMETHING FOR WHICH SHE WAS PARTICULARLY FITTED. MARGARAT WAS SECRETARY OF MUTUAL. BRIDGET'S VISITING TEACHER COMPANION WAS ELLEN GOODLIFE, A DEAF LADY WHO USED A HORN. AUNT ELIEN, AS THE CHILDREN CALLED HER WOULD COME AND HAVE LUNCH WITH THE FAMILY BEFORE LEAVING THEIR HOUSE. THEY WOULD ALWAYS KNEEL IN PRAYER WITH THE FAMILY, THEY COULDN'T TALK TOGETHER WITHOUT SHOUTING SO THEY WOULD COUNCIL TOGETHER BEFORE LEAVING HOME OR ON THE CREEK BANK.

THERE WAS A VERY WEALTHY MAN, RICHARD CROCKER, WHO CAME OUT WHERE THEY LIVED, WHO HAD 14,000 HEAD OF CATTLE. MR LANGAN OWNED 1500 HEAD OF CATTLE AND MR CROCKER WANTED TO BUY THEM BUT FINDING CROCKER HAD A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY ASKED A GREAT DEAL MORE THAN THEY WERE WORTH SO WILLIAM ACTED AS AGENT FOR CROCKER, BOUGHT THE CATTLE OF LANGAN AND WAS PAID FOR HIS TROUBLE \$500.00 WHICH LOOKED LIKE A FORTUNE TO WILLIAM AND BRIDGET. MR CROCKER OWNED A LARGE INTEREST IN THE RAILROAD AND WAS IN A POSITION TO HELP ANYONE WHOM HE HAD CONFIDENCE IN. HE PLANNED TO HAVE THE GROUND FENCED AND GAVE WILLIAM THE CONTRACT. THIS WAS A LARGE UNDERTAKING FOR WILLIAM, BUT IT BROUGHT WORK FOR MANY MEN AND WAS A GREAT HELP TO THE COUNTRY AT THIS TIME. WILLIAM AND BRIDGET ALSO HAD A LARGE SALT CONTRACT. SHE ALSO RAN THE STORE AND COOKED FOR THE MEN, WHILE HE MANAGED THE SALT BUSINESS. ALWAYS TRYING TO GET AHEAD AND THE SAME TIME HELPING OTHERS.

STORE KEEPING SEEMED TO BE ONE OF BRIDGETS VOCATIONS. REMEMBER SHE COULD NEITHER READ OR WRITE. BUT SHE KEPT TRACK OF EVERYTHING ANYONE BOUGHT ALONG WITH PRICES IN HER HEAD. SHE HAD A SYSTEM OF HER OWN KEEPING THE MONEY STRAIGHT BY USING WHOLE OR HALF AND FOURTH CIRCLES, SHE HAD A WONDERFUL MEMORY. WHEN SHE CAME TO OGDEN FOR A BILL OF GOODS FROM SCROWCROFTS, HAVING KNOWN THEM IN ENGLAND, SHE NEVER USED A NOTE, SHE JUST RELIED ON HER MEMORY. SNOWVILLE BY THIS TIME WAS MUCH MORE ACTIVE THAN IT IS TODAY. THEY USED TO BUY HIDES AND PELTS AND PINE NUTS FROM THE INDIANS IN THE SPRING OF THE YEAR.

AT ONE TIME SHE WITH TWO OF HER DAUGHTERS WERE ALONE. ALL THE MEN WERE AWAY WORKING ON THE FARM, AND A BAND OF INDIANS CAME LOADED WITH WOOL AND HIDES TO TRADE. SHE BOUGHT THEIR HIDES AND WOOL AND GAVE THEM THE MONEY AS WAS THEIR CUSTOM AND THEY IN TURN PAID MONEY FOR PROVISIONS. AND STORE GOODS OF ALL KINDS INCLUDING CALICO, SHE KEPT ON HAND FOR THE INDIANS, THEY HAVING THE PREFERENCE. THERE WAS AN ARTICLE WHICH THEY WANTED SHE DIDN'T HAVE, SO THEY WENT TO THE OTHER STORE OWNED BY THE BISHOP, AND WERE ANGRY AT HER, SO THEY CAME BACK AND TOOK WHAT WOOL THEY WANTED, AND SHE WAS HELPLESS TO DO ANYTHING. CONNECTED WITH THEIR STORE WAS A HOTEL WHERE THEY MET PEOPLE OF ALL KINDS WHO REMEMBERED THEM FOR THEIR HONESTY. AT ONE TIME A DISCOURAGED FRUIT PEDDLER BROUGHT A LOAD OF FRUIT TO SNOWVILLE, ONLY TO FIND THREE PEDDLERS HAD PRECEDED HIM AND HIS FRUIT WAS SELLING SO SLOWLY IT BECAME OVER RIPE AND BRIDGET WANTED TO HELP HIM IF SHE COULD. SHE HAD A LOAD OF EMPTY SODA WATER BOTTLES, WHICH HE WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE SELLING AND WHICH WOULD MEET HIS EXPENSES. SHE TOOK THE OVER RIPE FRUIT OFF HIS HANDS AND RISKED GETTING RID OF IT. HE WAS A POOR MAN AND COULD NOT AFFORD TO LOSE THIS MONEY. LATER HE SAID HE BLESSED THE DAY HE MET HER.

SHE WAS VERY THOUGHTFUL AND GENEROUS. AT ONE TIME THE TOWN WAS SENDING A DELEGATE TO A CONVENTION, BUT NO ONE SEEMED TO THINK HE NEEDED MONEY TO PAY HIS EXPENSES, SO SHE GAVE HIM \$10.00 TO HELP.

AT ONE TIME IN ENGLAND HER BROTHER-IN-LAW CAME TO WORK IN THE MINES AND NEEDED A LAMP TO WEAR ON HIS HAT AS THE MINERS USED, BUT HAD NOT THE MONEY TO BUY IT AND NEITHER DID SHE, BUT SHE PAID HER PETTICOAT FOR THE MONEY AND BOUGHT IT. ANOTHER TIME A CONVERT FROM ENGLAND WANTED TO GO TO THE TEMPLE, AND DIDN'T HAVE THE CLOTHES SO SHE HELPED HER GET THEM.

BEFORE LEAVING PORTERVILLE, SHE PRESENTED THE CHURCH WITH A PRETTY RED AND BLACK TABLE-CLOTH FOR THEIR ALTER. THIS WAS IN 1871 AND THEY USED IT UNTIL 1908, WHEN THEY REBUILT.

ONE OF THE SORROWS IN HER LIFE WAS THE DEATH OF HER LITTLE THREE YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, ELIZA, WHO WAS DROWNED IN ENGLAND. SHE WAS MOVING AND GAVE THE CHILD A PRICE OF BREAD AND BUTTER AND WENT ON WORKING THINKING HER GRANDMOTHER COTTAM WAS WATCHING HER, THEY FOUND HER ABOUT MIDNIGHT, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STRAIRS LYING WITH HER FACE IN THE SOFT MUD AND WATER WHICH WAS IN THE CELLAR. WITH THE PIECE OF BREADSTILL IN HER HAND. THAT WAS JUST BEFORE HER SON JAMES WAS BORN.

WHILE THIS TROUBLE AND OTHER THINGS WERE HAPPENING TO THIS COUPLE ALONG WITH ALL THEIR TRIALS, THEY REMAINED TRUE TO THE FAITH. THEIR CHILDREN WENT TO THE LOGAN TEMPLE WITH THEM AND WERE SEALED TO THEM. THEY WERE ALWAYS UNITED AND WHEN SHE WAS NURSING AND IN WALKING DISTANCE HER HUSBAND WOULD COME TO SEE HER AND UNITE HIS FAITH WITH HERS. AND FAITH WAS NEEDED, MANY TIMES THERE WERE DIFFERENT BIRTHS TO COPE WITH AND S E ALWAYS HAD HER PATIENT ADMINISTERED TO AND SHE FELT THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE ALRIGHT.

WHEN THE LAWS OF THE STATE REQUIRED A MIDWIFE TO HAVE A CERTIFICATE FROM SOME SCHOOL OF TRAINING, HUNDREDS OF LETTERS WERE RECEIVED BY THE PEOPLE WHO HAD THIS WORK IN CHARGE IN SALT LAKE, PETITIONING THEM TO ALLOW MRS COTTAM TO PRACTISE AND TESTIFYING OF HER GREAT ABILITY. WHEN SHE BECAME TOO OLD TO PRACTISE SHE WOULD TAKE HER OLDEST DAUGHTER ALONG TO DO THE WORK AND SHE WOULD DIRECT HER WHAT TO DO. LATER SHE PAID FOR THE TRAINING OF THIS DAUGHTER IN MIDWIFERY. ONE OF HER PATIENTS MOVED TO SALT LAKE AND DIED LEAVING 7 CHILDREN, AND WHILE THERE WERE PLENTY OF RELATIVES, NONE OF THEM WANTED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SO MANY IN THE CITY, SO BRIDGET WENT TO SALT LAKE IN A COVERED WAGON AND BROUGHT THEM HOME WITH HER AND FOUND HOMES FOR THEM, SHE KEPT ONE OF THE BOYS AND RAISED HIM AS HER OWN. IMAGINE GRANDPA COTTAM'S OR WILLIAM'S SURPRISE WHEN SHE CAME HOME WITH 7 CHILDREN, WHEN THEY ALREADY HAD 9 OF THEIR OWN, THEY SAID, HE SAID IN HIS ENGLISH WAY WHEN HE RAISED UP THE COVER "I THOUGHT I SENT THEE FOR A LOAD OF GOODS, AND THEE BROUGHT BACK A LOAD OF KIDS" BUT HE WAS AS ANXIOUS TO HELP THEM AS SHE WAS.

SHE WAS THE ONLY MEMBER OF HER FAMILY TO JOIN THE CHURCH, AND ONLY SAW ONE MEMBER OF IT AGAIN, A BROTHER WHO CAME TO AMERICA AND SETTLED IN MEXICO. HE WROTE THAT HE WAS COMING TO UTAH TO SEE HER AND SHE SENT A TEAM OF HORSES TO OGDEN TO MEET HIM, BUT HE FAILED TO ARRIVE AND HER HUSBAND READ OF AN EXPLOSION IN THE MINES WHERE HE HAD WORKED, AND SO SHE MOURNED HIM AS DEAD. HE WAS A GIANT OF A MAN AND BECAME A WRESTLER AND THINKING THAT HIS SISTER WOULD THINK HIS PROFESSION OBJECTIONABLE FOR A CHRISTEN WOMAN, DECIDED NOT TO COME. HE TRAVELED IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 20 YEARS, FINALLY MARRIED AND BECAME THE FATHER OF 5 sons HE NOW LONGED TO SEE HIS SISTER, BRIDGET, SO HE CAME TO UTAH AND WENT TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE, GOVERNOR WELLS, WHO SENT HIM TO PRESIDENT KELLY'S HOME IN BOX ELDER STAKE. THIS MAN ENTERTAINED HIM FOR 2 DAYS AND BEFORE HE LEFT PRESIDENT'S KELLY'S HOME HAD A DIFFERENT IDEA OF THE MOTIONS. HE WENT TO SNOWVILLE WITH THE MAIL MAN AND POISED AS A SALESMAN SELLING BIBLES. WHEN HE APPROACHED HIS SISTER, SHE TOLD HIM SHE DIDN'T NEED A BIBLE, AS SHE HAD PLENTY, AND ANYWAY SHE HERSELF COULDN'T EVEN READ THE ONES SHE HAD. HE SAID, "YOU MUST HAVE COME FROM LANKERSHIRE, ENGLAND FROM YOUR DIALECT" SHE REPLIED THAT SHE HAD. "DID YOU KNOW CERTAIN FAMILIES THERE BY THE NAME OF DUFFY OR JENKINS?" SHE TOLD HIM THAT SHE WAS RELATIVES OF THOSE FAMILIES, AND THEN HE ASKED HER ABOUT HER BROTHER, JOHN. SHE SADLY TOLD HIM OF THE MINE EXPLOSION AND THAT SHE THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD. HE COULD NOT RESIST IT ANY LONGER AND TAKING HER IN HIS ARMS TOLD HER THAT HE, WAS HER BROTHER JOHN. SHE HAD BEEN KNELLING AT THE STOVE TAKING CARE OF HER BREAD. (SHE WAS NOTED FOR HER GOOD BREAD, ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY, NEEDLESS TO SAY HER BREAD WAS NEGLECTED THAT DAY.) THIS BROTHER HAS SINCE DIED LEAVING A FAMILY IN NEW MEXICO, WHERE THEY HAVE RANCHES. HE WAS A LEADER AS WELL AS HIS SISTER, AND AT ONE TIME HAD A VE RY IMPORTANT POSITION IN THE COURTS. BRIDGET'S MOTHER DIED AT THE AGE OF NINETY IN WIGGAN ENGLAND, AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY, BRIDGET NEVER HEARD OF ANY MORE. BRIDGET HAD 19 CHILDREN OF HER OWN, ONLY 9 OF WHICH GREW TO MATURITY. SHE LOST MOST OF THEM IN ENGLAND, AS BABIES.

THE STORE IN SNOWVILLE WAS IN THE HANDS OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE COTTAM FAMILY FOR A GOOD MANY YEARS. BRIDGET DIED AT THE AGE OF 71 YEARS. IT WAS SO HARD FOR HER GOOD HUSBAND AND CHILDREN TO PART WITH THEIR WONDERFUL WIFE AND MOTHER, BUT THEY WERE SURROUNDED WITH LOVING FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, WHO ALL HAD SOME NOBLE DEED TO TELL OF HER. WILLIAM LIVED 10 YEARS AFTER HIS WIFE'S PASSING. HE WAS 84 YEARS OLD AND HIS MIND WAS STILL AS ALERT AS EVER WHEN HE PASSED ON.

BRIDGET WAS BURIED IN LINES BROUGHT FROM IRELAND BY JOSEPH SOROCROFT. THE PALL BEARERS WERE BOYS SHE HAD HELPED BRING INTO THE WORLD. JUST A WEEK BEFORE SHE DIED THE RELIEF SOCIETY HELD THEIR MEETING IN HER HOME AND SHE BORE A WONDERFUL TESTIMONY.

ONCE WHEN A DAUGHTER MET JOE SOROCROFT ON THE STREET IN OGDEN, HE SPOKE OF THE GREAT LIKENESS BETWEEN SHE AND HER MOTHER, HE ALSO TOLD HER THEN WHAT A WONDERFUL MOTHER SHE HAD. THE DAUGHTER ANSWERED AND SAID "IF MOTHER HAD OF HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF AN EDUCATION, SHE

COULD HAVE DONE WONDERFUL THINGS." HE REPLIED, "EDUCATION, WHY YOUR MOTHER WAS THE BEST EDUCATED WOMAN I KNOW, SHE COULD HAVE RUN A RAILROAD, IF SHE HAD THE MONEY."

AND SO SHE HAS NOT REALLY DIED FOR HER MEMORY SHALL LIVE FOREVER AND KEEP HER DESCENDENTS STRIVING AFTER THE NOBLE AND GOOD. TO MAKE THEMSELVES WORTHY OF HER AND BE ABLE TO MINGLE WITH HER AND HER NOBLE HUSBAND.

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FOUR CHILDREN WERE BORN IN ENGLAND WHO CAME TO AMERICA WITH THEIR MOTHER, JAMES, JOHN MARGARAT, AND ELLEN (NELLIE) WILLIAM WAS BORN IN PENNSYLVANIA, ELIZABETH, MARTHA AND MARY AND EVE (MAY) WERE BORN IN PORTERVILLE, UTAH. SHE LOST 10 CHILDREN IN ENGLAND.