

—**WARNER HOOPES ALLEN**—  
**1866-1870**

**WARNER HOOPES ALLEN** spent his youth in Richmond and Cove before moving to Mesa, Arizona. When in his early twenties he returned to Utah for his schooling and while there had the opportunity to accompany the first group of saints to pioneer in Alberta, Canada. They settled at Cardston and he had the privilege of plowing the first land after the first four rows were plowed by the leading authorities. He helped build homes and roads before returning to Utah in the fall. He filled a Southern States mission, and served in the Mesa Ward Bishopric for over fifteen years, and was a High Counselman for seven years.

He pioneered in Chino Valley where he led the erection of a beautiful chapel before moving to Prescott. He was appointed president of the Prescott Branch and was instrumental in erecting a \$30,000 blue-granite chapel. He lived an exemplary life and was a guide and inspiration to his family. He did not have a lot of worldly wealth but left his children the greatest heritage one can receive in his testimony of the divinity of Jesus Christ and truthfulness of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**FANNY PETERSON ALLEN** was reared in a large polygamous family and she learned early in life what severe trials and work were. Her mother went out to work and a breach developed between her father and mother which was never overcome. Fanny remained with her father and was taught by her father's wives and children that Fanny's mother was a "bad woman." Her father found her crying one day and when she told him she was crying because she had a bad mother he became very angry and told her that her mother was a very good woman, as good as any other members of the family. He then took her in to the house, called the family together, and chastised them for telling her falsehoods. She corresponded with her mother until her mother died. Fanny and Warner reared a good family in spite of Fanny's broken health due to overwork in her youth.

**LAURA BELLE BALLOU BACUS** was converted to the church from the Baptist faith. She had been church organist and active all her life as both her grandfather's were Baptist ministers. She knew the Bible well and felt that the Churches she investigated lacked something. After she was married and had two sons she first heard the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She investigated their teachings and accepted baptism. Her husband died sixteen days before their scheduled baptism but Laura went ahead and with her oldest son was baptized as her husband would have wished it. She has worked actively in the church and has been outstanding in the music departments and temple work.

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