

Martha Elizabeth (Comish) Whitehead

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Martha Elizabeth Comish

Martha was the daughter of Robert Nephi Comish and Emma Jane Howland. She was blessed by John Doney Nov.4, 1075. She was named for her two grandmothers, Elizabeth Comish and Martha Diane Howland. But the family and later on her friends all called her "Maggie", so when she was baptized she added Maggie to her name. She was baptized by James Hurd, June 3, 1884 and confirmed by L.L. Hatch June 3, 1884. She attended school at Cove, Cache Co., Utah.

She was a very pretty girl. She had large dark brown eyes and hair and a very nice complexion. She had a jovial disposition and was a great tease. She used to like to talk to the Indians. So many of them used to camp close to our place and used to give her strings of beads and other trinkets.

Her sister Hattie was a real coward of the Indians and would run and hide when she would see an Indian coming. One day the two girls had been to Franklin to do some shopping for their mother and after they started home, Maggie spied a band of Indians going along the road toward their home so she commenced whipping the horse they were riding so to catch up with them. Her sister begged and coaxed her not to, In fact, she had to promise her nearly everything she owned to her to go slow until the Indians passed their home. These two sisters were about the same size and they used to always dress alike and were asked many times if they were twins. They were good pals and spent many happy hours together.

When Maggie was about 18 years old she had poor health. She used to faint often so her mother took her to the temple for a Health Blessing. They carried her into the temple, she was baptized for her health and given a blessing, she was able to walk and had good health after that.

Maggie was married to Peter G. Whitehead Dec. 16, 1896 at the Logan Temple. They lived in Franklin Idaho for a little over a year and then they bought them a nice farm and home about a mile north of Franklin. On the 10th of Feb. 1898 they were blessed with a little girl and they named her Margaret Emma after her two grandmothers, but she too was nicknamed and called "Gretta". On the 24th of April, 1899 they had another little girl born to them which they named Phyllis and Dec. 5, 1900 they were blessed with another baby girl which they named Maggie. She was so proud of her little girls and was a wonderful wife and mother and they had a very happy home but due to complications which set in after the confinement of her last baby, Martha died on Dec. 20 1900 at Franklin, Idaho and was buried in the Franklin Cemetary. Her three little girls lived with her mother for seven years until he married again.

Her children Margaret Emma (Gretta) Whitehead married Lester William Corbridge on Nov. 8, 1916, Phyllis Whitehead married Dee Day Kingsford Dec. 8, 1920, and Maggie C. Whitehead married William Reed Jamison, Feb. 25, 1925.



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