

THE PASSING OF HARRIET MARIA TAGGART GOODRICH  
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From 1921 to 1928 Mother lived by herself in a small home near her son Albert Gardner Goodrich. By March of 1928 Mother's health was failing seriously and she was unable to be alone. Abe (Albert) brought her to live with us at that time.

In the evening of the 22nd of May 1928 she was sitting on the couch. My husband came in from work, sat beside her and said, "Well, Grandma, how are you?" "Oh, pretty good," was her reply. She started to fall over. Elmer caught her in his arms and she was gone. There was no prolonged suffering at her death, fulfilling a promise given in her patriarchal blessing which states, "And when the time shall come that thou shalt lay off thy mortal tabernacle, thou shalt not taste of death for it shall be sweet unto thee."

It was a beautiful and peaceful ending to a great and noble life.

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*Following is the newspaper account of her funeral, her age being seventy-nine years at the time of her death:*

MRS. HARRIET M. GOODRICH, PIONEER MOTHER,  
PAID WONDERFUL TRIBUTE AT SERVICES

Funeral services were held at the Naples Ward chapel at 1:00 p.m. Saturday for Mrs. Harriet M. Goodrich who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Manwaring at Roosevelt where she had been the past nine weeks. Bishop John Simper presided. The house was filled to capacity and there was a profusion of beautiful flowers. The singing was by Lewis S. Gardiner, LaVell Manwaring, Earl Goodrich, Lewis Haws, Iva Manwaring, Ella Goodrich, Ina Chivers and Alice Allred. The first selection was "Every Hour I Need Thy Blessing." Prayer was by J. W. Olsen. Musical number was "Abide With Me."

Lewis S. Gardiner was the first speaker. His remarks were directed to her example as a true mother and a faithful Latter-day Saint. Patriarch James M. Shaffer spoke of her great sacrifice for others and of never speaking ill of any one. A sacred duet was rendered by LaVell Manwaring and Earl Goodrich called "The Homeland."

The concluding speaker, President Wallace Calder told of her noble character in God's highest standards. The closing song "The Flowerland" was beautifully rendered. The benediction was pronounced by Alfred Powell. She was laid to rest in the Vernal Cemetery where John H. Cook dedicated the grave.

Mrs. Harriet M. Goodrich was born September 2, 1848 in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. She was the daughter of George W. Taggart and Fannie Parks. She came across the plains with her parents when she was four years old. She remembers very little of this journey, but often told of trying experiences in her early life in Salt Lake where hunger and privation were endured. Her father was a musician in the Mormon Battalion. He was also a skilled mechanic and did work on the spread eagle at Eagle Gate in Salt Lake City. He also helped to build the Chase Mill.

In 1866 she was married to George A. Goodrich. Soon after her marriage they were called by Brigham Young to help settle what was then called "The Muddy." There they endured untold hardships.

After leaving The Muddy they settled in Morgan County and later came to Ashley Valley in 1887. Two years after arriving in Uintah County five of their children were taken in death within a few weeks with the dreaded diphtheria. She was the mother of twelve children, five of whom survive both parents, the father having died in 1911.

The deceased was always a faithful Latter-day Saint and worked in church capacities as long as she was able. She was president of the Relief Society and a Sunday School teacher for a number of years. Nothing pleased her better than to converse with people on the principles of the Gospel. She was a great reader. She had a very cheerful, kind, and forgiving disposition.

The children who survive her are Albert G. Goodrich of Naples, Parley H. Goodrich of Tridell, Mrs. Julius Jensen (Vilate) of Soldier Summit, Mrs. Elmer Manwaring (Leona) of Roosevelt, and Mrs. Elmer Lind (Lucy) of Maeser. There are 37 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

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