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"Re-transcribed from Mary Ann Barzee, Boice's own Manuscript"

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In the winter of 1838 Mother had a dream. She thought she saw a cow and the cow had a calf, it was dead and smelled very bad. She took the calf and threw it away. She then went to a stream of water to wash. She saw a spring, she could drink of it's waters. Some one told her that she had drank of it before, then she awoke. The dream troubled her for days, but she said that she would know the meaning of it.

Soon after this an Elder came declaring the True and Everlasting Gospel. The first meeting she attended she knew the meaning of her dream. She said the dead calf - (a harmless creature) - was her old faith cast aside. The washing in the spring was Baptism and the spring was Eternal life. And she submitted to Baptism the same hour, for the stream ran near the house. She told my Father and led the way and my Father soon followed, then all the family.

RELIEF SOCIETY NAUVOO 1842

Female Relief Society of Nauvoo, Hancock Co. Illinois was organized the 17-March-1842. Adiah - (Ada) - Winchell, Clements was a member of this society, she also worked for the Prophets wife. Emma became very much alarmed about the revelation on Plural Marriages - or- Celestial Marriages, which Joseph received and set her mind and hand to uproot it. By counciling the Sisters that if they knew of such things going on to burst doors. But Joseph said if any one knew of any it going on to let him know and he would roll the ball. This talk made in a Female Relief Society Meeting and Adiah Clements was present.

Another time Adiah -(Ada)- was going home one day and she saw Emma in a passion, she jerked his cellar and talked to him about going after other women. Once Adiah and I was staying with Emma and she pulled Eliza R Snow about by the hair. Although she had intended to give him one or more woman, she got in such a rage about that, that she left home, went down to Quiney; but she came back again while I was still there. Then she tried to stop the Relief Society Meetings, but they held Meetings in private homes secretly. The Prophet, some times met with us and gave us incouragement, but finally the meeting's stopped. Persucitions raged and with troublesome times the Relief Society went down.

The Relief Society was reorganized by Brigham Young in Salt Lake City, Utah. Between the years of 1867 and 1870 with Eliza R. Smith, Snow as the President. As the Elect Lady. At the meeting in Nauvoo the Organization, the first Chapter of St. Jobe was read and was printed at the Head of the Articles of Refulations of said Society.

OBITUARY OF MARY ANN BARZEE, BOICE

1821 *** 1902

RESIDENT OF OXFORD, BANNOCK COUNTY, IDAHO

Mary Ann Barzee, Boice - (Boyce) - a veteran of Kirtland Ohio, Nauvoo,Ill

Special Correspondance by:
George Fisher -*- 8-October-1902

Another Faithful and Consistant Latter Day Saint had tone to her well earned and deserved rest.

Sister Mary ann Barzee, Boice died 7-October-1902 and was buried here late this afternoon She was the Daughter of James and Elizabeth -(Bets)-Whitham,Barzee. Borned 4-November-1821 in Ellesburg - Jefferson County - New York.

From the time she was six months old she lived with her parents and younger brother and sisters in upper Canada. The Barzee family embraced the Gospel at Holderman. In the Spring of 1838 they migrated to Kirtland, Ohio, where on 7-May-1840 she married John Boice --(Boyce).

In 1842 they went to Nauvoo, Hancock Co. Ill, from there moved on to Council Bluffs, thence on to Utah, settling in Spanish Fork, of the state.

In 1864 - 65 they moved to Oxford, Bannock County, Idaho. Then called Round Valley, it was the extreme northern Frontier, a wild and dreary waste inhabited only by Wolves and [illegible] whose mouth [illegible] kept the band of settlers in constant fear.

SYNOPSIS OF THE LIFE OF MARY ANN BARZEE BOICE
DAUGHTER OF JAMES AND BETSY WHITHAM
BARZEE

She was born Nov 4,I82I in Elisburg, Jefferson County, New York. From 6 months old was reared in upper canada, lived in Holderman where she embraced the Gospel, March I7, I838, together with her father's family which all emigrated to Kirtland, Ohio, in the fall of I839 where she was married to John Boice May 7, I840. Then in June I840 with her husband and father's family emigrated to Nauvoo, Illinois, where she shared all the persecutions with the Saints, and being driven from their homes. At one time being forced to hide in the woods from the mob in the absence of their husband for 2 weeks. At the time when the Prophet Joseph and the Patriarch Hyrum Smith was slain. In the winter of I846, received her endowments with her husband, in the Nauvoo Temple, then went to Council Bluffs, Iowa. Then emigrated to Salt Lake City then settled on the Spanish Fork River, Salt Lake, Utah in the fall of I852. Stephain Markham being Bishop where Indian depredations frequently committed upon settlements after which they being called to settle a new valley. They went but the Indians came upon them and formed a line on horses before the wagons. Their number about 40 and our number about 9 men. They were armed but we were not. But by our entreaties they they finally made a treaty with us. On certain conditions to let us stay but this action caused us to be called away. And in the year I865 we moved to Oxford, Idaho and in doing so my youngest brother George Barzee who was 25 years of age and our son John Boice were frozen to death one mile from Franklin on 23 Feb. I865 and he was in his I9th year of age. Then and the first day of Dec. I870, our son Elisha Lorenzo died being near 8 years of age then on the I0th of Aug. I884our son David died . He was born Feb.I8, I848, our first born son Chester Boice died in Hancock Co. , Ill. Sept. I842 being 5 months old. The names of our children are Chester, Martin Calvin, John Junior, David, Betsy Ann, Albert, Myron, Joseph Young Boice and Elisha Lorenzo born under the covenant and and an adopted daughter Alphretta again Hulda Madden endowed and sealed to John Boice in Logan Temple Dec.9,I886.

Mary Ann Barzee Boice was on Nauvoo and saw the Prophet Joseph Smith and heard the words of his mouth from time to time and heard it rumored that he had received a revelation on Celestial marriage and that there was trouble between him and Emma about and I used to visit my husband's sisters house where she showed me a room where she said he met in council with those women who had sealed to him and since that time I have become acquainted with Eliza R. Snow Smith his wife and saw his gold watch which she carries also Percinda Huntington Smith and her sister Zina D. Huntington Smith and Lucy Walker Smith all declaring themselves to be his wives and some of them had children but I never asked them any questions about them who they were. Now after the Prophet and Patriarch were slain we as a people were in trouble not knowing what would be done in regards to a leader of the church as all or most of the twelve apostles were at that time on missions. I remember of being at meeting when Sidney Rigdon spoke and seemed much affected because of the death of the Prophet and Patriarch and carried the idea that a guardian must be appointed to lead the church on for Joseph and talked as though that responsibility would fall on him but when the Twelve Apostles came home the question was conceded and a meeting held by a very great multitude of people in the a.m. and another meeting held in the p.m. When Brigham Young arose on the stand to speak it was made known by the spirit of the Holy Ghost that brings things past present and future fell with such power on the people that they saw the mantle had fallen from Joseph upon Brigham and he was transfigured in the likeness of Joseph in speech and look that the multitude of people witnessed the same and a vote was called in behalf of Brigham Young leading the church. And we all voted unanimous votes. Mary A. Barzee Boice grand-mother to Louisa Lovina Boice Evans.

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Patriarch John Boice had a dream in Canada before emigrating to Kirtland, Ohio with the Saints about the time of the persecution in Missouri. He says I saw the Temple in that place and I saw Joseph Smith the Prophet light down by it on his feet and was dressed in a long white robe , his head a little bowed down, his arms straight down by his body his hands and feet were clear as glass had nothing on them. I thot he had come one minute before his set time as he did not raise his head in that time after which he looked up and viewed the Temple and said brethren the set time has come to favor Zion and Jackson County is ours. I will not be a man to make afraid nor a dog to bark I then awoke and marvelled because of the dream as the Prophet was then alive in Missouri just in time to meet the Saints as they had arrived to Quincy, Illinois and was about to hold the first conference aftertheir being from Missouri and I was walking along with a Brother Hadlock and told him about the dream. Well said he you can test the truth of that dream for if it was Joseph you will know him when you see him today and soon I looked up and saw a few men talking together I beheld the side of one man's face and I said there is the man I saw it was Joseph Smith.

John Boice