

Obituary.

Mrs. Martha V. Duke wife of John Duke of Heber died in this city Dec. 28, 1914, at the age of 73 years. Mrs. Duke has been in poor health for some time but confined to her bed only a few days. "Aunt Martha" as she was known by all, was of a quiet and most kindly disposition, to know her was to love her; always ready to lend a helping hand to the sick and sympathy to the distressed.

Mrs. Duke was born Feb. 8, 1841, in Jacksonville, Tenn. She was the daughter of Adolphus and Rhoda B. Young. She came with her parents to Nauvoo and shared in the persecutions of the saints. The family came to the Bluffs and was ready to come west with saints in 1847. Her father taking sick with cholera and fever they returned to Tenn. In 1852 they again started west. While coming up the Missouri river from St. Louis to the Bluffs the boat blew up. This was the ill fated "Saluda." The Young family was the only family on board that came out of that disaster without losing some member of the family. Getting a fit-out at the Bluffs they started for the Great Salt Lake. When 100 miles on the journey the father and the oldest son Samuel were stricken with cholera and died three days apart.

The two other sisters Francis and Anna, assisted by their mother, drove the ox team while Martha only ten years old drove the loose stock. They arrived in Salt Lake Valley, Sept. 1852. The family moved to Big Cottonwood and remained a few years then moved to Provo.

In 1857 she was married to John Duke. From this union 11 children were born of whom seven survive her. They are John H. Duke, Rhoda Moulton wife of Chas. Moulton of Idaho, Alfred, Mrs. Anna Murch, Louis, Joseph, and Wesley V. Duke. 25 grand children and 9 great grandchildren. She is survived by the following sisters and brother: Mrs. Francis G. Young of Salt Lake, Mrs. Anna R. Duke of Heber, Mrs. Joseph Strong and Mrs. Wm. Strong of Provo and Brigham L. Young of Kanab, Utah.

She moved with her husband to this valley, then known as Provo, Valley, in 1860 and passed through all the pioneer experiences incident to the history of Heber.

The funeral services were held in the stake tabernacle at 1 p. m. Dec. 30th. Bishop Jos. A. Rasband in charge. The stand was beautifully decorated in white sprinkled with evergreen sprays. John W. Crook offered the opening prayer, Pres. E. D. Clyde, Patriarch Thos. Hicken, and Bp. Jos. A. Rasband offered appropriate and consoling remarks. Miss Anna Duke sang "O My Father," a male quartet rendered "Sometime We'll Understand," and J. R. Smith sang a solo "Mother." D. A. Broadbent pronounced the benediction.

The remains were interred in the city cemetery. Bp. Jos. A. Rasband offered the dedicatory prayer.