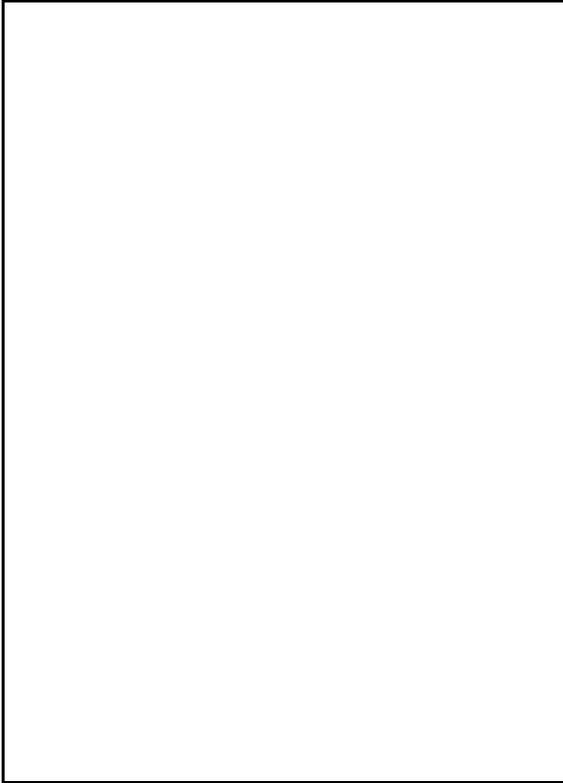


## PHEBE DRAPER



Phebe Draper was born October 9, 1797 in Rome, Oneida, New York to William Draper, Sr. and Lydia Lathrop. Married George Palmer in 1815. They had seven children: three sons and four daughters. Died February 28, 1879 in Draper, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried in Draper, Salt Lake, Utah.

The Drapers originated in England, emigrating to America in 1645 and locating near Boston, Massachusetts. The family spread through the New England states, and in 1800 Thomas Draper and Lydia Rogers, his wife, parents of William Draper Sr moved to Canada.

Phebe grew to womanhood in Canada and at the age of eighteen married George Palmer, Jr.

It has been said that when Phebe accepted the gospel and was baptized February 19, 1833 that on her return home her husband made the comment, "So you had to get your

backside wet did you?" He did not accept the gospel as she did.

After her husband died she took her family and left Canada to join the Saints in the United States. She suffered the hardships of the Saints being driven from Kirtland, Ohio to Missouri and on to Nauvoo, Illinois and then out of Nauvoo.

She was told in her patriarchal blessing "The Lord hath favored thee from the cradle."

She married Ebenezer Brown, a widower, with four little children and Phebe took them in as her own.

After being driven from their home and while camping in the wilderness the call came from the government for five hundred of their best men to fight in the war with Mexico. The Mormon Battalion was organized and Phebe's husband joined. She went along as a laundress and cook. Her son, Zemira, also went as a servant to the officers. The company was mustered out in San Diego. Gold had just been discovered and they didn't have any money so they decided to stay awhile and Phebe helped wash gold to get the means necessary to take them back to Utah. She rode a mule all the way to Utah from California.

They settled in Draper, Utah. Phebe was the first postmistress of Draper. She also had a day nursery for the young children of Draper. She was a well-read woman and had a fair education for that time.

Although Phebe was sealed to Ebenezer Brown, some of her descendants said she always loved George Palmer and by special permission from the Salt Lake Temple President, George F. Richards, they had her and her seven children sealed to George Palmer on October 1, 1924.