

## Eliza Jane Ridsdale Mitchell

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Elisa Mitchel

Age: 40y; 10m; 1d

Wife of William C. Mitchel

Deceased: Jan. 11, 1847

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: City of York, York Shire, England

Birth Date: Mar. 16, 1806

No. of Grave: 49

Birth Date: May 1, 1807

Death Date: Jan. 11, 1847

Cause of Death: unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #49

Spouse's Name: William Cooke Mitchell

Father's Name: Thomas Ridsdale

Mother's Maiden Name: Elizabeth Burton

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: winter quarters 11<sup>th</sup> ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Iron County, Utah, house #60, William age 44, Louisa age 28, William age 16, Enoch age 1.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Ezra Benson Company, Left Kanesville July 15, 1849 and arrived Oct. 25-29, 1849. Combined with George A. Smith company eventually.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-William was a Protestant minister in England. In 1840 John Taylor visited. The gospel discussion went the entire night. By morning William and his wife accepted the gospel. They were baptized Feb. 10, 1840. William served a short mission to the Isle of Man and was accompanied by his family. They returned to England shortly and from there sailed to America.

-Together Eliza and William had Eliza Emma Josephine on Sep. 20, 1830 in York, England; William Coke on Aug. 7, 1833 in Lancashire, England (he died 2 years later); William Cooke Jr. on April 13, 1835 in Lancashire, England.

(<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/portals/121//PAF/ward11/pafg16.htm#473>)

-In 1850 William was a brick maker in Iron, UT. (U.S. Census, Utah, Iron, 1850)

-The family started the trip to Utah with George Miller's Company in July of 1846. However, after getting 140 miles into it they were ordered to return to Winter Quarters by President Brigham Young because they were so late in the season and lacked able body men due to the Mormon Battalion needs. On the way back, William and Eliza contracted cholera. Eliza and William, their children, had to drive the oxen back to their parent's illness. Once they got to Winter Quarters William was called on a mission to England. Despite only being able to walk with the help of a cane and his wife still on her sick bed he left with his son William Jr. When he and William arrived in England they were greeted with the news that Eliza, his wife, had died. (emailed account)

-After serving for 2 years in England William and his son returned to the saints. He was unable to find his daughter Eliza. With her mother's death in Jan. 1847 she would have been 16 or 17 and without family in America. It was not until several years later, after the family had moved to Utah, that William learned his daughter had married and moved to New York. (emailed document)

-William was also a whale hunter off the Isle of Man before coming to America. (William Cooke Mitchell Family History Collection, compiled by Margaret Mitchell Blackhurst, p. 5, [https://user.xmission.com/~psneeley/Personal/william\\_cooke\\_mitchell123.htm](https://user.xmission.com/~psneeley/Personal/william_cooke_mitchell123.htm))

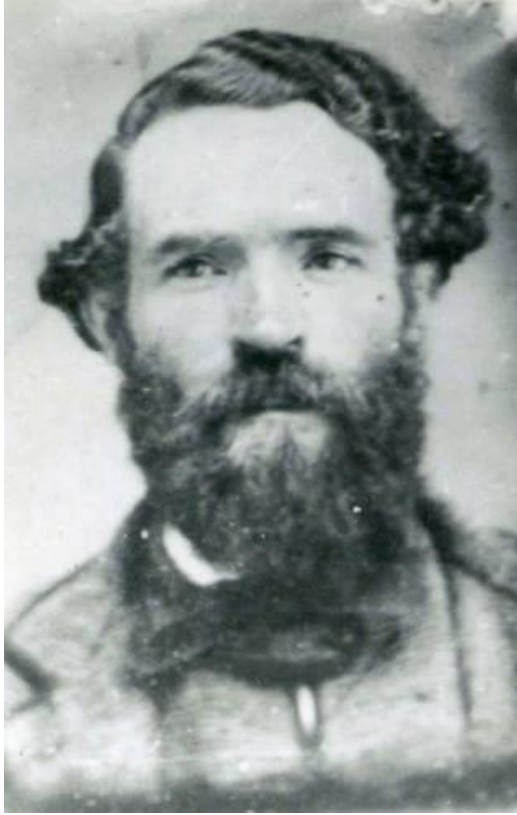
-After returning to America from his mission to England William Sr. married Louisa Moore who was on the ship with him on the journey back. They were married in July of 1849. (excerpts from William Jr. journal, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/483240>)

-William Sr. and his family helped settle what is now Parowan, Utah. They were called to do so by Brigham Young. He helped build buildings, a mud wall, and fenced and worked the fields. In 1852 he married his wife's sister Mary Moore. Later in 1852 he married Ann Hulda Dalton and Elizabeth Halvey. Previous to his marriage to Mary, he had married Eliza Watson. In all he had 6 wives over the course of his life. (excerpts from William Jr. journal, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/483240>), (emailed file, pg. 1)

-William died in 1857 when a load of logs tipped over and pinned him under it in the mountains. (journal of William Cooke Mitchell II, [http://www.ourlittlecircle.com/journals/william\\_cooke\\_mitchell.html](http://www.ourlittlecircle.com/journals/william_cooke_mitchell.html))

-Eliza Josephine married Winfield Scott Chapman. Together the couple had Fannie. Eliza died in 1865. Fannie later came to Utah, joined the church, and married John Pidding. (excerpts from William Jr. journal, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/483240>)

-William Cooke Mitchell Jr or II served a mission to the Indians in Las Vegas from 1855 to 1857. He later served as the bishop of the Parowan ward. (<https://www.geni.com/people/William-Cooke-Mitchell/6000000028389569718>)



William Michell Sr. (Daughter of the Utah Pioneers,  
(<https://dp.la/item/b6a957dc11adaf864f51c27595d11a10>)