



## **JANE LAKE ORDWAY TAYLOR 1830-1914**

Jane Lake Ordway Taylor was born 18 July 1830 in Ernestown, Township of Ernestown, in Upper Canada (Ontario) to James and Philomela Smith Lake. Her parents moved to Kirtland, Ohio, in 1833 where they lived until the LDS Saints were expelled. She was raised through the turmoil and persecution felt by the Saints of the early days. The Lakes lived in Scott County, Illinois from 1838-1844. In 1844 they rented a farm near Carthage, Illinois. Shortly after the Prophet Joseph Smith's death in 1844 they moved to Nauvoo. In 1845, while in Nauvoo, she was baptized in the Mississippi River by Lorin Farr. Her family felt the persecution with the Saints and left Nauvoo in February 1846. They traveled westward and arrived in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in the fall of 1846.

The Lake family was not ready to make the journey with the first Saints in 1847. They remained behind to work and get ready for the trip westward. They moved to Holt County, Missouri where they remained until the spring of 1850. By then they had sturdy wagons, strong oxen and horses, and the supplies that they needed. Jane's father was appointed captain over a company of 50 when they arrived in Florence, Nebraska. They left for Utah in June 1850.

During the summer while traveling West, Jane Lake married Stephen Ordway. Jane's brother George Lake, wrote, "My sister Jane was given in marriage to Stephen Ordway while on the plains." They arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in September 1850. After General Conference they moved to Ogden and lived at Farr's Fort. In the spring of 1851, the family began building a log home in Harrisville near Jane's parents. During construction, her husband, Stephen Ordway, was killed while hauling logs for their home on 29 April 1851. Their son, Stephen Ordway, Jr., was born 11 August 1851, and was the first child born in what became Harrisville.

In the spring of 1852 Jane married Joseph Taylor who had been left a widower. When his wife Mary Moore Taylor died, Joseph was left with a young family of four children: Clarissa Jane, Mary Melvina, Joseph Allen, and William Andrew. They moved to Kaysville where she became the mother of five children under the age of seven. Eventually she persuaded her husband to return to Ogden where they could be nearer to her parents.

She was the mother of eleven children by Joseph Taylor: Moroni, Esther, Emma Jane, Lydia Ann, James Bailey, Jeanette, Juliett, Mary Ellen, Elizabeth, Philomela, and Amanda. Only five of them lived to adulthood. Two of her adult children, Stephen Ordway, Jr. and Lydia Ann Taylor Gagon preceded her in death.

In 1857, when Johnston's Army came to Utah, Jane's husband served as a major in the Utah

Militia. No records exist detailing whether Jane moved to Provo with the other Ogden settlers or joined her parents who moved to Spanish Fork. In 1858, they returned to the western part of Harrisville (now Farr West). They homesteaded the site that now has the address of 1505 N. 2000 W. in Farr West.

Jane and her husband, Joseph, were sealed in the Salt Lake Endowment House in 1865. When the first Relief Society was organized in Harrisville in 1868, sisters sustained Louisa Lake, Jane's sister-in-law, as president. She asked Jane to be her first counselor.

Jane spent her life rearing her children and was proud of her posterity which included 33 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren. After her husband died on 11 Aug 1900 she moved to Fairview, Wyoming where she lived with her daughter, Amanda Taylor Childe, until her death 10 February 1914. She was taken to Ogden after her death and buried beside her husband in the Ogden Cemetery.

**SOURCE:**

Jeffrey, Janet Franson. *History of the James Lake, Jr. Family*. Murray, Utah: Roylance Publishing, 1990, 194-198.

Childe, Amanda Taylor	Taylor, Elizabeth
Gagon, Lydia Ann Taylor	Taylor, Emma Jane
Lake, George	Taylor, Esther
Lake, James	Taylor Jane Lake Ordway
Lake, Jane	Taylor, James Bailey 1
Lake, Philomela Smith	Taylor, Jeanette
Lake, Louisa Ann Garner	Taylor, Joseph
Garner, Louisa Ann	Taylor, Joseph Allen
Lake, Louisa Ann Garner	Taylor, Juliett
Ordway, Jane Lake	Taylor, Lydia Ann
Ordway, Stephen	Taylor, Mary Ellen
Ordway, Stephen Jr.	Taylor, Mary Melvina
Smith, Philomela	Taylor, Moroni
Taylor, Amanda	Taylor, Philomela
Taylor, Clarissa Jane	Taylor, William Andrew