



NANCY JANE TAYLOR SMITH 1833–1900

William and Elizabeth Patrick Taylor moved their family from Bowling Green Kentucky to pioneer the west. The country at that time was a wilderness rich in promise and the William Taylor family settled in Monroe County Missouri. It was there that Nancy Jane was born 19 May 1833. Her father was baptized and believed himself to be the first man in the State of Missouri to be baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From the time he and his family joined the church in 1834, they followed the saints

through all their persecutions. They were forced to give up one home after another in Monroe County, Jackson County, and Caldwell County, including altogether more than a thousand acres of choice land. The family was expelled from the state and traveled hundreds of miles through rain, snow, and mud as people persecuted them along the way. Nancy Jane's father became ill and died 9 September 1839 and was buried on the main road between Lima and Warsaw in Hancock County. Her family was present when the cornerstone of the Nauvoo Temple was laid.

Nancy Jane met Jonathan Smith, and they were married on 11 July 1847, in Monroe County, Missouri. She was termed a very pretty girl, thin and small, about 5 feet tall, with blue eyes and very dark auburn curly hair. They crossed the plains in 1848. Their son-in-law, William Dawson, tells the story of how Nancy Jane drove a team of oxen and a wagon while crossing a great river. The oxen turned and were being washed downstream when her husband, who was a scout, came to her rescue and saved her from what might have been a tragedy.

Jonathan and Nancy Jane were married three years when their first child, Permellia Jane, was born. They were blessed with 14 children: Permellia Jane, Joseph Jeremiah, Sara Elizabeth, Jonathan, Heber, Nancy Alzina, Abigail Arilla, Marzella, Mary Ann, Jessie Everet, Thomas Allen, Ida Darleska, Flavilla, Loretta, and Effie Estella.

The family moved from Farmington, Davis County to Harrisville, Weber County between 1872 and 1875, where they stayed until a later move to Weston, Oneida County, Idaho, on 1 August 1881. Nancy Jane had family members living in Harrisville at the time.

She went with Jonathan on many occasions to doctor and help the sick. He had full cooperation from her in everything he did.

She was a devoted Latter-day Saint woman and died 19 March 1900, in Weston, Idaho where she resided at the time.

SOURCE:

“Jonathan Smith and Nancy Jane Taylor,” history compiled by their great granddaughter, Phyllis Petteson Tueller.

Dawson, William	Smith, Mary Ann
Smith Abigail Arilla	Smith, Marzella
Smith Jessie Everet	Smith, Nancy Alzina
Smith, Effie Estella	Smith, Nancy Jane Taylor
Smith, Flavilla	Smith, Permelia Jane
Smith, Heber	Smith, Sara Elizabeth
Smith, Ida Darleska	Smith, Thomas Allen
Smith, Jonathan	Taylor, Elizabeth Patrick
Smith, Joseph Jeremiah	Taylor, William
Smith, Loretta	

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