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DIARY OF SARAH LUSINA WEAVER

The following is a typed copy of the pages of a brief diary of Sarah Lusina "Louie" Weaver, whose life also was brief--much too brief. This is the only legacy she left. The transcription was typed in August 1997 by D. Gary Christian of Santa Clara, Utah. It was his purpose to make the diary more readable and permit wider distribution among our relatives. Gary provided most of the punctuation, capitalization, paragraphing and some corrective spelling to aid the readers. The diary (original copy) is hand written, part with pencil, part with poor grade ink, in a small notebook now in the custody of F. E. Smith of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Parts of the original are difficult to read. From the dates given and the written information, there appears to be some missing sheets. There is no way of determining how many. Frank E. Smith 1/9/'97 [Incorporation of F.E. Smith's editing included below.]

Clarkston, Utah Dec. 9th 1891

Miss Sarah LUSINA Weaver, daughter of Franklin and Sarah Holmes Weaver was born November 8, 1875 in Millville, Cache Co., Utah. Was baptized when 9 years of age on August the 17th in the year 1884 by John King, confirmed by John Anderson, in Millville, Cache Co. Utah.

My father died when I was 7 years of age [12 June 1884, actually making Sarah about 8 years and 7 months of age] leaving my mother with a family of 5 children, the oldest being then but 16 years old. Consequently I have known a good deal of sorrow and care--my mother's health being very poor. I have reached the age of sixteen. We are now in better circumstances mother's health being better. We have this year taken us up a ranch where we spent the summer alone most of the time being a mile from any neighbor and 3 miles and a half from the settlement, therefore we were deprived from attending secondary school and meeting very often.

Today is a very stormy day, the snow being quite deep. We intend to go home in about 10 more days. It is quite gloomy today. We melt snow for use as our well is down a hollow and it is very hard to pack water up the hill.

Dec. 10

Today has been a clear day. We are all well. I melted snow and done some washing then after dinner I walked a mile to our nearest neighbor, Brother and Sister Scott, took supper with them. Came back home the wind is blowing quite hard tonight. I hope we are blessed with health and strength till we get home, and then I hope we get settled and enjoy each others'

society. There [are] 3 sisters and 2 brothers of us at home. [This would have been the author, Lusina, age 16, Phebe, age 10 and perhaps one of the married girls, Oscar, 21 and David, 17.]

December the 11, 1891

Today it is quite cold. Mother went to town and received a letter from her son Oscar with five dollars in it. I have been ironing today and 2 boys from Millville have been here. I got dinner for them. Oh how glad I will be when we[end of page missing].

Millville, Cache C., May 10th, 1892

Moved from Millville to Clarkston on our land. Arrived there at night safe and got supper and then retired. Got up next morning and Alex [Samuel Alexander Hargraves, husband of her sister, Marinda] white-washed and I cleaned. Ma helped and we were kept busy all day. On the 12th Johnny [Jonathan Holmes Weaver] and Alex came back to Millville.

On the **21st of June** Aunt Emma and Leon, Elvira, David and Hyrum went back the next day and Aunt Emma stayed a week. Then Ma, Aunt Emma, Phebe and me all went over to see them. I drove the team. We got to cousin Anna's and Lando at noon and ate dinner, and then we went over to Aunt Marietta and stayed all night. Hitched up next morning and went to cousin Willards and ate dinner with him and David was there. We stayed a while after dinner and then went home.

On the **fourth of July**, Metty [Marietta Elvira Weaver who married Enoch Trane Hargraves], Trane, Libby and Oscar came home to spend a few days. Stella, Johnny and I were here. Ma, Phebe and David were up to the ranch. Ma and them took their picnic and stayed down to Clarkston and we that were here all went down to Franty's [Frantie's] and spent the day, then we came home and had supper and all got ready and went to Henrie's to a dance. We had a lovely time and on the **5th of July** we went to the ranch to see Ma, Mettie, Oscar, Trane, Libby and myself found them well; next day went to see Sister Scott and did not go home till about sundown and it started to thunder and lightning and just as we got home it started to pour down and rain. I could not find the cows that night but they were home all right. Next morning after breakfast, Ma, Oscar, Mettie, Trane, all came down to Millville and left Phebe, Libby, Edith Humphreys and myself alone on the ranch. They stayed a day and came back on Sunday and found us well.

The next Thursday, Mettie, Libby, and I came down here in the buggy so she could go home. I stayed till Sunday and then took Mamma and the buggy and got Emeline Neaves to go with me. Joe went as far as Benson Ward with us. We got to the ranch about sundown and were very tired.

On **July 30th**, Ma and I were going to see Sister Dunn and as we got by Sister Godfrey's, their dog had a tin pan tied on its neck and came running towards the horse and she became frightened and whirled and threw Ma and me out on the ground and nearly killed us. We came to after while and went into Sister Godfrey's and sit a little while, and then walked home, but I don't know how we done it. Just as soon as we got home I went to bed and stayed there for 3 days and Ma's hip was all swelled up and is black as the stove. Joe came in about an hour after

*we got hurt and stayed all night and till the next afternoon. Peter Larson[?] and one of his nephews came out and administered to me and then went right back home. Joe went home in the afternoon too. There was quite a few came out to see us. As quick as I could I got up and Ma and me went to work and cleaned up a little bit. Joe came on Sunday and I came down home with him and stayed here with Stella till Saturday afternoon. Johnny came from the canyon and looked up us quick as he could and we went to the ranch and next morning got up bright and early and started for Bear Lake Co. and we got to Norah Stevenson's that noon and ate dinner with her. We arrived at Bear Lake **August the 15th**. Johnny started back home on the **17th** and Aunt Rachel came with him. I found Frankie's [or Franklin's] wife very poorly. I did her work and took good care of her and after [the]baby was born I stayed 8 weeks with her. I went over to Bennington and visited a few of my folks. Horace and his wife Hannah, and Mina Birch, Edd and Annie, and went to Aunt Hannah Graham's about five minutes and on my way back home we stopped and see our dear father's grave, and then I went home and sprinkled down the clothes and done quite a lot of work so as to get ready to come home. Franky brought me home and Aunt Sarah C. [Clark] Weaver came with us and we stopped to Nora Stevenson's and she came down here with us and Horace Weaver came along. And Uncle Gib and aunt Sarah and Ida were here [and] Aunt Rachel, Horace, Frankey, Aunt Sarah, Aunt Jane, and Nora and the[y] were quite a merry crowd. Stella and me done the work and let Ma visit.*

*In **November**, Johnny and Stella moved and I helped them, and then we white-washed and cleaned to home.*

*On **Thanksgiving Day [1892]** we had a nice dinner. Libby and I got it. We had Wells Whitney and Jacob Scott. Johnny and Stella went to Hyrum to Miss Sall[y] Curtis wedding. We kept Florence here with us. It snowed all day and at night it howled and blowed. Joe had been up Blacksmith Fork Canyon.*

*On the **11 of December** Rinnie [Marinda Vilate Weaver Hargraves] came down from Pocatello. She stayed the rest of that month and January and February and went home the first week in March.*

*Stella took sick the **11th of March [1893]** and on the 13th she sent for me and I came home from Mrs. Thatcher's where I have been to work for seven weeks. I stayed up to Stella's 3 weeks in all.*

*Oscar came from Pocatello on the **21st of March** as thinking that brother Franky had come from Bear Lake, but he did not arrive till Friday. He had come to see us and have a little visit for he was going to Iowa on a mission, but he had to go to Salt Lake first. Saturday we all went over and had our picture taken. He arrived in Salt Lake on the **27th of March**.*

*On the **6th of April [1893]** the Salt Lake temple was dedicated which had been forty years since it had been started by our people. There were a great number of people went from here.*

April 7 was Libby's birthday. She was 15 years old. We were up to Mary Olson's to a rag bee, Ma, Phebe, and me. Stella, Aunt Allie and Emeline. We had a good time.

April 8, Saturday.

I am going to do my cleaning. Ma is mending, David sawing wood. Phebe raking the door yard.

April 9.

All well. Phebe, David and I have been to Sunday School. Ma and me are home alone now. Johnny and Estella are over to Hyrum.

April 10.

Stormed and blowed so I could not wash, so I went up to Stella's and sewed for her and then I came home and chroceted [crocheted].

April 11.

Done the washing, cleaned the floor, cleaned the machine, fixed my basque [a tight-fitting bodice] and done some chrochaed [crocheting]. I began it up to Clarkston, now I am going to Mary Olson's. While I was there, Ma sent for me for Trane had come from Salt Lake where he had been to conference feeling first rate. He only stayed all night and then went home as business was pressing.

April 12.

Been up and washed for Stella and cleaned her floor, came home and I am crocheting on Mammass' doily.

April 13.

I have been ironing and when I got it done I went up to Mary Olson's and we had cake and coffee.

14th.

Been doing a little of everything. About four o'clock Oscar came from Pocatello, and Eddie Birch and his father and mother have come too. Guss and Sib [Wilcox] have been here. Johnny and Stella were here and ate supper with us.

April 15.

Done the cleaning and baked a cake. Oscar and the other boys are breaking a horse. They are going up to Clarkston.

Monday, April 16.

The boys are gone to Clarkston. Mina and George Birch were here to tell us goodbye for they are going home and Joe came from Clarkston.

April 18.

We got a letter from Frankey and he had arrived in Council Bluffs on the 15th of April. He felt pretty well.

April 19, Wednesday.

I have just got done ironing and Ma is sewing on Phebe's dress.

April 20.

I went and washed for Martha Ann Anderson, and Stella raked her door yard.

April 21.

I ironed all the afternoon for Mary Olson, and cut carpet rags at home in the forenoon.

April 22, Saturday.

I did the Saturday cleaning then Stella and I went up and seen Aunt Ollie.

April 23, Sunday.

Went to Sunday School and meeting, and after meeting I went down to Whitney's to learn songs for the Young Men and Ladies Mutual Conference.

April 24, Monday.

Been sewing carpet rags for Stella nearly all day. I am going to Young Ladies Meeting tonight.

April 25, Tuesday.

We have just got a letter from Sarah, Franky's wife. Her and the children are usually well but very lonely without their husband and father. Been washing today. I have scrubbed the floor and chairs. Mamma is sewing carpet rags.

Wednesday, April 26.

I went down to Sister Cummings and wrote a letter for her, then came home and done the ironing. Stella came down and stayed a while with us and at night I went down to Mary Whitney's and practiced some songs and we got a letter from Mettie.

April 27th.

All usually well. Going to sew carpet rags. Just made mamma an apron and she is hunting for my guide [sewing tool] and cannot find it.

April 28th.

We wrote some letters and Stella and I went over to Mary Olson's.

April 29th.

I went up to Florence Henrie's and she was not at home so I just went up to Elmina Nielson's and stayed quite a while there. Came home and went up to Stella's.

April 30.

I done my Saturday's work. All usually well.

May First.

We went to Sunday School and in the afternoon I went to conference with Florence, Mary Whitney and some more girls to conference. After it was out we stayed and practiced songs.

May 2, Monday.

Went down to help Frantie wallpaper her room. Stayed till Tuesday night.

May 3, Tuesday [crossed out] May 3, Wednesday.

Been washing but it is too stormy. I can't hang my clothes out.

May 4th, Thursday.

All well. Stella and I went up to see Florence Henrie and stayed all afternoon and when we came home Emma Bingham was there to see Ma, and we got supper and she ate and then went home. She is going to Canada.

May 5, Friday.

All well. I have done my ironing. This forenoon Florence is down here making her a dress.

Saturday, May 6th.

Have been doing our Saturday cleaning. I made Mamma and I a new apron. Stella came down a while and then the boys came from Clarkston.

Sunday, 7.

All well. I went to Sunday School and in the afternoon us young ladies and men went over to Logan to sing some songs.

Monday, May 8.

Going to wash. David is 15 years old. Him and Johnny and Oscar are putting in some grain upon Aunt Rachel's land.

May 9, Tuesday.

Johnny, Oscar and David put the potatoes in the lot. Stella and I walked down to Frantie's and back. Mamma and Phebe got supper.

Wednesday, May 10.

All pretty well. Johnny and Stella gone to Hyrum. Ma and me at home. Aunt Ollie and Susie came down and sewed carpet rags and I made Phebe a skirt and done quite a bit on a rug, then us three girls went a walking. We went and seen the dairy.

Thursday, May 11.

All well. Mamma has gone down to see sister Cummings for she is going up to Snake River to see her daughter. I am at home alone. Been sewing on that rug and have finished it - Friday, May 12th, 1893.

[The following notation was the next and last entry in a different hand:]

Grave yard lot 7 block 4

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Sarah Lusina Weaver died the 20th of October 1894 in Millville, Cache Co., Utah, not long before her planned wedding. She was almost nineteen years old at the time of her death, and was buried in her wedding dress.

"In October 1894 an epidemic of typhoid fever struck the community. Both Oscar and Sarah Lusina, 'Louie,' were stricken. Oscar recovered, but Louie did not. She had been engaged to be married and so was buried in her wedding dress. Her fiance later married a woman who consented to having Louie sealed to him as his first wife". *Ruth Haycock Wynder, Potpourri of Weaver Stories--Minutes Taken From the 1954 [Weaver] Reunion, Salt Lake City, Utah.*

Following the lot and block number of the Lusina's grave is another entry in yet another hand which reads: "Marinda V. Hargraves, south half of lot 37 and north half of lot 38 block 3."

Marinda, "Rinnie" Vilate Weaver Hargraves died the 16th of June 1945 in Pingree, Bingham Co., Idaho and was buried in Millville, Cache Co., Utah.

From the diary we surmise that the following nicknames probably apply to these individuals:

Alex = Samuel Alexander Hargraves, husband of her sister, Marinda

Rinnie = Marinda Vilate Weaver Hargraves

Johnny = Jonathan Holmes Weaver

Stella = Estella Curtis Weaver, wife of Jonathan Holmes Weaver

Metty = Marietta Elvira Weaver who married Enoch Trane Hargraves

Libby = Sarah Elizabeth Hargraves, daughter of Enoch Trane Hargraves and Marietta Elvira Weaver

The Mormon Battalion

The following information, newly published in 1996, gathered by Norma Baldwin Ricketts in her book, The Mormon Battalion, U.S. Army of the West 1846-1848, (Logan, Utah, Utah State University Press, 1996) expands our knowledge of what happened after the Battalion disbanded in California:

p. 222-224:

"The following list, researched from many sources, attempts to identify this vanguard group as it left California. The names of thirty-nine battalion soldiers are shown. Since the journalists were reporting the number in the company leaving Pleasant Valley, one assumes they did not include the three scouts, absent at the time and later found to be murdered. Combining the thirty-nine soldiers and five known non-battalion men provides a total of forty-four names known to be in this company.

"Mormon Battalion Veterans Leaving Pleasant Valley in the Holmes-Thompson Company:

[alphabetical]	Zadock Judd
G. Wesley Adair	George Kelley
James R. Allred	Jesse B. Martin
Henry Bigler	Daniel Miller
James S. Brown	Miles Miller
Richard Bush	David Moss
William Coray (Melissa, wife)	William S. Muir
John Cox	George Pickup
Daniel Dennett	Robert Pixton
Joseph Dobson	Samuel H. Rogers
James Douglas	James C. Sly
Elijah Elmer	Azariab Smith
Israel Evans	Alexander Stephens
William Garner	William C. Strong
Ephriam Green	Samuel Thompson
Meltiar Hatch	Jacob M. Truman
Orin Hatch	Thomas Weir
Jonathan H. Holmes	Ira J. Willes
William Holt	W. Sidney Willes
William J. Johnstun	O. G. Workman

"The three men who were murdered were Ezra Allen, Daniel Browett, and Henderson Cox. The five non-battalion men in this company were James Diamond, non-Mormon; John Eagar, from the *Brooklyn*; Francis A. Hammond, the new San Francisco convert; Addison Pratt, a returning missionary; Philo M. Behunin, a twenty-year-old Mormon whose parents were in Salt Lake. It is not known how or when he reached California.

"The next group to leave California was the Ebenezer Brown company, which left Pleasant Valley August 10, 1848. They followed the Holmes-Thompson company by about six weeks but made better time, benefitting from the road-building efforts of the advance group.

"This company included ex-battalion members and families from the ship *Brooklyn*. There were forty-one men, including twenty-five ex-soldiers plus the men from the *Brooklyn*. Phebe Brown and her son, Zemira Palmer, traveled with her husband, Ebenezer. She was the last of the three women who traveled the entire trip from Fort Leavenworth to San Diego, to leave California.² The Browns went to the gold fields after he was discharged from the Mormon Volunteers in San Diego in March 1848.

"Members of this party also were successful in their search for gold. Even though some were not in the gold fields long, they left California with bags of gold nuggets. Joseph Bates, who had worked at the Williams ranch after discharge, was in the mines only four weeks and washed out \$1,800. John C. Naegle (Naille) had \$3,000 when he left the mines.

"After the Brown company crossed the Sierran crest in the Carson Pass on August 26, eleven men, who were packers, decided to go ahead. They left August 27 and arrived in Salt Lake Valley October 7, 1848:

Joseph W. Bates
William Beers
Benjamin Brackenbury
Levi Fifield
Orlando F. Mead
Calvin W. Moore
Orrice Murdock
John Reed (Came on *Brooklyn*)
Benjamin Stewart
John R. Stoddard
Miles Weaver

"`As some of the brethren who were with us were packing they wished now to go on by themselves and leave us as they could go on much faster than we with waggons. So we stopt this day and killed a beef that we had along with us and the women baked sweet buisket and the men roasted the ribs of an ox and we had a general tea party and time of rejoicing. This was done that since we had to part we might part with good feelings.' (John Borrowman)

"Ex-Battalion Soldiers and Families in Brown Company:

Ebenezer Brown, Captain
Phebe Draper Palmer Brown (wife of Ebenezer)
Elijah Thomas, 2nd Captain
James Park II, 5rd Captain
Joseph Bates
William Beers
John Borrowman
Benjamin Bracken
Montgomery Button
Joseph Clark
James Ferguson
Lucy Nutting Ferguson (wife of James; *Brooklyn*)
Levi Fifield
William A. Follett
Timothy Hoyt
Albert Knapp
Orlando F. Mead
Calvin W. Moore
Orrice Murdock
Zemira Palmer (son of Phebe Brown)
William C. Prows
Benjamin F. Stewart
John Rufus Stoddard
Franklin Weaver
Christiana Rachel Reed Weaver (wife of Franklin; *Brooklyn*)
Miles Weaver
William Wood
Phineas Wright

"Passengers from the Ship *Brooklyn* with the Ebenezer Brown Company:

Julius Austin
Octavia Lane Austin (Wife of Julius)
Louise Marie Austin (Child of Julius and Octavia)
Newton Francis Austin (Child of Julius and Octavia)
Edward N. Austin (Child of Julius and Octavia)
Newell Bullen
Clarissa Atkinson Bullen (Wife of Newell)
Andrew Bullen (Child of Newell and Clarissa)
Herschel Bullen (Child of Newell and Clarissa)
John Joseph Bullen (Child of Newell and Clarissa; born in San Jose after arrival)
Charles Clark Burr, (Brother to Nathan)
Sarah Sloat Burr (Wife of Charles)
John Atlantic Burr (Child of Charles and Sarah)
Nathan Burr Jr. (Child of Charles and Sarah; born in California after arrival)
Nathan Burr (Brother to Charles)
Chloe Clarke Burr (Wife of Nathan)
Amasa Burr (Child of Nathan and Chloe)
Charles Clark Burr Jr. (Child of Nathan and Chloe)
John S. Hyatt
Emmaline Lane
John Philips
Christiana Gregory Reed (Widow)
John Reed (Child of Christiana) Hannah Reed Jamison (Child of Christiana)
John Jamison (Grandson of Christiana)
Isaac R. Robbins
Ann Burtis Shin Robbins (Wife of Isaac)
Wesley Robbins (Child of Isaac and Ann)
Joseph Robbins (Child of Isaac and Ann)
Margaret Robbins (Child of Isaac and Ann)
Isaac R. Robbins (Child of Isaac and Ann)
Orrin Smith
Mary Ann Daud Hopkins Smith (Wife of Orrin)
Eugene Smith (Child of Orrin and Mary Ann; born in California)
Elizabeth Ann Smith (Child of Orrin and Mary Ann; born in California)
Eliza Smith (Child by Orrin's first wife, Werthy)
Henry M. Smith (Child by Orrin's first wife, Werthy)
Francis (Frank) Smith (Child by Orrin's first wife, Werthy)
Amelia Smith (Child by Orrin's first wife, Werthy)
Ellen Maria Hopkins (Child by Mary Ann's first husband, Andrew B. Hopkins)
Emily Marilu Hopkins (Child by Mary Ann's first husband, Andrew B. Hopkins)
Daniel Stark

"Also in the Ebenezer Brown company was Daniel P. Clark, who came to California with Company B, New York Volunteers, in March 1847. This wagon group with its animals arrived in Salt Lake October 10, 1848.

"The Marcus Shepherd company was the third group to leave the gold fields during 1848. After discharge, Shepherd did whip sawing in southern California before going to the gold fields. He was captain of a company of twelve men who left California in October 1848. He had a pack animal, nine horses, five mules, a stock of groceries, and clothing.

"The names of his twelve companions are not known. There were four men, however, whose arrival date in Salt Lake Valley coincides with Shepherd's arrival, so they may have traveled with him; James Bailey, James C. Owen, John Roylance, and William Kelley. Thomas Tompkins (of the *Brooklyn*) went to Utah in the fall of 1848. He could have been in either the Ebenezer Brown company or the Marcus Shepherd company.

"Shepherd traveled by way of Carson Valley and the Humboldt River to Ruby Valley, then across the desert and around the south side of the Great Salt Lake, in other words, by way of the Hastings Cutoff. He had an uneventful journey except for one encounter with the Indians; 'Indians to the number of two or three hundred formed across the road, ten to twelve deep, so we

made a charge as fast as the packs could go, with myself and another ahead We drove them from the ground without a shot' (Marcus L. Shepherd) Shepherd's was the last of the known companies to leave California in 1848.

"When the Mormon Volunteers were discharged in San Diego in March 1848, thirty-five went the southern route to Salt Lake Valley and the 'rest' (maybe as many as forty-two) went to the gold fields Although the names of the Volunteers are known, the breakdown into these two groups at discharge is not recorded."

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Edward Weaver's Petitions to Congress

The following excerpts are from the book Mormon Redress Petitions: Documents of the 1833-1838 Missouri Conflict, Volume Sixteen in the Religious Studies Center Monograph Series, edited by Clark V. Johnson, (Provo, Utah: Brigham Young University, 1992), pp. 372 and 551.

p. 372:

"The First Appeal to Congress

WEAVER, Edward

Illinois Quincy May 20 1839

A bill of Damage and Debt against the s[t]ate of Missorie by the govener orders

For time and money in moving from the State of Pennsylvania to the

State of Missouri \$ 150.00

time lost in the war 100.00

Loss of prperty and Damage 300.00

time and Expence in Moveing from the state 100.00

[Total] \$ 650.00

I certify the above acount to be true and corect acording to the best of my knowledge

Edward Weaver

[Sworn to before C. M. Woods, C.C.C., Adams Co., IL, 20 May 1839.]

p. 551:

"Individual Affidavits from the National Archives

WEEVER, Edward

This is to certify that I Edward Weever formoly of Coldwell County Missouri do certify that I Entered a certain tract of land in the aforsaid county lying in Section 30 T 56 North of the base line and west of the fifth principle meredian Range No 28 containing forty acre[s] was compelled to Sacrafise my land and leave the State in consequen[ce] of the Governors exterminating orders allso I had one Set of house longs burned up in consequence of the militia who marched on our possessions and encamped there without liberty. And likewise I saw a prisener Shamefully abused who was taking by the militia January--1840

Edward Weaver

[Sworn to before A. Brown, J. P., Pike Co., IL, 10 Jan 1840.]

There were several petitions passed on to congress, none of which were acted upon. Edward provided his appeals as directed by the church authorities.

Horace Weaver

From various documents garnered by Mary B. Day and Gordon Weaver it is clear that Horace Weaver, first son of Edward and Martha Raymer Weaver was first married in Pike County, Illinois to Eliza Eihlburner on or about March 30, 1841 at Pleasant Vale. The ceremony was performed by William Draper, who was at that time the president of the Pleasant Vale Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This information is documented as follows:

Nauvoo Deaths and Marriages 1839-1845, compiled by Lyndon W. Cook (Orem, Utah: Grandin Book Company, 1994) p. 93:

"HORACE WEVER AND ELIZA EIHLBURNER, both of Pleasant Vale, Pike County, Illinois. 30 March 1841 at Pleasant Vale, by William Draper, Jr. (TS 1 September 1841.)"

Pike County, Illinois - Marriage Book , Vol I, by A. Keller and R. Zachary (Shafter, CA: A. Keller & R. Zachary, 1974-1985), p. 23:

"Page 62 ... Horace Weaver - Eliza Eikelburner - 30 Mar 1841 - D5"

Horace later married Caroline Parsons in Wiota, La Fayette County, Wisconsin in July of 1849. Documentation as follows:

Lafayette County Registration of Marriages 1847-1907, Wisconsin Bureau of Vital Statistics (FHLC film #1276063):

*"Marriages 5 - 00067
Horace Weaver - Caroline Parsons - July 19, 1849, Wiota, La Fayette Co.,
[Wisconsin]; S. S. Hyde J P. La Fayette Co. S. S. Hyde July 19, 1849 Aug. 10, 1849."*

Also from the death records of Ada County, Idaho, file No. 12554

*Caroline Weaver [death] Oct. 10, 1915 [age] 85 [birth] Sep. 1830
[birthplace] Ohio [father] Thyroe Parsons [mother] Mary Page
[marital status] widowed"*

This data seems to confirm that Horace Weaver had more than one marriage, but whether the first marriage ended by death or divorce has not as yet been determined.

Logging up river from Nauvoo as far north as Wisconsin was conducted during the high growth era of that Illinois city in order to bring needed timbers for construction of homes and for the temple. It is possible that Horace went with others who were already familiar with that area when the saints were dispersing during the exodus from Nauvoo. He spent a number of years in Wisconsin before resettling in Idaho about 1880.

Other Family Information

Gilbert Weaver is listed among the First Division of the Emigration of 1848 (Historical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Journal History, Oct. 9, 1848-June 1, 1850; FHLC film # 1259737) in the Third Company of Brigham Young's Division. This substantiates the family record. The Samuel Clark family, including Sarah, is listed in the Second Division as members of the Heber C. Kimball company (same reference).

Martha Elizabeth Weaver was included among those named in a summary of the William Draper family members in the George A. Smith Company of 1849. This puts to rest the search for her among the Mormon Battalion records. The family record states that she did go with the battalion, but perhaps she only rode out with them for a distance. Some youngsters were used as teamsters, at least as far as Ft. Leavenworth. The Draper family came across the plains in the Fourth Company of Apostle G. A. Smith's Camp. William Draper was counselor to President Isaac Clark who was President of the Fourth Company. The Advance Company arrived in the Salt Lake Valley the 27th of October 1849. Martha was 13 years of age. Her two younger sisters are not listed, but a Malinda Weeks, listed directly below Martha Weaver, could possibly have been a misinterpretation of the original handwriting and may in fact have been Marinda Weaver. This information was also obtained from the Historical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Journal History Oct. 9, 1848 - June 1, 1850, (FHLC film # 1259737).

Marinda Bridget Weaver married James Nowlin Casteel, son of Jacob Israel Casteel and Sarah Nowlin. Jacob Casteel was enumerated in the 1851 Utah census. He and his family were among the pioneers who first settled San Bernardino. Although Marinda, James, and Marinda's sister, Martha, and her husband John Rufus Stoddard relocated to Santa Clara, Washington Co., Utah, with others of the San Bernardino settlers at the request of Brigham Young, Marinda and James became discouraged in hot, dry southern Utah and they returned to San Bernardino. Additional light is shed on their situation by the following quote from Edward Leo Lyman, San Bernardino, The Rise and Fall of a California Community, (Salt Lake City, Utah: Signature Books, 1996), p. 416:

Another older original pioneer was Jacob Casteel. His daughter and son-in-law returned to Utah, but he, his wife, and son remained in San Bernardino. There are probably several reasons, including an unfortunate incident prior to emigrating from Utah when one of his oxen strayed and was rounded up with a general drive of unclaimed animals. When he discovered his property among Young's cattle, Casteel called to claim it and was surprised when the church leader queried, "[W]hat if my workmen will swear that ox has been here all winter and eats his head off[?]" implying a fee for retrieval. The perplexed man left, and although his son-in-law encouraged him to commence suit in a bishop's court, Casteel "feared to offend Prest. Young and [the matter] remained unsettled." The resentments may have lingered over the years and been a factor in the family remaining in California. Another consideration worth noting is that some of those soon to be formed into a branch of the Reorganized Church were actively proselytizing in the Casteel home prior to the Mormon exodus. The family would eventually affiliate with that faction opposed to Brigham Young's leadership. (William D. Kartchner Journal, 33, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah).

According to the International Genealogical Index Marinda Bridget Weaver and James Nowlin Casteel were the parents of at least ten children. Alternative ordinance dates for Marinda Bridget Weaver appear in the International Genealogical Index showing a "relationship" to Arthur Lester Porter, a grandson. Her first husband, James Nowlin Casteel, probably died some time before 1898, because she married John A. Van Leuvern on March 6, 1898 by Alex Dallas, Justice of the Peace, at Moreno, California (Riverside County, Calif. Marriage Records, 1898-1901; Index 1893-1920. FHLC film #1290206). She then married Charles D. Gilson on April 1, 1906 by S.A. Mann, a minister, at Coachilla, California (FHLC film #1290206). She died the 24th of July of that same year (Riverside County, Calif. Death Records 1893-1919, FHLC film #1290208), aged 68.

The Brooch and the Tin Box

The following is yet another version of the Sarah Elizabeth Holmes Weaver biography. It came from Beth J. Tew, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, who inherited the brooch and a tin box that belonged to Sarah Elizabeth.

Sarah was born in Kirtland, Ohio, to parents Jonathan Harriman and Marietta Carter Holmes. Because of the persecution to the Saints, this family moved to Nauvoo, Illinois. There another girl, Emma, was born. Because of the mobbings, their home was burned, but kind friends rescued them. Later the mother sickened and died, and baby Emma died soon after.

Jonathan worked on the Nauvoo Temple. The Prophet Joseph Smith, invited Jonathan and Sarah to stay at the Mansion House. Sarah, called him, "Uncle Joseph". He loved all his children dearly, and other children also. The children had happy times playing together.

One day, Sarah saw a man coming on horseback. She called out, "Uncle Joseph, run and hide for the mob is coming". He looked and said, "That is my friend, Porter Rockwell." Happy times were short in beautiful Nauvoo.

Trials, tribulations, and persecutions multiplied. Shortly before the martyrdom, as Joseph was bidding goodbye to his loved ones, he took little Sarah in his arms and told her she would live to go to the Rocky Mountains, and would there testify of him, which she did many times in her life. Missionaries would come to hear her testify of Joseph Smith and her having known him.

Her father remarried, and she came across the plains with her stepmother. She walked a lot of the way. She brought a little tin box with her which was given her by the Prophet Joseph. As she and her stepmother were coming across the plains with a pioneer company, her father was coming west with the Mormon Battalion along the southern route of the United States at that time, having volunteered in Nauvoo. After his release from the army in California, he made his way to Salt Lake City and joined his family who were already there. Sarah was 9 years old.

A gold medallion breast-pin (brooch, 1 1/2 inches by 1 1/2 inches) was presented to Sarah, as well as other 1847 pioneers, who were honored at the Semi-Centennial Pioneer Jubilee in Salt Lake City from July 10th to 25th 1897. Sarah was 59 years old and was in the parade.

This brooch was passed down through her family. Lucina Weaver Johnson, Gilbert Oscar Weaver's daughter had it until her death when her daughter Beth Johnson Tew got it. It is now in possession of the daughter of Beth, Coral Tew Esplin. It will go down through the family line. The brooch was designed and made by Tiffany's of New York and the gold is just as bright and beautiful as it was at first, I'm told. It was an honor to have one. The front of the pin says: "Brigham Young and the Utah Semi-Centennial Pioneer Jubilee." On the back is engraved: "Tiffany & Co. Presented by State of Utah to Sarah E. H. Weaver, Pioneer of 1847."

Some of these brooches can be seen at the Church museum in Salt Lake City.

Coral Esplin of Battle Mountain, Nevada has provided the photographs of the brooch and the tin box. Both are in her possession.



Inscription on reverse of gold brooch (1 1/2" x 1 1/2"):
Tiffany & Co. - Presented by State of Utah to Sarah E. H. Weaver - Pioneer of 1847



"The tin box [4" x 6"] the prophet gave to Sarah Elizabeth was also handed to me from my mother. Sarah [Elizabeth Holmes Weaver] carried it all the way across the plains with her."
Correspondence from Beth Johnson Tew, Idaho Falls, ID, May 1997.

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April 30, 1997

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Dear Sir or Madam:

We were very happy to attend the dedication of the Pioneer Memorial at the crossing site on April 18, and be in the presence of our dear prophet and leader, Gordon B. Hinckley. It was, however, somewhat disappointing that two names were absent from your roll of "those who died before their journey's end." If you would add these to your roster, our family would be most pleased:

Edward Weaver

Martha Raymer Weaver Draper

Edward Weaver was working on the Nauvoo temple when he succumbed to pneumonia and died 2 December 1842. His probate file is recorded in the Pike County records office. Among the things listed in the Appraisal Bill of his probate file were masonry tools including masonry trowels, stone chisels, wedges and mason line that would indicate that he worked as a stone mason on the temple.

Martha, now a widow with seven children, was burned out of her home in Pleasant Vale, Pike County, IL, a well known story used in the Church education publication, Teaching the Topics and Themes: A Beginning Course Teacher Manual, 1987. She became the plural wife of William Draper, crossed the Mississippi early in 1846 with her children, sent two sons with the Mormon Battalion in July, then gave birth to Almon W. Draper 28 Oct. 1846 at Winter Quarters. She died between that date and January 1848. Her infant son was raised by other remarried widows. Her other children made the best of things, and contributed much to the building of Zion in the west.

I am enclosing the publication that documents the above data, entitled Franklin Weaver, a Timeline: 1828-1848. You may keep it with your records, or donate it to a library in Nauvoo.

Sincerely,

Ellen C. Weaver Shaeffer

Ship *Brooklyn* Association

In the association's newsletter, Volume 1, Issue 1 of November 1996 lists the entire roster of the ship *Brooklyn's* known passengers, among whom is the Reed family: Christiana Gregory Reed, 45, John Haines Reed, 17, Christiana Rachel Reed, 15, Hannah Tucker Reed Jamison (no age given) and John Reed Clark Jamison (child).

There is an internet connection to the association. The address is:

<http://members.aol.com/kirkbro2/brooklyn.html>

From this connection I learned that the contact person is Kirk Brown. His e-mail address is **kirkbro@apple.com**. If you wish to exchange information about passengers of the ship *Brooklyn* send your name, address and phone number to:

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637 Rancho Arroyo Pkwy.
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Church News - Week ending October 5, 1996:

“New monument in New Mexico memorializes Mormon Battalion”

Marker replaces one built in 1940. Albuquerque NM:

Church members, community leaders and government officials in New Mexico paid tribute recently to members of the Mormon Battalion – called “Visionary men” who blazed trails through the state 150 years ago. Daryl Garn, an area authority in the North American Southwest Area, rededicated a 20-foot native stone monument completed in September to replace a monument built in 1940. The original monument was made with help from Church members in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Los Alamos, NM. In 1962 it was razed when the highway running between Albuquerque and Santa Fe was widened during construction of Interstate 25.

The replica of the original monument used the wagon wheel and plaque from the original monument at a site located halfway between Albuquerque and Santa Fe – marking a point on the historic route traveled by the Mormon Battalion as it left Santa Fe in 1846. The night before the dedication, Elder Garn spoke to more than 500 people gathered at a fireside. He asked the audience to ponder the blessings that they have received from the consecrated efforts and sacrifices of those who have preceded them.

Elder Garn said it is important to remember not only the heritage of the Mormon Battalion, but also the great legacy given to the Church and the world by the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Pres. Stan Hatch of the Albuquerque New Mexico Stake remarked on the importance of identifying and remembering “our worthy heritage.”

State Sen. Joseph Carraro and State Rep. Gerald Weeks noted the close cooperation between members of the Church and government officials in preserving part of New Mexico’s heritage. They also praised Church members who are making a contribution in New Mexico today with their strong families and values.

The next day, on Sept. 7, more than 700 people attended the monument dedication. Before dedicating the monument, Elder Garn again spoke on the faith of those who came before. He told the members they must show faith in their lives. At the conclusion of his remarks, Elder Garn dedicated the memorial as a place where “all those who visit the site will rededicate themselves and be reminded to improve their own lives.”

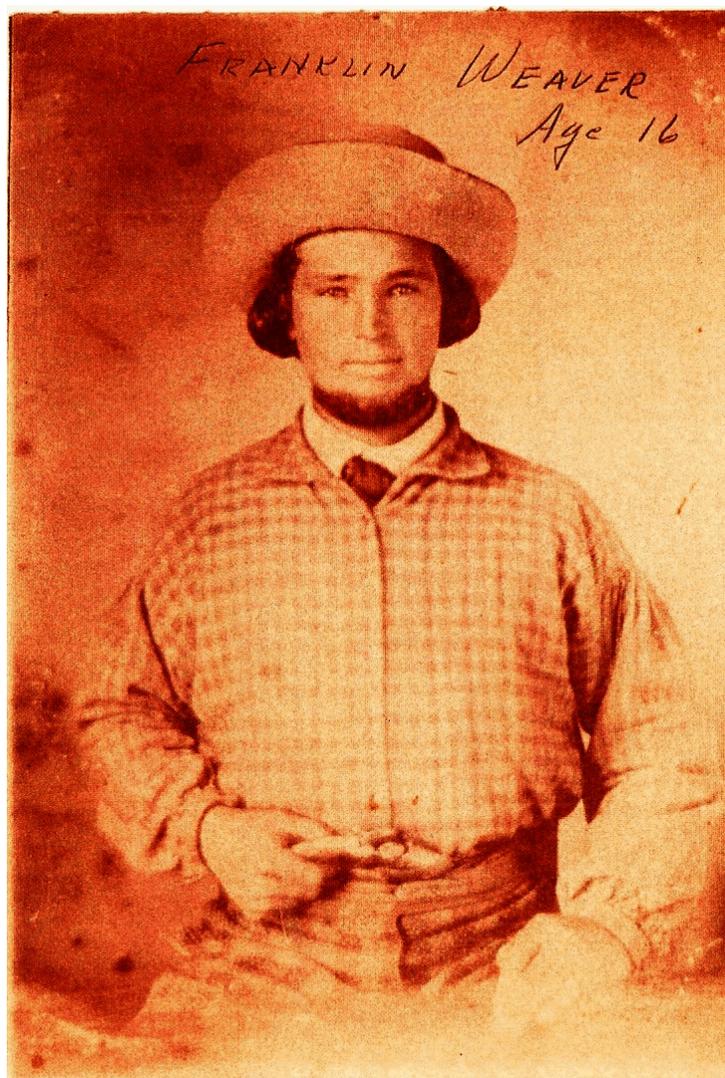
New Mexico Lt. Gov. Walter Bradley addressed audience gathered for dedication of the monument built to honor the Mormon Battalion.

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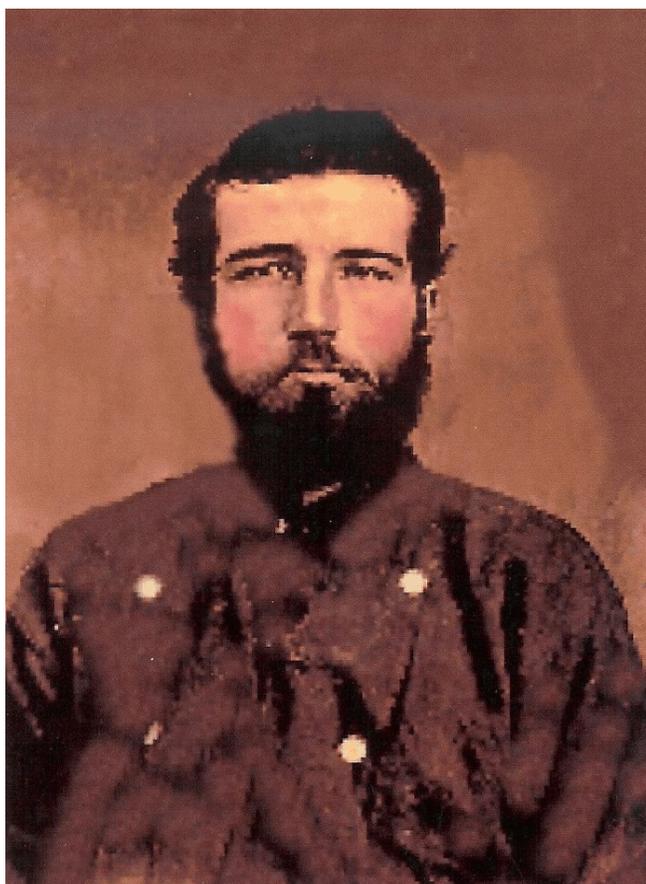
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