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THE STORY OF CAROLINE FARAZINE SKEEN BUTLER

CAROLINE FARAZINE SKEEN BUTLER was born 15. April 1812 in Sumner Co, Tenn. She was the daughter of Jessie Skeen and Keziah Taylor Being the seventh child in the family of ten children .

On the 3 FEB. 1831 she married to John Lowe Butler at the age of 19. TO them 13 children were born. Most of there lusure time was spent in reading the bible but the religions of the day did not sativfy them . According to his diary he was literaly thirsting for knowledge of his creator . WE had prayed many times , very earnest for

light untill We become rather discouraged . One evening an invitation came to atend a cottege meeting given by two mormons Elders , It came as ansuer to there prayers .

The message of the Elders filled their hart with joy and after the meeting . John Lowe Butler and Ca Roline both applied for bapptism.,

It was just what they had been looking for . From then on their

lot was cast with the body of the Saints in the trials and pers.. secutions, Mo. Ill. and in Iowa .

and later in utah . During the builiding of the Nauvoo Temple thay lived on a ~~far~~ farm on the outskirts of the city . John Lowe/~~Butler~~ bButler

being one of the Prophets body ~~gar~~ guards was away from home much of the time , and most of the work on the farm was left for Caroline and her children .

The women of Nauvoo were asked to contribite their dimes and p pennies for the Temple funds. One day ~~when a committee meeting was called for Caroline's donation,~~ when a committee ~~meeting~~ was called for Caroline's donation,

she had ~~nothing~~ to give she felt very badly a few days later she and her children were going into the city in a wagon when they come across a dead buffalo , To her thrifty hands this find was a great boom. They pulled the long hair from the mane of the buffalo, Carline took this home and washed and corded and spun it into a course yarn.

From this yarn she knit eight pairs of ~~mittens~~ heavy mittons these she give to the rock cutters on the Temple who were working in the dead of winter to rush the bulding to completion . THE women of Nauvoo donated \$2000 witch bought all the nails and windows for the Temple this was in the days of their poverty. and want when they had scarcely enough to fead and cloth their 6 little childern yet they found time and money to build a magnificent Temple to their God .John Lowe Butler was a wheelwright and a blacksmith by trade and he stayed to help repair the wagons for the saints to come west . They started west in Emmits Co, and winter over took them when they were in the hart of the Indian cruntry . Sothey built a selter and prepared for winter .The indians were very friendly with them then their salt and flour give out and they had to live on meat. Carline

Caroline became very sick on their megar diet. The old Indian Chief gave her little girl Keziah a pan of flour and told her to make one biscuit a day for her Mother and she would get well. This she faithfully did and her mother recovered.

In the Spring they tapped the sugar maple trees for surip and Caroline sat up night after night boiling the prescious fliud until she had a small trunk full of sugar to help feed her little flock.

On their journey west, they met a wagon train and traded for a sack of flour. Caroline made a pan off biscuits and gave one to e each little child. One little girl, Adeline wanted to feast her eyes on it a while and accidentlydropped it into the soft soap barrel in the back of the wagon. But she was so hungry for bread, she picked it out, wiped it off and ate it anyway.

They settled in Spanish Fork about 1852. John Lowe Butler surveyed the cite for the city and laid it off into city blocks. They moved the family into a three sided shanty on the back of someones house and THEN HE went to find work.

Caroline's baby took sick and cried for meat he could smell cooking, so she traded a piece of hand work for a piece of meat for her sick baby. Many a time she walked 5 miles to milk a cow to get milk for her family. She was a good manager and they always had something to eat. When flour was scarce, she would parch corn and grind it and put milk over it and feed it to her family.

Caroline was very resourceful, serving as a nurse and Doctor for those in need. At one time she sewed with her buckskin needle a neighbor's hand that was badly torn.

She helped the pioneer of Spanish Fork and later Panguitch and Paragoonah.

Many years of unselfish giving of herself to her family and those who needed help endeared her to all who knew her.

Most of her large family of children were born in the wilderness of tribulation, with so little of necessities and none of the comforts.

Being driven with the saints from one place to another. She and her children lived for six weeks on nothing but wild crab apples and honey. whether

When her husband was on a mission to the Indians, and herself in delicate health at the time.

But her faith was as strong as the everlasting hills and all these hardships only seemed to Purify her soul, until she was pure gold.

HER very womanlyness rested like a halo on her brow. To me she is one of the queens of the earth. She died Aug. 4 1875.

At Panguitch Utah. And is buried in the old Redd cemetery at

Spanish Fork by her life companion
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