

ELIZABETH PRIOR MORGAN'S STORY

Written by her daughter, Lillie Morgan Rowe

Elizabeth Prior Morgan, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Maycock Prior, was born in Gloustershire, England on December 28, 1845. Her family of old English stock came from the heart of England. I well remember hearing my grandfather Prior tell of how he could remember of Battle of Waterloo, he being a boy of thirteen at the time.

The family consisted of several children dying in childhood. My mother and Uncle George were spared, however, and they came to America, with their parents in 1855 after being converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints. We have no record of their voyage, but I can remember my mother telling of the trip on the ocean. The ship was sailing vessel named "Chimborazo." Tuesday, April 17, 1855, the ship sailed from Liverpool, England with 431 saints, including 70 from the Channel Islands, under the direction of Edward Stevenson. The company arrived in Philadelphia on May 21st. She used to tell how for days the ship stood almost in the same place and so still that the passengers could dance on deck.

My grandfather Prior had brothers living in Illinois. Some of their children live there at the present time. My grandfather Prior and his family went to Illinois and remained there for almost five years and then came to Utah in 1863. They

came to Salt Lake and then to Spanish Fork. They bought the lot owned by Dr. Stoddard and built a long adobe house close to the north fence. I well remember that house. I also remember my mother telling how the girls of the neighborhood would go to Mary Chapple's and spin and weave cloth to make their clothes. What a wonderful woman she was and how their door was always open to strangers. When a young lady, she taught a Sunday school class in the old meeting house. Some of the girls she taught are living in Spanish Fork today. She married David Morgan on March 15, 1869 in the Endowment house in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the mother of eleven children, eight boys and three girls –David, Andrew, John, George, William, Lillie, Edward, Sarah, Ralph, Elmer and Ethel, six of whom have passed to the Great Beyond. After the death of her mother in 1888, her father came to live with her. She cared for him for nine years. My mother was always interested in Relief society work. I can remember that she took the Woman's Exponent (magazine) for years. She was vitally interested in woman's suffrage. Although she did not hold or ever hold a very important position, she was a Relief Society teacher almost to the day of her death. The early years of her married life were a struggle. My parents had to work hard. They were providing a home and buying a farm and it was necessary to deny them much in order to do it. My mother was saving and frugal and stood shoulder to shoulder with my father in their struggle. I am sure she was a wonderful planner because we always had enough

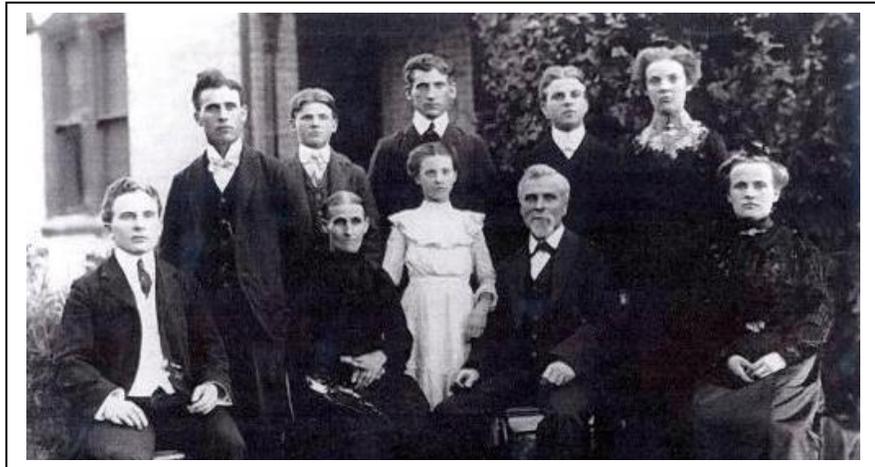
to eat and clothes to wear. She had a little hired help and a large family and did most of the work herself until we got old enough to help. In the home she was patient, kind and uncomplaining.



David Morgan, Elizabeth Prior,
Andrew, Lillian, John Turner

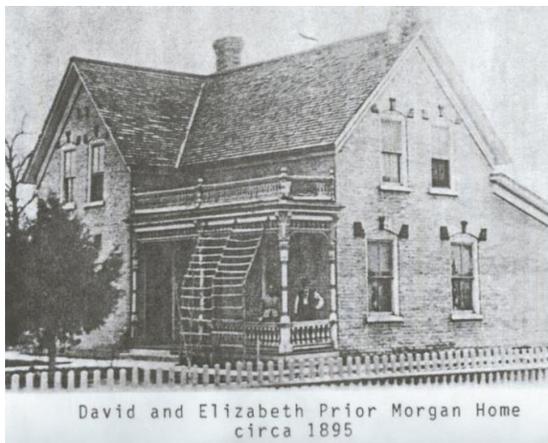
She taught her children the principals of honesty and truthfulness. She taught them to pray and trust in God, and to render service and take an active part in church and community affairs. She was a quiet and unassuming

person. She loved peace and harmony in the home, and would sacrifice her own feelings rather than stand



discord. My mother was in every sense a home woman thinking first of her family. She attended to her own business and had no time to gossip or meddle in other peoples' affairs. She raised a large family that reveres her name.

Her decking years were happy and contented until her grown sons John T. And Elmer was taken away. It was a great shock to her sympathetic nature, a shock from which she never recovered. My father died in May and ten months she passed away. She died on her wedding day, March 15, 1922.



David and Elizabeth Prior Morgan Home
circa 1895

