Harriet Woolf was born 11 Oct. 1853, in Nephi, Juab, Utah, the 8th & next youngest of the children of John Anthony Woolf & Sarah Ann DeVoe. Her parents had answered the “Call” to help establish a new LDS colony at Mona, Utah, but due to constant harassment from the Ute Indians, were forced to move to winter quarters in Nephi. Here, their daughter, Harriet, spent the first 6 years of her life.

Shortage of water for pastures & crops forced the family to return to Salt Lake in 1859. From here, the Woolfs were assigned to colonize at Hyde Park, Utah, & moved their large family & livestock to the new location in the spring of 1861.

The colony prospered at Hyde Park. Young Harriet grew to womanhood under the difficult times of new colonization. She was of medium height & slender build, with wavy brown hair, a fair complexion, brown eyes, & a retiring disposition. She received a good education for the times & as a young woman taught school in Benson Ward, Utah, a few miles West of Hyde Park. During this time, she married William M. Gibson, a long-time friend of the family 23 Nov 1874.

During that year the Gibsons moved to Franklin, Idaho, where new land was available, a homestead right was taken on Maple Creek, several miles northeast of Franklin. Here they engaged in raising livestock, ranching, & the logging & sawmill business. The ranch was located at the base of a branch of the Wasatch Mountains. Water was plentiful, pastures & range good, & sheep & cattle thrived. Logging timber was abundant on Maple Creek and its tributaries, enabling the Gibsons to establish a successful operation. This property was later owned and operated by Willard Gibson, a grandson of Harriet.

The Gibsons led a quiet but industrious life. Their family of 9 children (6 boys & 3 girls) who grew to maturity were steeped in sturdy, industrious, & vigorous pioneer surroundings, they were engaged in building a new America in the Rocky Mountains.

Harriet Woolf Gibson died 14 June 1929, and is buried at Hyde Park, Utah Cemetery.

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