LIFE HISTORY OF ISABELLA WHITE JARDINE

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Date and place of birth 14 June 1822 (other records say 18 June 1822)
Date and place of death 10 September 1906, West Weber Cemetery (other records say 20 September 1906)
Date arrive in Utah September 1859
Date of Marriage 17 July 1840 to James Jardine
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Isabella White was born June 14, 1822 in Springfield, Lanard, Scotland and was the third daughter and sixth child of John and Isabella Scott White. Her brothers and sisters were as follows: John, Janie, Samuel, Thomas, Elizabeth, Robert, Margaret, Mary, and Samuel.

On July 17, 1840 Isabella married James Jardine. She joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was baptized a member May 18, 1845. (other records say 2 May 1859)

She with her husband and four children set sail for America from Liverpool, England on April 22, 1855, leaving three little graves in Scotland. The children that made the journey were: Isabella - 14, Elizabeth - 8, Richard - 7, and James - 4 months. They arrived in New York on May 22, 1855, taking one month to cross the ocean.

They left New York and went to Pennsylvania, where her husband found employment in the coal mines. While living at Locusgap, Pennsylvania, baby James died on August 18, 1855. The Lord is ever mindful and watchful over his children and they were blessed with a baby girl born on June 22, 1856 - named Mary.

In the fall of 1856, the family moved to St. John, Perry, Illinois. Again her husband found employment in the coal mines. While living there a baby girl, Isadora, was born April 21, 1858. They remained in St. John, Illinois until they started their journey with the other saints across the plains to Utah. They left on May 2, 1859 with an ox team and one wagon and traveled with the Edward Stevenson Company. It took 21 weeks to make the journey and they arrived in the Salt Lake Valley the latter part of September 1859. After a hard journey of nearly 2,000 miles, foot sore and weary, they were thankful for their safe journey and to have a place to rest.

The family settled in Wellsville, Cache, Utah, October 5, 1859. While living here, this grand couple was blessed with three more children, Margaret - March 21, 1860, John - March 19, 1863, William - February 11, 1865. John died September 5, 1864. The birth of these children increased Isabella's family and made her the mother of twelve (eight girls and four boys.)

On November 16, 1861 she and her husband traveled to Salt Lake City and received their endowments in the Endowment House as the temple was not yet completed.
In June 1866 they bid goodbye to their many friends and relatives and moved from Wellsville, Utah with six of their children to a new settlement in West Weber, Weber, Utah. A short time later they moved to Taylor, Weber, Utah (a branch of the West Weber Ward). Her husband built an adobe house and made this their home and engaged in farming.

They were devout Latter-day Saints, strong believers in fasting and prayer. If her husband had doubt or trouble he would fast and pray sometimes for two or three days. Many times he didn't tell his wife why he was fasting. Her husband would get his seed ready for planting and before he started to plant he would kneel down by the sacks and ask God to bless the seed so it would bring forth a bounteous crop.

Two sons and five daughters grew to adulthood and raised large families, helping to settle Utah, Idaho, and Arizona. Two sons were Bishops in the LDS Church. Richard was Bishop of Lewisville Ward, Idaho for 20 years. William H. was the first Bishop of the Taylor Ward, Weber, Utah and served for 17 years.

William married Georgena Blanch and built a brick home near the adobe house. James and Isabella planned to live in two rooms of the home that their youngest son had built. James died on August 7, 1891 at the age of 72, before the house was completed. His death came as a result of working in the coal mines earlier in his life. After his death, Isabella lived in two rooms of the home of William and his wife for 22 years. She enjoyed having her children, grandchildren, and friends come to visit and they all loved her. The grandchildren made excuses to play in her part of the house. She was a quiet woman and never raised her voice or became angry. Whenever the grandchildren became a little rowdy or did things, which she didn't approve, she would say, "Go beant to your own hoose." [sic] The grandchildren often admired the small vases and cups and saucers, and she told them, "When I go rollin down the hill, ye can have it." [sic]

She enjoyed sitting in her rocking chair and looking out the window. She seldom left her home except to ride in a wagon into Ogden with her daughter-in-law, Georgena, to trade butter and eggs for other needed items. Isabella was a short heavy-set woman and the little black bonnet perched on her head didn't shade her face from the sun, but it was always a part of her wearing apparel when she was outside the house.

William was very good to his mother and did his best to make her comfortable and happy. He gave her a share of the profits from the farm and she paid an honest tithing with butter, eggs, and fruit.

She died in the home of her son, William, on September 10, 1906 at the age of 94, and was buried alongside her husband in the West Weber Cemetery.

The children of James and Isabella White Jardine are: Isabella, Sarah, Janie, Elizabeth, Richard, Janie "C", James, Mary, Isadora, Margaret, John and William.