LOTT, PERMELIA DARROW

Permelia Darrow, the daughter of Joseph Darrow and Mary Ward Darrow, was born 13 Dec. 1805 in Bridgewater, Susquehannah, Pennsylvania.

She counted among her ancestors such characters of Revolutionary fame as General Ward 1727-1800 and Captain Darrow.

This was in the land of the Quakers where William Penn sought to establish a free state, founded upon the principal of the universal brotherhood of man. At this time the district schools were much improved in the country and there were High Schools in many of the larger cities.

Permelia was a capable student seizing opportunity for learning given at home and at schools of other places. She became a school teacher, and in spite of having to ride horseback to and from school each day, a distance of 20 miles, her school was a decided success. Her quiet pleasing manners with her daily public services made for her many friends, among the parents at the school. From the younger class her companionship was always sought. It is but natural that suitors should be treading the door step at the Darrow home and such is the case, for on 17 April 1823, she was married at Bridgewater to Cornelius Peter Lott, son of Pieter Lott and Mary Jane Smiley Lott.

Cornelius was a farmer, a tiller of the soil, so as the wife of a farmer, Permelia always found much to, cooking, washing, ironing, sewing and helping with the small chores on the farm. Then too, in 1843, a family started coming along to bless their home.

Cornelius tried hard to make a good living for his young family, but was forced to move many times, wherever he could find work. Time passed rapidly on, and in 1837 the Lott family were introduced to the Gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They knew this was what they had been searching for. Their life together must have been wholesome and happy for they both accepted the truth together and joined the Church in its infancy. They gained a strong testimony that never left them. Wishing to obey council and to be with the body of the Church, they moved to Kirtland, Ohio. Being the only members of either the Darrow or Lott family to accept the gospel, they abandoned all and cast their lot with the persecuted saints.