MARY ELIZABETH WOOLF ROLLINS
1872-1953

Mary Elizabeth Woolf was born 29 April 1872, in Hyde Park, Cache County, Utah, to Isaac and Ellen Maria Hyde Woolf. She was their 2nd child and 2nd daughter.

In June of 1890, when still a young girl, she went to Canada with her uncle, the late Johnny Woolf, a prominent pioneer member of the legislature.

Two years later, 31 March 1892, she married David William Rollins in the Logan Temple, and they returned by covered wagon to settle in Cardston, Alberta, Canada, where they lived all their lives. Their first home was a log house near Lee’s Creek (this home is still standing). They also had a home on the farm about 2 miles southeast of Cardston. As a young bride, Elizabeth, was very proud because she had 4 kitchen chairs, while other young brides used boxes for chairs.

Elizabeth and David were active in the LDS Church. Elizabeth had a real struggle with her health, and giving birth to 8 children meant months of being bedridden and suffering convulsions. Her children, all born in Cardston, were: William Isaac, David LeRoy, Ellen, Clara, Orson Smith, Dida, Joseph, and Elizabeth.

Elizabeth had bright, penetrating deep brown eyes and a sweet temperament, coupled with great patience. Her granddaughter, Ellen Rollins Stringham, recalls, “I can never remember hearing a hard word from her lips.” She was a widow for 10 years, and although her health necessitated being cared for in the homes of her married children, her greatest joy was to return to her own little home. She had strength which astonished the doctors, as they would pronounce her last days from double pneumonia, only to have her recover, go home, and come back the next year with the same serious condition.

She was proud when she took her first airplane ride in her seventies when she went to visit her daughter, Clara, in Everett, Washington.

Elizabeth passed away at her home at the age of 81, 16 Jan. 1953. She was buried 21 Jan. in the family burial plot in Cardston, Alberta, Canada.

Ellen Rollins Stringham, Granddaughter

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