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MURRAY, Helen Janet Jeanette

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It was the year 1823 near Palmyra, New York when the young Joseph Smith was first visited by the Angel Moroni. This momentous event and outcome changed the destiny of the Murray family. The Murrays were probably unaware that these miraculous happenings had occurred within just a few miles of their home, when a little over two years later on 18 February 1826 a little girl was born to William Ellis and Helen E. Sarvis. This was their first and only child and they named her Helen Janet Jeanette Murray. She was endowed in the Nauvoo Temple 1 January 1846. She married Hosea Cushing who was one of the original Utah Pioneers arriving in the Salt Lake Valley 24 July 1847. The records show they were married 4 February 1847 in Winter Quarters, Nebraska but family tradition holds that Hosea returned to Winter Quarters with Heber C. Kimball in the Spring of 1848 and at that time Helen and Hosea were married. It was at this time he brought her to the Salt Lake Valley. They were the parents of three children. In 1854 her husband died at the early age of 28 leaving her with three children, the oldest one being seven years old. She had a hard time making a living for her little family. She was a niece of Heber C. Kimball's wife, Vilate Murray Kimball, and almost every week Brother and Sister Kimball would bring over a pan of flour to help them out. She would then make biscuits that were like cake to her children for all they had was corn bread or johnny cake as it was called. She later married W.M. McBride and they had one child. They separated and divorced. On 15 July 1863 she married Norman Taylor and they moved to Santaquin, Utah. They had one child. Helen Janet raised five children. She died 2 March, 1901 in Santaquin, Utah and is buried in the Payson City Cemetery.;

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