

ELIZABETH MAINWARING BROCKBANK

Elizabeth Mainwaring, daughter of Peter and Jane Molyneux Mainwaring, was born 22 May 1808 at Liverpool, England. She married Isaac Brockbank, Sr. in the year 1835 in Liverpool, England. She was a devout Methodist and when her husband embraced "Mormonism" she was quite upset. She was a loving mother and a devoted daughter. When her mother needed extra care Elizabeth and her husband moved into her mother's home that she might care for her. When husband decided to come to America she tried to influence the children to stay in England with her. When they would not she agreed to go for the sake of the children but she told some of her family that if things didn't work out she would return.

Quoting Isaac, Jr., "In the latter part of July as we journeyed along and having passed Fort Laramie, my mother seemed more reconciled. Just before noon we came to a very steep hill and those who had been riding in the wagons got out and my mother did the same. She gave the baby to my sister and proceeded down the hill. There were many wild currant bushes and quite a patch of them at the bottom of the hill. This is the last place she was seen by anyone of the company. We did not miss her until we made noon camp. I rode back to this place but could find no traces of her. In the morning my father and Brother Layton, Assistant Captain rode back and though they found her footsteps around a spring and some on the road to Laramie could not find her. Three or four men who had left a sheep camp told of seeing a woman on the road but when she saw them she left the road. They back tracked to Laramie but found no trace. Authorities there promised to notify them if any thing turned up. She was always willing to bear everything for the sake of her children and I cannot think, even at this time, that she willfully went away."

She must have been of strong character and strong in her belief of what was right and wrong.