

# Beatrice Ann Eliza Teeples Owens

Written by her daughter  
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My mother, BEATRICE ANN Eliza Teeples OWENS was born March 31, 1864, the first white child born in Paris., Idaho. Her parents and grandparents who were pioneers of 1848 were called to settle at Swan Lake, Idaho.

In 1865 they returned to Holden, Utah where Grandfather Teeples had a blacksmith shop. Then in 1878 Grandfather William R. Teeples was called to take a company of saints and find a place to settle in Arizona. Beatrice, was 14 at the time and she drove a four horse team all the way down. They suffered many hardships on the way and much trouble. The James C. Owens Jr. family was in the company. Marion, a son, drove cattle for the company and that is how he and Beatrice became acquainted. He and Beatrice were married Jan. 1, 1880 in Arizona. They had to wait until they were called to go to the Temple, so in 1883 they came to Saint George and were married in the Temple.

Dr. Ellis Ship of Salt Lake City was sent by the church to Woodruff, Arizona to give a course in obstetrics and practical nursing. Mother took the course and graduated as a practical nurse. She started to practice then as the doctors were far away, the nearest town being 50 miles away and the only means of transportation, were by team and wagon or horseback. They didn't have many drugs to depend on so they used herbs for medicine.

In 1894 the family moved back to Utah and mother took another course in nursing and graduated. She continued to practice as a midwife and practical nurse. She delivered many hundreds of babies. She has ridden in every kind of conveyance, except an airplane, to deliver her babies, besides walking miles in all kinds of weather. She rode 5 miles on the running gears of a wagon to deliver a baby. Men would come on horseback and say, "Hurry Mrs. Owens, I'll go on." Then mother would walk or father would take her in a wagon. She was very successful in her work always asking for help in faith and prayers to her Heavenly Father. Later she worked with the

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FILLMORE.—Mrs. Beatrice Peeples Owens, 78, Fillmore practical nurse for the last 50 years, died at her home Monday at 1 a.m.

She was born in Paris, Ida., March 3, 1864, daughter of William R. Peeples and Harriet Cook Peeples.

In 1880 she moved with her parents to Heeley, Ariz., where they had been called as missionaries for Church. She was married to Marion Alfred Owens, who died in 1926.

Surviving are four sons, M. W. Owens of Ogden; J. A. Owens of Provo; Lee C. Owens of St. George, and H. A. Owens of Albuquerque, N. M.; three sisters, Mrs. Josie Swallow of Fillmore and Mrs. Harriet Copley and Mrs. Elsie R. Copley, oth of Vancouver, Canada; a sister, Mrs. Eunice McCracken of Vaughan, Mont.; a brother, A. R. Peeples of Salt Lake City; 35 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Fillmore First Ward Chapel by Bishop Lorenzo Brunson. Burial will be in the Fillmore Cemetery.

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doctors that practiced in Fillmore giving anesthetics and helping deliver babies. She was lovingly called Aunt Bea by the women and children in town. She was the mother of 10 children who loved her dearly. She died May 24, 1942 in Fillmore after a life of loving service to all who came into her life.

This is from the Daughters of the Pioneers in Salt Lake City.  
Notice that they spelled Peeples instead of Teeples.

Another article by Jessie O. Swallow at the Daughters of the Pioneers states:

Beatrice Ann Eliza Teeples Owens was born March 31, 1864 in Paris, Idaho. Her parents and grandparents, pioneers of 1848, were called by Church authorities to settle at Swan Lake, Idaho. In 1865 returned to Utah settling in Holden, Millard County where the father, William R. Teeples opened a blacksmith shop. In 1878 he was called to take a company of Saints to Arizona. Beatrice was fourteen years of age at the time and drove a four-horse team all the way. In this company was the James C. Owens family. Marion, a son, drove cattle for the company, and during the journey he and Beatrice became acquainted. On the 1st of January, 1880 they were married.

When Dr. Ellis Shipp went to Woodruff to conduct classes in obstetrics and practical nursing, Beatrice Ann, took advantage of the classes and for a number of years practiced in this area, the nearest town where medical aid could be procured being fifty miles away. In 1894 the Owens' returned to Utah where Beatrice Ann continues her studies along this line, receiving a certificate to practice. She officiated at the birth of hundreds of babies, always asking for help in faith and prayers to her Heavenly Father. Later she worked with doctors who practiced in Fillmore, Millard County giving anesthetics and helping deliver babies. Ten children were born to her during these years of service to the communities in which she lived. She passed away May 24, 1942 in Fillmore, Utah.