

## *Elizabeth Kegg (Keig) Comish*

Born: 22 Dec 1805, Kirk Chirst, Rushen, Isle of Man

Death: 6 Nov 1885, Franklin, Idaho

Parents: Patrick Kegg, Jane Moore

Pioneer: 3 Sept 1855, John Hindley Wagon Train

Spouse: William Comish

Married: 12 Feb 1831, Kirkarbray, Isle of Man

Death: 16 Dec 1877, Franklin, Idaho



### Children:

Jane (Aston), 11 Oct 1831

William Kegg, 11 Apr 1833

Margaret (Roueche), 28 Sept 1834

Elizabeth Gemish (Whitaker), 18 Oct 1836

John, 1 Dec 1838

Eleanor (Preece), 20 Dec 1840

Robert Nephi Comish, 12 Dec 1841

Joseph Comish 7 Jul 1844 (died 8 years)

Emma Comish (Densmore-Brown-Booth), 12 Jun 1849

Elizabeth Kegg Comish was born 1805, on the Isle of Man. She never had the privilege of going to school, but was very good at mental arithmetic.

She married William Comish at the age of twenty-six on February 12, 1831. She was the mother of nine children.

In 1841, her husband joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but Elizabeth was not baptized until 1848, because her mother so strongly objected, threatening to disown her.

Elizabeth and her mother were talking about the Mormon religion and she wanted to know how she knew it was true. Elizabeth said, pointing to the fireplace “You see that kettle on the hob?” her mother answered, “Yes.” “Well, just as surely as you know that the kettle is on the hob, just so surely I know that Mormonism is true.” After her baptism she never heard from her mother again.

Her husband and daughter, Jane, came to St. Louis, where he worked to earn enough money to send for her and her children. Elizabeth was left with a large family to care for, for two years. Finally, she was able to join him.

They started the trek westward and arrived on September 3, 1855.

Elizabeth and William received their endowments in the Salt Lake Endowment House on April 3, 1857. They moved to Kaysville, Utah for about five years.

In 1860, she and her family were called to settle Franklin, Idaho. She kept a garden and cared for her cow, chickens and turkeys. She spun her yarn and knitted clothing for her family.

She was a believer in witches and fairies, a trait from her homeland, she believed you couldn't walk across a park at midnight or you would disturb the fairies dancing.

Elizabeth suffered hardships and poverty most of her life, but was independent, generous and hospitable.

She passed away in Franklin, Idaho.