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BIOGRAPHY:	ELIZABETH FOUTZ HESS	
BIRTHDATE:	04 Jan 1797 Franklin County, Pennsylvania	
DEATH:	22 Aug 1876 Farmington, Davis, Utah	
PARENTS:	John Foutz & Elizabeth Hinkle Foutz	
PIONEER:	27 Jul 1849 John Wilkes Wagon Company	
SPOUSE:	Jacob Hess	
MARRIED:	1816 Franklin County, Pennsylvania	
DEATH:	22 Jun 1846 Mt. Pisgah, Union, Iowa	
CHILDREN:		
	Catherine	20 Sep 1817 (died age 3)
	Polly	27 Jun 1819
	Mary Ann	11 Aug 1821
	John "W"	24 Aug 1824
	Sarah	22 Feb 1827
	Ann Elizabeth	24 Mar 1829
	Christina	11 May 1831
	Harriet	18 Aug 1833
	Lydiann	24 Jul 1835
	David	18 Feb 1837
	Alma	03 Jun 1839
	Emma Elizabeth	17 May 1841

Elizabeth married Jacob Hess in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of seven children before moving to Richland, Ohio and locating on a piece of heavily timbered land. They cleared the ground and opened a small farm. In March of 1834, she, her husband, and their four older children were baptized as members of the LDS Church. In May of 1836, they moved to the state of Missouri and settled in Ray County. Here they rented a farm until the expulsion of the Saints from Caldwell County. They moved to Illinois and settled on a piece of wild land. After much privation and toil, they succeeded in making a comfortable home. In the late summer of 1845, the mob violence had grown so intense they moved to Nauvoo. In November 1845, Jacob was struck with paralysis on one side and was completely helpless. Mob violence increased after the martyrdom of Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum. In the Spring of 1846, with the help of her son, Elizabeth was able to move her invalid husband, and five small children in two old wagons through the cold and exposure of the Iowa side of the river.

When they arrived at Mt. Pisgah, their supplies were exhausted. They existed on the crops that had been planted by earlier pioneers and thought this would be a good place to rest. Jacob died here and the following spring, they moved on. Her oldest son was inducted into the Mormon Battalion, so he left his mother and her children in dire circumstances until his return. In September, 1848, John W. Hess came back to Council Bluffs to get his mother and her family. They traveled with the John Wilkes Wagon Company and arrived in Salt Lake Valley on July 27, 1849. They camped at what is now McCune Grove and the next day they proceeded to Farmington, Utah where they made their home. Her sons helped their mother get settled in Farmington. They settled near her to care for her until her death in 1876.

. By this time, Elizabeth had born five more children to complete her family. After much privation and toil, they established a comfortable home and farm. Mob violence increased after the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum. They could see the smoke from the burning homes and haystacks of the Saints, and armed mobocrats had stopped at their gate debating, they supposed, to burn their farm. When it was no longer safe to remain on the farm, they moved in to the city of Nauvoo, and occupied a part of the house belonging to Elizabeth's brother, Bishop Jacob Foutz. When they returned to the farm to retrieve their supplies, they found they had been destroyed by the mob. The years of labor and hardship had taken its toll on the health of Jacob Hess; and in 1845, he became paralyzed on one side, rendering him completely helpless.

In the Spring of 1846, with help of her son John W and his wife Emeline, Elizabeth Foutz Hess with her invalid husband and five small children departed Nauvoo in two old wagons and two yokes of oxen. They suffered greatly from the cold and exposure. The first night, they camped on the Iowa side of the river in cold rain. They made Jacob Hess as comfortable as possible in one of the two wagons. The other wagon carried all the household supplies and provisions the ox team could draw.

All able to walk were forced to do so. They encountered hardships and trouble throughout the journey and on their arrival at Mt Pisga, in western Iowa, their supplies exhausted, Elizabeth's husband was far spent. Earlier pioneers had planted crops for the benefit of those who would follow, and it was thought this would be a good place to rest. They were there only a short time when Jacob Hess died, on June 22, and he was buried near their shanty built of bark stripped from elm trees. The following spring, they obtained some good lumber and built a better coffin and reburied him on Mt. Pisga Hill.

Elizabeth spent three years in Mt Pisga with her five small children, the oldest being ten years. Her son John W and his wife, Emeline served in the Mormon Battalion, and then went on to the Salt Lake Valley. In a letter written to her son, Elizabeth told of the difficult times she was having. A yoke of oxen, sent to her by a son-in-law never arrived; and she allowed other pioneers to use her remaining yoke of oxen, with a promise to send a complete outfit to bring her to the Salt Lake Valley the following Spring. This never materialized, but in November of 1848, John W arrived in Mt Pisga, after leaving his wife in the Salt Lake Valley expecting their first child. He worked through the winter to obtain supplies to move his dear Mother and her four remaining children to Council Bluffs. He did not know how he would obtained the rest of the outfit to move them to the Valley. By divine intervention, a group of "gold seekers" hired him to escort them to the Rockie Mountains, for which they paid \$250 in advance. Due to the heavy load of their wagon, they could not keep pace with the "gold seekers" and they found themselves abandoned by them when their oxen began to fail. This was a great relief, which allowed them to travel at a slower pace and to find the best feed to revive their oxen.

Elizabeth arrived in the Valley with her family, a pioneer wagon, two yokes of oxen, one yoke of cows, and 20 head of sheep, on July 27, 1849. She settled in Farmington where she lived out the rest of her life with her many descendants. She died there Aug. 22, 1876, and was buried in the Farmington City cemetery.

Elizabeth Foutz Hess

Born: June 4, 1797

Where Franklin County, Pennsylvania

Married: Jacob Hess in 1816

He died: June 22, 1846 at Mt. Pisgah, Iowa

The Hess family lived in Franklin County, Pennsylvania where the following children were born to them; Catherine September 10, 1817, Polly June 27, 1819, Mary Ann August 11, 1821, John W, August 24, 1824, Sarah Hess February 22, 1827, Ann Elizabeth March 24, 1829, Christena May 11, 1831.

They were converted to the Mormon Church and moved to Kirtland, Ohio and lived close to the Temple. Two more girls were born there; Harriet August 18, 1833, and Lydiann Hess July 24, 1835.

On May 1, 1836 this family moved to the State of Missouri and settled in Ray County. David was born there February 18, 1837 and Alma Hess on June 3, 1839.

When the Saints were expelled from Missouri they settled in Adams County, Illinois where their last child was born, Emma on May 17, 1841. This made 12 children for them.

In the Fall of 1845 they moved again to Nauvoo. In the Spring of 1846 the father Jacob Hess became ill. They moved with the saints to Iowa under great hardships that were almost unbearable as the first night across the Mississippi River found them in a cold drenching rain. This continued for a long time and their wet clothes had to stay on their bodies. The only shelter they had was under the wagon. The sick father occupied the wagon as he was partially paralyzed. He later died and was buried in Mt. Pisgah, Iowa.

Later the oldest son was inducted into the Mormon Battalion, so he left his widowed mother and her children in dire circumstances. He promised that as soon as he received his release from the Army, he would return and take them to Zion.

This promise was fulfilled and they began the long perilous journey across the plains on May 1, 1849 and arrived on July 28, 1849 in the Salt Lake Valley. She eventually made her home in Farmington, Davis County, Utah.

One can only imagine her happiness for Elizabeth had finally reached her destination. She had come to Zion. Her remaining days were spent in Farmington. Her family and neighbors were good to her and she worked very hard for her family.

She died August 22, 1876 and was buried in the Farmington City Cemetery.

BIOGRAPHY:

We know very little of the life of Elizabeth Foutz. Her husband, Jacob Hess, was the son of John Hess and Catherine Hess. They lived in the same part of Pennsylvania that the Foutz family lived. Elizabeth was the eldest daughter of John Foutz and Elizabeth Hinkle Foutz. She was born June 4, 1797 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. She was had two younger brothers. In 1816 she married Jacob Hess of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of twelve children.

In 1832, Jacob and Elizabeth moved their family to Richland, Ohio and located on a piece of heavily timbered land, cleared the ground, and opened a small farm. The prospects for a better living were quite flattering considering the many difficulties consequent to opening a new country.

On May 6, 1836 they moved to the state of Missouri and settled in Ray County near Richmond Landing or Pomeroy's Ferry on the Missouri River. The Hess family lived on a farm they rented from John Arbuckle until the expulsion of the Saints from Caldwell County. They then moved to the state of Illinois and settled on a piece of wild land. In their extreme poverty, they began to open a small farm. After much privation and toil they succeeded in making a comfortable home. The many years of hardship and hard work caused Jacob's health to fail. Therefore, most of the heavy labor fell upon their son, John W. Hess.

In the late summer of 1845, the mob violence had grown so intense they did not feel safe on the farm, so they moved to Nauvoo and stayed with Elizabeth's brother, Bishop Foutz. They left most of their food and supplies on the farm, it was destroyed before they could go back to get it, so they were again destitute.

In November, 1845, Jacob was struck down with paralysis on one side and was completely helpless. Elizabeth depended upon John W. to help her. Word had gone through the community that they were to leave Nauvoo in the spring. John W. arranged for two wagons for them to move with. It took one wagon for Jacob. It was poor enough conveyance for him. That left one wagon to move the supplies for the rest of the family. They all walked. On April 3, 1846 they crossed the Mississippi River and spent the first night in Iowa. Progress was slow because of heavy loads and rainy weather.

They stopped at Mount Pisgah in June. Jacob was exhausted from the travel and could go no further. The advance companies of Saints had planted vegetables and corn for the benefit of those who came after. John W. constructed a temporary shelter of peeled elm trees and made Jacob and Elizabeth's family as comfortable as he could. On June 15, he went on to Council Bluffs with Henry W. Miller to make a settlement there. It was about 100 miles from Mount Pisgah. Before he reached Council Bluffs they were overtaken by a Captain from the U. S. Army.

John W. Hess enlisted in the Mormon Battalion and left for California.

Back at Mount Pisgah, on June 22, 1846, Jacob Hess died. Elizabeth somehow moved her remaining family to Council Bluffs, where they stayed until 1848.

In September, 1848, John W. Hess came back to Council Bluffs to get his mother and her family. They waited for spring and arrived in Salt Lake on July 27, 1849. They camped at what is now McCune Grove and the next day proceeded to Farmington, Utah, where they made their home. Elizabeth's sons John W. and David helped their mother and settled near her in Farmington.

Elizabeth Foutz Hess died at Farmington, Davis, Utah, on August 22, 1876.

This history was written using information from histories written by John W. Hess and David Hess. It was submitted by Gloria N. Jensen in 1995.

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Birth date 4, Jan. 1797, Franklin, Co. Pa.
Death: AUG. 22, 1876. FARMINGTON, DAVIS, UTAH
Parents: JOHN FOUTZ AND ELIZABETH HINKLE
Pioneer: JULY 27, 1849 WAGON
Spouse: JACOB HESS
Married: 1816
Death: JUNE 22, 1846. MT. PISGA, UNION, IOWA
Children:
CATHERINE 10 SEPT 1817 DIED AGE 3
POLLY 27 JUNE 1819
MARY ANN 11 AUG. 1821
JOHN "W" 24 AUG. 1824
SARAH 22 FEB. 1827
ANN ELIZABETH 24 MAR 1829
CHRISTINA 11 MAY 1831
HARRIET 18 AUG. 1833
LYDIANN 24 JULY 1835
DAVID 18 FEB. 1837
ALMA 3 JUNE 1839
EMMA ELIZABETH 17 MAY 1841

Elizabeth Foutz was of German descent, her grandfather, Conrad Foutz, having been born in Germany in 1734. Franklin, Co., Pa. was settled mainly by German people and the Foutz children were taught to speak the German language before English. This caused them much embarrassment when they moved further west among English speaking people.

Elizabeth married Jacob Hess, of the same County, in 1816, and bore seven of her twelve children before moving to Richland Co., Ohio, to settle on a small farm. In March 1834, she with her husband and four older children was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Soon after their baptism, their once peaceful neighbors began to speak evil of them and to persecute them in various ways.

In 1836, the family moved to Missouri, settling in Ray Co. While they were living in this area, the Prophet Joseph Smith spent thirteen days in their home. A son, John W, recalled that he became very much attached to the Prophet, and learned to love him more dearly than any other person he ever met, his father and mother not excepted. "There was something heavenly and angelic in his looks that I never witnessed in the countenance of any other person."

After the expulsion of the Saints from Missouri, they moved to Hancock Co., Illinois and settled on a piece of wild land just seven miles from Carthage.

Jacob Foutz and his brother-in-law **Jacob Hess**, from the Dunker congregation area of Old Antietam on the Pennsylvania side of boundary with Washington Co., Md., took up land in Richland Co., Ohio, in 1830. Both Jacob Foutz and Jacob Hess subsequently became Mormon converts, went to Missouri with the Saints, were in the Haun's Mill Massacre (where Jacob Foutz was seriously wounded), retreated back to Illinois, settled in Nauvoo, and ultimately went West with the first wagon trains to Utah. Jacob Foutz had a brother John who was dead in 1840. ...in 1840, Jacob Foutz, grandson of Conrad Foutz, Sr., by son John, did LDS ordinances in proxy for his dead brother John....There was a lot of cross association between the Conococheage and Antietam Dunker congregations. The latter connection and Clear Spring location is heavy circumstance favoring the Frederick Foutz, Jr., connection---but Frederick Foutz sold his interest in the valuable estate of his father Frederick, Sr., to a sister in 1811---and disappears from all further Washington Co., Md., records. ..The Jacob Foutz Family Association, Inc., P. O. Box 1500, Farmington, New Mexico 87401....

PFAUTZ PATRIARCHAL ORDER AS OF 1 July, 1981

- A - HANS MCHAEEL PFAURZ, of Lancaster Co., Pa., immigrant of 1727.
- B - JACOB PFAUTZ, of York Co., Pa., immigrant before 1730.
- C - THEOBALD PFAUTZ (DAVID FOUTS, Sr.), of Randolph Co., N.C., immigrant of 1738.
- D - JOHN DAVID PFAUTZ, of Washington Co., Md. (issue of first wife);
of Rowan (now Davidson) Co., N.C. (issue of second wife); immigrant of
1749.
- E - CONRAD FOUTZ, of Franklin Co., Pa., immigrant of 1752.
- F - JOHN JACOB PFAURZ, of Philadelphia, Pa., immigrant of 1773.
- G - MICHAEL PFOUTS, Sr., of Harrison Co., Ohio, immigrant of 1787.
- H - JOHN FOUTS, of Morgan Co., Ohio, immigrant of 1820.
- I - ADAM FOUTZ, of Adams Co., Pa., immigrant of 1839.
- J - JACOB FOUTZ, of Baltimore, Md., immigrant of 1849.
- K - LEWIS FOUTZ, of Montgomery Co., Ohio, immigrant of-1850.
- L - ADAM FOURZ, of Dearborn Co., Indiana, immigrant of 1854.
- M - WILLIAM FAMZ, of San Francisco, Calif., immigrant of 1855.

N - GOTTLIEB PFAUTZ, of Philadelphia, Pa., immigrant of 1857.

O- WILLIAM FAURZ, of Norfolk, Va., immigrant of 1866.

NOTE: <http://www.rawlins.cnhost.com/mormontrail/gzimmerman.html>

<http://www.jwha.info/mmff/hmsaints.htm> (land ownership at Haun's Mill and map)

<http://www.farwesthistory.com/haunbro.htm>