

## Emily Atkin

Emily was born October 17, (one record has 14th) 1830 to Thomas Atkin and Mary Morley. She was baptized into the Church in 1843. In 1849 she along with her parents and brothers, Thomas and George, came to America. In the same company was her future husband Richard Warburton and his family.

The History of Tooele County says, on page 596; She had a good English education along with being trained in two trades; millinery and dress making and carried on her business successfully in later years. She married Richard Warburton on 29 May, 1851 and they became the parents of nine children;

The first Richard, married Laura Amanda DeWitt 13 Aug. 1880, and lived in Grouse Creek.

The 2nd, Polly, married Francis Julius Hammerland of Honeyville, 13 Sep. 1875 and settled in Corinne.

The 3rd, Emily, married Dr. William Bovee Dodds, 8 May 1879, and raised four sons in Tooele. She became county recorder after Utah was submitted as a State.

The 4th, Anna Bell, married John Adams, Jr., 5 Sep. 1880 and lived in Oakley.

The 5th, Thomas Atkin Warburton, at age 14 went to live with Richard in Grouse Creek and never married.

The 6th, James Atkin Warburton, married Lozetta Vollenweider and lived in Tooele. The 9th, William also married her after James died.

The 7th, Sophia Atkin Warburton, married Sam Hamel, had two sons and lived in Salt Lake.

The 8th, Georgia Atkin Warburton, married Louis Leroy Baker and lived in Tooele. They raised three sons and a daughter.

The 9th, Edward William Warburton, lived in Tooele, married Lozetta when his brother James died and raised James'

children and three of their own, a son and two daughters. (*This needs some verification because death dates would suggest it is wrong because brothers died in reverse order.*)

She experienced hardships in raising nine children, but never complained or murmured. "It is God's will and he will see us safely through the storm," she said.

On Sunday, April 5, 1871 the Relief Society was organized in Tooele and she was elected secretary which she filled faithfully for eighteen years, until her death. Bishop Rowberry set the sisters apart and in blessing Emily said she would be blessed with the Holy Spirit and that her vision of mind would be opened to understanding the things of the kingdom. Also that she would be a great comfort in giving counsel to others. (Brief History of Richard and Emily by Georgia Baker.)

Georgia's history says this blessing become a truth as more than one weary soul could testify. Many came to her with a heart full of discouragement and sadness, but before leaving had found the ray of hope.

She was also First Counselor in the Stake Relief Society Presidency. She also served in the Sunday School.

She had a sweet, lovable disposition and many friends, and was remembered as patient, cheerful, and charitable, also a wise counselor. The obituary said the relief society lost one of the most faithful members. At her passing, Ann Tate the correspondence Secretary to the Relief Society also wrote the following:

Dearest sister you have left us,  
For the bright and happier sphere,  
Although your spirit has departed,  
Your memory we'll cherish here.

You have gained the victory,  
And now at rest from pain,  
We are in this world of sorrow,  
Our loss is your eternal gain.

The home was located on Main Street, where the William Anderson store was later located. According to Mrs. Fred Warburton, a grand-daughter in-law, part of the Store was at one time the Warburton's front room. Her millinery shop was nearby was torn down when the Transcript Bulletin Office was built.

Again, according to Mrs. Fred Warburton, her diary, which she wrote from 26 February 1886 to October 31, 1887, was full of historical facts, and the trials and troubles of her day. Her understanding and deep love of her religion were stressed. Her health was poor that year and her last entry was October 31 1887. She died at Tooele February 12, 1888, after a long and lingering illness with much suffering, having lived 57 years.

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