

EMILY WAYMENT AND WILLIAM NEGUS

In the community of Whaddon, Cambridgeshire, England, the first baby girl arrived at the William and Martha Brown Wayment home on April 15, 1851. She was named Emily and was welcomed by her parents and two living brothers, Joseph and Samuel. At an early age she helped the Mormon missionaries by blacking and polishing their boots. Her father had joined the Mormon Church in 1850 and their home became a meeting place for the missionaries and a gathering place for the members of the Church and their friends. On May 7, 1860, Emily joined her two brothers, Joseph and Samuel and some other people, and was baptized a member of the Church by John Jacklin.

Emily learned from her mother how to keep a clean home and cook good meals. She was slight of build, stood a little over five feet tall with black hair and a fair skin. She fell in love with a young man, William Negus, from Melbourne, Cambridgeshire, a neighboring community, and they were married October 15, 1870. They set up a home in Melbourne.

William Negus was born November 13, 1846 to James and Sarah Sheldrick Negus in Melbourne, Cambridgeshire. He had four brothers. The family were members of the Baptist Church. William is the only one of his family to come to America. From what little is known, we assume that William learned farming from his father and learned how to handle horses and mules and work with clean equipment. Their oldest son, John described their home as follows:

The homes were concrete with thatched roof. There was one big room with a fireplace in one end. The cooking was done in kettles hanging in this fireplace.

William and Emily were happy with their first child, a son born August 31, 1871. They named him John and enjoyed watching him grow. But their joy was shortlived. Emily became very ill with pneumonia followed with complications. (It is understood by some in the family that Emily had typhoid fever.) Because of this illness, John, only 8-1/2 months, was taken to Whaddon where he was

cared for by his Grandmother Wayment and his Aunt Martha. This continued until he was 3 years old. Emily having recovered her health, John was returned home to Melbourne. John always had a fondness for his Aunt Martha.

It should be noted that Whaddon and Melbourne were neighboring communities. They were about 40 miles north and a little east of London. It seemed, as told by members of the family, that it was a common practice for a man to walk to London when the need arose.

Emily and William were blessed with a second son, Samuel Ernest, born April 3, 1873, in Melbourne. The light of this child was enjoyed only a short period for he died September 6, 1874, and was buried in the church yard of the Church of England in Whaddon. A year later the home was cheered again with a baby daughter born July 25, 1874, they named Martha Emily. A second daughter, Ada Mary, was born December 16, 1877.

Emily was grateful for the loving help she received from her mother and sister Martha. She missed her three brothers who had emigrated to America. It seems that she might have visited her home in Whaddon at frequent intervals. Her son John told how his parents would strap pack baskets on the back of their donkey and John and his sister Martha rode in the baskets when they went to Whaddon to visit their grandparents. But this source of comfort and help ended in 1878 when Emily's parents, her brother William T. and sister Martha emigrated to America.

Sorrow came to Emily and William in 1879. Their little daughter, Ada Mary, weakened and died September 1, 1879. Their son John said he remembered his little sister dying, and how the casket was tied on the back of their donkey and the family walked beside it as they went to the cemetery in Melbourne.

We can only guess at the sorrow, the yearnings and the hopes that surrounded Emily and William as they were faced a second time in five years with a vacancy in their family. However, they seemed

to strengthen each other and they carried on with their daily works. It would also seem that they cherished the idea of taking their turn to emigrate to America.

Another daughter blessed their home in Melbourne August 4, 1880, whom they named Ada Florence. Once again the vacancy in the family was filled and sorrow covered.

Little is known of the work and other activities of Emily and William Negus as they gathered their resources in preparation for the trip to America. But it did happen with the help of Emily's family in America. They completed arrangements and left Melbourne on John's birthday, August 31, 1882. They sailed September 2, 1882 from Liverpool, England on the ship WYOMING. Emily and William, with their children: John age 11, and their two daughters, Martha Emily age 8 and the baby Ada Florence age 2, were on their way to join Emily's family in the Utah Territory.

From a history of John Negus:

It took 21 days to make the journey--ten on the water, one getting into New York and on the train, then ten more days on the train. They didn't get off the train in those days, but bought milk and other foods from people who brought them on the train at railroad stops to sell to the passengers.

He remembers coming through Nebraska and seeing it so black where the sparks from the train set fires and burned almost everything in sight. When they reached Ogden the railway yards were almost filled with sunflowers. It made it seem like a sea of sunflowers and they were close enough one could almost reach them from the train window. He remembers piling bedding and all their other things on the wagon and going home with the folks who met them.

We may assume that Emily was happy to be with her parents, brothers and sister again. They were all pioneers and helped each

other establish their homes in a new land.

An interesting event took place in November. According to the Plain City Ward Records, Emily and William and their two children, John and Martha Emily, were baptized on November 5, 1882. Joseph Wayment baptized John and Martha Emily; William Negus was baptized by Alonzo Knight and Emily W. Negus by P. C. Green.

Emily's first winter in America passed without mishap. But the first spring brought sorrow to them and all the Wayment families. Their father, William Wayment, caught a cold in April, which probably turned to pneumonia, and he died May 17, 1883. Emily had met death before as two of her children had died in England.

Emily and William lived in a small house on the north edge of the benchland in Salt Creek, later named Warren. William earned his living by working for other people. They took part in the activities of the community along with the pioneer families.

On September 2, 1883, their home was blessed with another daughter whom they named Maud Mary. Their last child, a son named William Albert was born February 18, 1888 at Salt Creek (Warren).

The family seemed to be adjusting to their new environment. It was said of William Negus that he took pride in his horses and kept his wagon and tools clean. This latter may have led to the accident that caused his untimely death March 31, 1890. It seems he had been working for a neighbor and on his way home he drove into a drainage creek of the Weber River (near the present 2150 North 5700 West), to water his team and wash his wagon. The bank was muddy, the water was deeper than he thought and the team began to flounder. It is thought that he jumped into the water to loosen the doubletree to set his team free. In the struggle, both he and his team drowned. He was buried in the Plain City Cemetery.

Recovering from this tragedy, Emily kept her family together.

Her son John, age 18, and her daughter Martha Emily, age 16, were able to help her care for the three younger children, Ada Florence, age 10, Maud Mary, age 7, and William Albert, age 2. John particularly helped support his mother and family from his work herding sheep.

Two years passed and on October 25, 1892, Emily married George Mullen of Illinois. He was born October 13, 1856 and was a railroad worker. They continued to live in Warren for a time. Emily's daughter, Martha Emily, married Charles Stoker December 25, 1893. They settled in Afton, Wyoming.

On October 29, 1894, Emily and George were blessed with a beautiful baby girl they named Sylvia Grace. This beautiful baby's life was short, she died July 6, 1895 and was buried in the Plain City Cemetery. Emily's sister, Martha W. East, said of the baby, that "she was too beautiful to live." Emily and George continued to help the rest of the children have a happy life in their home, school, Church and community.

John, the oldest son, had homesteaded a place in Bear Lake Valley and built a one-room log cabin. He continued to work for the sheep men and five years later married Flora Elizabeth Cottle of Plain City on November 6, 1895 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was the daughter of Thomas Edward and Flora England Cottle, born August 26, 1873 in Plain City, Utah Territory. They loaded all their meager belongings in a covered wagon pulled by four horses and went to Bear Lake Valley. They lived in the log cabin the first year.

As the years went by, Emily's daughter Ada Florence, married Archibald Stewart on February 17, 1904 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was the son of William Lyle and Sarah Jane Thomas Stewart, born January 4, 1880 in Plain City, Weber County, Utah Territory. They made their first home in Warren, then "Blossom," then Ogden. Emily's daughter, Maud Mary, was married February 21, 1907 to Parley William George East of Warren. He was the son of Joseph and Louise Calder East, born February 10, 1885 in Warren. William

Albert, Emily's youngest son, married Pearl Browning of Ogden, on July 20, 1912 and they made their home in Ogden. She was the daughter of David E. and Mary Ann Anderson Browning, born December 10, 1891 at Burch Creek, Weber County, Utah Territory.

We don't know just when Emily and George Mullen left Warren. Emily's grandchildren, Lyle Stewart and Evelyn Stewart Hill tell of them living in several different places in Ogden and one summer of them, with some of the Stewarts, living in tents at Soldier Summit, Utah, where Uncle George, as Emily's children called him, and the other men worked laying tracks for the railroad.

Evelyn remembers going to their home with her mother, Ada Florence Negus Stewart to visit her grandmother and Uncle George when they lived on the south side of 33rd Street between Grant and Lincoln behind Linburg Grocery Store.

Emily's husband, George Mullen, died May 23, 1922 in Ogden and was buried in the Ogden City Cemetery at the age of 65 years 5 months and 10 days.

Emily wasn't in good health. Her children, Ada, Maud and William took good care of her first at her home, then later at Ada's home. She also visited short periods of time with her sister, Martha W. East in Warren. In the latter part of 1923, her son John and his wife Flora took her to Garden City to make her home with them. She was loved by her children, grandchildren, other members of her family, and friends.

Beatrice Negus Hansen wrote:

A Tribute to My Grandmother Emily Wayment Negus

I had never been very closely connected with my Grandmother in my girlhood life, because she lived in Ogden, Utah and we in Garden City, a little town in Bear Lake Valley, some 100 miles apart, and cars weren't as dependable, as they are today.

I think I had only seen Grandmother a time or two, until... she came to Garden City, to live with my father and mother, her son, John Negus. She was about 70 years old.

Grandmother was a little lady, probably 5 feet 4 inches or 5 feet 5 inches tall. Slender built, hair still quite dark, streaked with silver here and there.

She was a dainty lady always very neat in her appearance and liked things neat and clean in the home.

She was always very kind to everyone and liked to visit with us. She had a real sense of humor and was interested in the adventures of us.

I think this recipe may have fit Grandmother's home:

A Happy Home Recipe

4 cups of love	5 spoons of hope
2 cups of loyalty	2 spoons of tenderness
3 cups of forgiveness	4 quarts of faith
1 cup friendship	1 barrel of laughter

Take love and loyalty, mix it thoroughly with faith.
Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding.
Add friendship and hope, sprinkle abundantly with laughter.
Bake it with sunshine, serve daily with generous helpings.

Emily had been bothered with dropsy a number of years. This condition started giving more distress in the fall of 1924 and she passed away March 15, 1925 and was buried March 18, 1925 in Garden City, Rich County, Utah. She was survived by two sons and three daughters, John W. and William Albert Negus, Martha Emily N. Stoker, Ada Florence N. Stewart and Maud Mary N. East. Also her sister, Martha W. East and two brothers, Joseph and William T. Wayment.

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Also verifications from the L.D.S. Mission, Norwich and Bedfordshire Conferences, Ship Register of Passengers of the ship WYOMING 1882, Film # 025693; Plain City Ward and Cemetery Records, Film # 486.184 p. 72, and Film # 979.2 V22 P.L. p.35; Ogden City Cemetery Records, Film # 48187 p. 94.

It has been our goal to present in readable form the facts and stories of William and Emily Wayment Negus and their children as we have been able to gather them. Accuracy has been our watchword. In spite of all the efforts to avoid them, there will likely be some errors. We hope that they will not be serious and especially that no one will be hurt.

Compiled by Alma W. and Martha M. Hansen during the spring of 1979.

Anyone who has family stories, incidents and information of any kind that would add enrichment or interest to this biography is invited and urged to give it or send it to me. (Alma W. Hansen, 1638 Grant Ave., Ogden, Utah, 84404. Phone 393-4420).

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT <u>Royston & Buntingford</u>										
1851. BIRTH in the Sub-district of <u>Melbourn</u> in the County of <u>Cambridge</u>										
Columns:—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10*
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father	Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
286	<u>Fifteenth April 1857 Whaddon</u>	<u>Emily</u>	<u>girl</u>	<u>William Whaymont</u>	<u>Martha Whaymont formerly Brown</u>	<u>Labourer</u>	<u>The mark of Martha Whaymont May Mother Whaddon</u>	<u>Twentieth 1851</u>	<u>Samuel Milkinson Deputy Registrar</u>	

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*See note overleaf

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Registration District ROYSTON

1870 . Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church
in the Parish of Whaddon in the County of Cambridge

No.	1 When married	2 Name and surname	3 Age	4 Condition	5 Rank or profession	6 Residence at the time of marriage	7 Father's name and surname	8 Rank or profession of father
82	Oct. 15th	William Negus	Full	Bachelor	Labourer	Whaddon	James Negus	Labourer
		Emily Whayment	19	Spinster	—	Whaddon	William Whayment	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by me

This marriage was solemnized between us, { William x his mark Negus
Emily Whayment } in the presence of us, { James Negus
Kesia Archer } J.Ormsby Powell

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