

RACHEL LEE NOBLE

Rachel was one of five children born to Andrew Lee and Charlotte Dinwoodey. She was born in Grantsville, Utah, on December 25, 1853. She was a twin, but her brother Jacob died the day they were born. Her father died when she was nine years old, and, two years later her mother died. The children were taken care of by Charlotte's family, and Rachel was sent to the home of Henry and Frances Dinwoodey Rampton. Rachel worked hard for her board and keep. One of her weekly tasks was to shine the shoes of the eight men in the Rampton family. For shoe polish she had to use the soot from the stove lids. The daily routine of cleaning, washing and cooking for the family occupied most of her time. She became an expert seamstress, however, and an able manager of household affairs.

One summer while on a picnic at Bountiful, Rachel met Benjamin Noble. They fell in love and were married May 6, 1872. in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Utah.

All during their stormy pioneer life both in Arizona and Utah, Rachel was always ready and equipped to serve her neighbors. She cared for the sick and was a capable mid-wife. Her skill and companionship were sought, even in her later years. She foresaw the time when a temple would be built in Mesa, and predicted that some of her children would have the privilege of laboring in it. This has come true, for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have fulfilled this prophetic utterance.

Rachel Noble died in Mesa on January 20, 1917, very suddenly, from a ruptured artery in her heart.