

NANCY ANN BACHE

The grandfather of Nancy Ann Bache was Hermann Bache [Bach] who was born 13 May 1708 at Freudenberg, Westfalen, Germany. He married Anna Margrethe Hausmann who was born 13 Mar. 1712 at Bottenberg, Westfalen, Germany. Their oldest child was born in Bottenberg, Germany 10 Mar. 1737. Their next child was born in Madsen [Madison] County, Virginia, so they must have emigrated to the United States between 10 Mar. 1737 and 1738. To this union were born five children. The youngest was a boy whom they named Harmon Bache and he was born between 1745 and 1750. We do not have the exact date but it was about this time. We do not have the name of the woman he married but they did have a family. Among the children born to them was a girl whom they named Nancy Ann. She was born 23 Feb. 1790 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, which just happens to be the same town where her future husband, John Buchanan, was also born [he was actually born in Ireland] and where he grew up. John Buchanan and Nancy Ann Bache were married 12 Apr 1812 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky and a Reverend McCloud performed the ceremony, the two fathers acting as witnesses - John Buchanan and Harmon Bache.

I am sure we could do some speculating about their early childhood and maybe some romantic guessing about their teenage life and maybe even about their courtship, but history is silent on the subject, merely giving us the witnesses and the officiator.

They began their family immediately as their oldest child Jane was born 1 July 1813 in Lexington, Kentucky. For the records, Jane married Alexander B. Davis on 19 July 1831. The second child was Elizabeth and she was born 1 July 1815 in Lexington and married Joseph Wellington L. Collidge 17 Dec. 1835. The third child was Lorenzo Dow, born 14 July 1817 at Lexington and he died at the age of 16. The fourth child was Emmeline, born 1 Mar. 1820. She married Simmons Philander Curtis 4 July 1840. Next child was Catherine, We don't have the exact date except that she was born in 1823 in Lexington and she died at the age of 15. Then John was born 25 Jan. 1825 in Lexington and he married Adeline Coons, 23 Feb. 1851. He also married a second wife but that record will come at a later time. This John is the John that came to Utah and is the immediate progenitor of the John Buchanan family in Manti, and we will have considerable more to say about him. The next child was Mary Ann, again, another good old Buchanan name, born 1 Aug. 1827 in Lexington. She married Preston Guard but we do not have the date. The next child was Eleanora, born in 1828 or 1829 in Lexington. She died at the age of 10. The next to the last child was Archibald Waller Overton who was born 9 Feb. 1830 at Lexington and his first wife was Helen Amelia Whiting. They were married 22 Aug. 1855. Archibald is the father and the grandfather of the Glenwood and Sevier County Buchanans and is the subject of our study; the basic character in our story as we go forward. The last and tenth child was Martha Maris who was born 7 Mar. 1833 in Tazewell County, Illinois. She married Reuben Nurce Howell. We do not have the date.

This would indicate that the Buchanan family emigrated from Lexington, Kentucky to Tazewell County, Illinois sometime after 1830 and before 1833. From 1833 to 1839 when her husband John passed away, her life would be parallel with that of her husband.

She, with him and the family, passed through the persecutions and mobbings incident to the settlement of that part of the country by the Latter-day Saints.

After her husband's death, and in order to protect herself from future mobbings and violence, she moved her family to Nauvoo where they could be closer to the Prophet and to the body of the saints. It should be noted that her sons-in-law accompanied them from Lima to Nauvoo where they spent the next few years as a family.

It should be remembered that these were trying times for the saints even in Nauvoo. The temple was under construction and the saints were exerting every ounce of strength and effort and using every dollar to finance and complete the temple so that the sacred ordinances of the gospel could be administered in their fullness. June 27, 1844, the Prophet and his brother Hyrum were martyred by the mob in Carthage, Illinois, and we find the Buchanan family deeply concerned and wrapped up in that historical event because of their love for the Prophet and for the Church.

Persecutions and drivings and threats continued during the next several years after the death of the Prophet. The mobs felt now that the Prophet was gone that just a little extra effort on their part and a few more burnings and killings would destroy the Mormon people completely. Little did they know the faith of those who had accepted the Gospel of Jesus Christ and those who had a testimony of its divinity. Persecutions and mobbings only drove them closer together.

In the year of 1845 certain parts of the temple were nearing completion so that the ordinances of the endowment could be administered. There was a great rush of the people to receive these blessings before they left the country.

By the year 1846 it was a foregone conclusion that the saints would have to leave Nauvoo and go west into the plains. Before the Prophet's death he prophesied that the saints would go to the Rocky Mountains and there would build cities and towns and prosper in the valleys of the west.

The endowment ordinance as he had received it from the Lord had been given to the Twelve and a few others. The great program of sealing wives to husbands and children to parents was also explained and begun before the Prophet's life was taken. Under the direction of President Brigham Young the endowment work in the temple was commenced again in earnest and a number of the leading brethren and sisters of the Church received their blessings in the temple.

Let us picture in our minds the situation as it existed in Nauvoo and surrounding areas. Here was the House of the Lord. Here was the temple which they had built in their poverty and which they had dedicated to holy purposes, now they were being forced to leave it. Many of the worthy saints desired these blessings, not knowing if they would ever see another temple in their lifetime.

Many of the widows and the women who were not married wanted these blessings before they left Nauvoo and if possible to be sealed to one of the leading brethren of the Church. Maybe all things were not fully understood by them then, but their desire was to do the will of the Lord.

Nancy Ann Bache Buchanan had been a widow for seven years. Now she was facing the plains of Iowa and maybe further persecution and even death. On 22 Jan. 1846 she entered the temple and received her endowment. In the evening of the 22 Jan. 1846 she was sealed to Isaac Morley for time and for eternity. The children were not sealed. She was sealed and legally married to Isaac Morley on the above date. The writer has verified this fact and has seen the temple records of Nauvoo. She was sealed to him on the above date by Brigham Young at 7:15 in the evening and the witnesses were Willard Richards and a man by the name of A. M. Lyman. The writer has also searched and has been informed by the brethren that this sealing was never canceled. He has gone through the history of the Morley family and through their genealogy and in not one place is there a mention of his sealing to Nancy Ann. All of the circumstances indicate that they never lived together as husband and wife. (See information page 210) Isaac Morley did not accompany them, nor did he bring them to Utah as you would expect from a husband. As far as history goes on either side of the two lines there is nothing to suggest that he helped the family financially or physically in their move across the plains. The records indicate that Nancy Ann was finally sealed to her own husband John in the Manti Temple 17 June 1896.

Here we have a woman sealed to two husbands. This last sealing took place after her death and the brethren allowed it to happen since they did not know her wishes in the matter. During the Millennium she will have to make a choice but she will have her free agency to decide which husband she wants.

I might add that her position is similar to hundreds of others in like circumstances. There was a great deal of confusion in the early times.

Four of her children, including our grandfather Archie, were sealed to their father and mother the same day. Archie came all the way from Glenwood at the age of 66 to have it done. All of the family have since been sealed to their parents.

Nancy lived with her family. She and her two sons-in-law and her two sons, John and Archibald, who was now 16 years of age, and the girls started out and braved the mud and the cold of the winter of 1846 and 47. We find them in Council Bluffs in the spring of 1847.

The widow Buchanan at Council Bluffs was called upon to allow her oldest son John to go with the Mormon Battalion. She remained with the family at Council Bluffs and at Mount Pisgah until John had finished his term in the army.

John was not impressed with the deserts of the west and the difficulties of living in the mountains. He tried to persuade his mother and his family to remain in the beautiful

rolling lands of Iowa and to take up farms there and make that their home, but Nancy Ann was not to be deterred. She had made up her mind long ago to follow the Prophet and the saints. She convinced her family to follow and all of them did except one of her sons-in-law, the Coolidge family, who remained behind in Iowa.

The Buchanan group had accumulated sufficient food and animals so they left for Utah with the Howell train of pioneers. They arrived in Salt Lake Valley 13 Sept. 1852. They were immediately advised by Brigham Young to go south and settle in Sanpete County. They continued on south and the entire family arrived in Manti, where Nancy Ann and John spent the rest of their lives. He raised two big and good families in this area, which have been a credit to the Church and to their community. John died 11 Oct. 1897 and was buried at Manti.

Our grandfather, Archibald Waller Overton Buchanan, who had accompanied the family, was 22 years old when he arrived in Utah with his mother and her family. Nancy Ann's family was now all grown, the youngest child being 18, on their arrival in the valley. She had lost three in death and after many years of drivings, persecutions and difficulties with mob neighbors she undoubtedly was glad to see the broad valley of Sanpete County, and more than glad to settle down with her family to enjoy even pioneer privations and difficulties. The balance of her life was spent in making and building the present town of Manti, Utah. She died still proud of her heritage and her Buchanan name, 17 Aug. 1884 and lies buried in the Manti Cemetery.

From Manti, as her daughters married they went to other parts of the states. We do not have the history of many of them but her sons John and Archie stayed together in Manti until Archibald was called to go to Sevier County. John, Archibald and Lorenzo Dow, who died at an early age, were the only boys in the family of ten. This is completely contrary to the Buchanan pattern of families.

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BUCHANAN -- At Manti, Utah August 17, 1884, at the residence of her son, Brother John Buchanan, of extreme old age, Sister Nancy Bach Buchanan, born in Mercer County, Ky., Feb 25, 1790 and was consequently 94 years 5 months and 22 days old. She was of German extraction as her maiden name indicates, and was married to John Buchanan 1812 emigrated in 1830 to Illinois, where she first heard the Gospel. She was baptized in the winter of 1835 and in 1837 she joined the Saints in Caldwell Co., Missouri, where she passed through the privations and hardships of the Saints there. In the winter of 1837-38 she was expelled from the state and returned to Quincy, Ill. and from thence to Lima, and that state, where through disease brought on by exposure and hardship endured in Missouri, her husband died in 1839, leaving her with a family of eight children to provide for, In 1844 she was driven by mob violence from Lima to Nauvoo, where she remained until the Spring of 1846, when she, with a large company of Saints took up the line of march to the great west.

At Winter Quarters her son John, her only help, enlisted in the Mormon Battalions and at the expiration of his term he returned to Winter Quarters, made arrangements and started with his mother and the younger children across the plains. They reached Salt Lake Valley in 1853 (1852) and continued their journey to Sanpete Valley the same seasons where they have continued to reside.

Sister Buchanan knew but little of the pleasures of this life until her arrival here. Since that time, however she has enjoyed peace and happiness in her sons' households where all that loving hearts and willing hands could do to render her comfortable and happy was done.

She retained her mental powers to the last moments and was an untiring and uncompromising Latter-day Saint. In all her persecutions and trials she never faltered nor wavered for a moment, but died as she had lived -- full of love for the gospel, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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