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Date Pioneer Arrived 1847 Name of Company _____

NAME OF PIONEER Victoria Adelaide Brower Bates
(Complete name including all married names of women)

BIRTH DATE AND PLACE March 28, 1842 Spring Point, Coles, Illinois

DEATH DATE AND PLACE 1872 Batesville, Tooele Co., Utah

SPOUSES: (1) Erin Lafayette Bates (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____

PARENTS: (Father) Arrah Coates Brower (Mother) Mary Elizabeth Hussey

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VICTORIA ADELAIDE BROWER BATES 1842-1872

Victoria Adelaide Brower Bates was an older half-sister of my Great-Great-Grandma Hannah Brower Bates Liddell. That makes her my Great-Great Aunt Victoria.

My Grandpa Joseph Thomas Liddell looked in his family history biographies and records to tell me about Aunt Victoria. Her life sounds exciting and important.

Way back 161 years ago she was a pioneer child. She had hardships in her life. Also, she became a mother of 2 girls and 3 boys. She died June 13, 1872, during a fatal smallpox quarantine of Bates Ranch. She lived only 30 years. She was born March 28, 1842, at Spring Point, Coles, Ill.

Little Victoria started her life by toddling around in a house 16 miles from Nauvoo, Ill. When she was only 16 months old she bumped into a bucket of scalding water and fell in. Critical burns made her have to be carried around on a soft pillow for three months near death. She also took sick with burning fever and running bowels.

Her parents had strong faith and gave her tender care. They truly loved her. Everybody else felt they wouldn't be able to raise her but she lived.

The accident happened a few days before her father Great-Great-Great-Grandfather Aariah Coates Brower got a job. He was hired to be the foreman printer of the Times and Seasons newspaper of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Nauvoo on the east shore of the Mississippi River.

Before the new job the Browsers had nothing but the clothes on their backs, little to change into to wash, nothing to eat or any money. Once, Victoria's dad had to leave the family to work grubbing in the country prairie. He earned 50 cents a day for a week. He got paid in pork meat. He carried it on his back for miles back home.

Grandpa Brower found his wife Margaret Elizabeth Hussey Brower and little girls Ann Elizabeth 3, and baby Victoria living on some dried bread. They joyfully cooked and ate up all the pork in a few days but didn't know where they could find any more food. Then Grandpa Brower got the newspaper job.

Aariah had to be the best speller because the printing in the 1840s had to be done the old way of hand typesetting. He had to pick out of a rack of the alphabet each letter of each word in each line of each sentence to print.

He wrote about these family things in his autobiography. It and the story about Aunt Victoria have never been compiled or published in pioneer history.

A baby brother was born when Victoria turned two years old. Dad Brower bought a Nauvoo home lot for \$50 on Partridge Street. Their house was 1-1/2 stories high. It had four rooms and a well outside to drink. It was by a lot of Mormon Prophet Joseph Smith who was shot to death before then.

The murder story and obituaries of the prophet and his brother Hyrum when they were martyred were the biggest and saddest news Grandpa Brower printed in 1844. Then he had to print the obituary of their brother Samuel Smith two months later. Aunt Victoria Adelaide Brower was too little to share her dad's and mom's sadness then. She

Fourteen other pioneer child and baby relatives of Victoria are buried there too. Grandma Liddell's 33-day-old son Warren LeRoy Bates by her first marriage also is one of these children buried there.

None of the 18 graves that are there have any headstones. All of their names and dates have been put together since 2006. Family researchers did this to find some missing names and correct the list in the county history book

Not even the cemetery is marked. It's not protected from anyone digging into these graves. Grandpa Liddell is nearly 85. He is the only one alive now who can tell closely where these graves are.

My great-great-aunt's life story also needs to have one thing more added. She and everyone else buried there in Erda should be respected and honored at last. Aunt Victoria suffered hardships and she kept on bravely. She devoted herself to her family and helped settle the valley from the beginning.