



William Wilson Fife and Elizabeth Stewart

William Wilson Fife was born on the 16th of August 1857 at Ogden, Weber County, Utah. He was the second child and first son of William Nicol Fife and Diana Davis. His father, William Nicol Fife, was born in Scotland, joined the church in England and came to America in 1853, arriving in New Orleans. He came to Utah that same year with the John Brown Company. He became active in many worthwhile pursuit including construction and building, military, politics, and church work. His mother, Diana Davis, was born in South Wales where she joined the Church and came to America with her family in the first group of Saints from Wales. They crossed the plains with the George A. Smith Company, arriving in Salt Lake City in 1853. William Nicol Fife and Diana Davis were married on the 9th of July 1854 in Salt Lake City Endowment House. They had nine children, six of whom grew to adulthood

William Wilson Fife learned his father's trade of builder and architect at the age of 13 and at 15, he was a clerk in his father's business. When he was 17 he assumed entire charge of the drafting department. William served a mission for the Church to the Southern States and in 1882 married Elizabeth Stewart in the Salt Lake City Endowment House. When his father retired from the building business William then had his own architectural firm.

In 1884 William's mother Diana, was murdered at the Oak Grove Ranch in Arizona by a Mexican desperado, whose purpose seemed to have been plunder.

His wife, Elizabeth Stewart, was a daughter of Elizabeth White and Isaac Mitton Stewart, born 3 Sept 1863 in Draper, Utah. Her father Isaac Mitton Stewart was born in New Jersey, his ancestors had come from England around the 1700's. Isaac came to Utah in 1852, a captain of his own company, he company, he settled in Draper as a farmer and stock raiser, promoter of public schools and a bishop in Draper for 38 years. Her mother, Elizabeth White was born in England and at the age of 16 joined the Church along with her mother, sister, and brother. She sailed on the "Horizon" with some of her family, and joined the John Hunt Company of about 40 wagons to cross the plains to Utah. She married Isaac M. Stewart and had 11 children and lived to the age of 80.

William Wilson Fife and Elizabeth Stewart had seven children, William, Isaac, Leland, Iretta, Randolph, Walter, and Joseph. They had a happy home life and were well on their way to a prosperous future when tragedy befell William. While at a construction site a brick fell and struck him on the head causing a blb6d clot that proved to be inoperable. He went to many doctors in San Francisco and Chicago depleting the family finances to no avail. He died at the age of forty. Elizabeth a widow with 7 children at age 36 was a wonderful mother and manager. They converted part of their home into a

duplex and later added onto the house so she had places to rent out for income. All of the children worked to help the family. Elizabeth would not accept charity. Each of the seven children were taught the gospel and were married in the temple. Elizabeth died at the age of 57 on Oct 10, 1920.

