

Elizabeth Boss Kunz

Elizabeth Boss Kunz was born at Gindlishwand Bern Switzerland 14 August 1867. She was the 6th child of Johannes Boss and Marianna Gertsch.

Her home was a 2 story frame building situated in a narrow valley surrounded by high rugged mountains snow capped all year around, with a beautiful river flowing through the middle of the valley.

The school house was centered in this little alpine valley, three subjects were considered very important at school for girls, sewing, knitting, and music.

It was at this school she received her education.

The general condition of her health was good, she was 5 ft. 1 in. tall weighed 125 lbs, had brown eyes and auburn hair, her chest measure was 36 in.

Her father John Boss was born 2 Nov 1831 and he was an architect and contractor and the older boys worked along with him.

Her mother was a real homemaker and having a family of 12 children, cooking, washing ironing and mending the clothes was a full time job. She suffered with rheumatism in later life, it was during this time that the L.D.S. or Mormon missionaries came to their home, Fredrick W Schoenfeld who was President of the mission at that time called at their home and they began to investigate the Gospel.

Several of the family joined the church, mother (Elizabeth) and Emma were baptized 3 Dec 1885 by John Kunz III who was a L.D.S. missionary at that time, she and Emma being the first in the family to be baptized. They were baptized at night on account of so much persacuation.

Her father was baptized the 26 of Dec 1885, her mother died before she was baptized, due to ill health she was unable to have her beptism performed before she died, She died 22 Aug 1885 (her Temple work was done 18 Dec 1888) Mother was 16 years old when her mother died - family for 2 years until coming to America. and with the help of aunt Emma took over the Two years later or about 11 May 1887 after she joined the Church she bade farewell to her

home and loved ones, and emigrated for Utah with a Company of Saints and Missionaries .

They went to Liverpool by train and there boarded the Steamship for New York.

The emigrants joined with the other passengers in dancing and singing on the deck of the ship, Then the trouble began, when so many got seasick, They were aboard ship for seven days

and how happy they were when they sighted Land. They came to Salt Lake City Utah by train in the year 1887.

Learning the language was quite an ordeal as they talked Swiss mostly in the home. When she arrived in Bear Lake she lived with Uncle William Kunz and his family, (A brother of John Kunz III) and helped with making cheese.

She married Father on the 19 of Dec 1888, she became his wife in plural marriage, she was the sixth wife, they were married in Logan Temple .

She was especially interested in ^{the} rearing of her family and in the Gospel for which she gave up her home and loved ones. She was the mother of six children as follows Agnes R. Julia E. Parley P. H. Hazel, Lucy M. and Lydia. Baby Lydia died at Mothers death and was buried with her. Mother was known for her sweet disposition and among her associates, she was always a peacemaker, she would injure no ones feelings and would rather be wronged than hurt some one else.

She was a beautiful alto singer and used her sweet voice to brighten many lives among those she loved.

One year previous to her death she was sealed to her parents along with her brothers and sisters in the Salt Lake Temple.

Each spring and fall she along with her family would travel to Williamsburg and back helping to make cheese and milk cows, and some winters were spent in Pegrarn where they feed their cattle.

Seems the last sickness that so unexpectedly took her life was of a serious nature, the Doctor had advised to take her baby about 2 or 3 months before it was due for the safty of mother, ^{life} but she would not consent, hoping all would be well, when the baby came the Doctor thought all would be OK but mother suddenly took a sinking spell and was gone before he could do any thing for her.

Letter written by my father to Johannes Boss (His father in law) Sept 2nd 1900,

In regards to Mothers trouble at the time of her death.

The letter was written in German and Emma Schoenfield interpreted it to Agnes and Hazel 11 Feb 1954 at Orem Utah.

She (Mother) was to have her baby in May, about February she started to Hemerage, a few days at a time, and then quit a few days. The Doctor advised to take the baby then, but Mother would not consent, So she kept on in this condition until labor started. Father got the best Doctor he knew of, They had to take the baby it came feet first and lived only about 5 minutes. Mother seemed to be coming along alright at first and started to whisper to them . but being very weak. It appeared she might be alright, But soon took a sinking spell and started to Hemerage so badly, before the Doctor could do anything. He having stepped to a neighbour for a call. She died about 2 hours later. The Doctor said he had only lost 3 or 4 cases like her in all his practice of 2000 cases. Father felt they had done their best. He wrote in the letter what a wonderful wife and Mother she had been to him and her children.

The children were fat strong and healthy as she was able to nurse them all. He asked Aunt Louise to take care of them, as she had no children of her own .