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come back.

Keith When they got to Utah how did your father find out that your mother was with the group?

Laura My father lived in Farmington, and looking over the list of Immigrants that had just come in, he noticed my mothers name, Susan Leggett. He had said years before, when he came back from England from his mission that he had met a beautiful young girl there. She was 16 years old, but if she came to Zion or Utah he'd like to have her for a second wife. When my father saw her name with the list of immigrants he said, "Mary, I see this young lady's name here". She said, "Ezra you get on your best clothes and go right down there and bring that young lady up here".

Keith Who is this Mary you're talking about?

Laura Mary is Aunt Mary Stevenson my father's first wife.

Keith. Did he go down?

Laura He went down and brought my mother up to Farmington, and she lived there with Aunt Mary, and made clothes for four or five of the little boys. In later years I've heard these young men boast of the beautiful suits that my mother had made.

Keith How old was your mother when you were born?

Laura I think my mother was about 40 years old. I had one brother born after me, two years later, I was born in 1880 and my brother 1882.

Keith What did your mother used to tell you about England?

Laura My mother often told us that her home was near the sea shore, and she and her little brothers and sisters played out on the sands of the seashore, and picked up shells. She spent many happy days there along the beach picking up shells with her little brothers and sisters.

Keith Were the homes like that your father's two families lived in?

Laura My father had two homes, one Aunt Mary lived on one side of the street, and my mother on the other side of the street. They were beautiful homes. My mother's was a brick home, and we had four bedrooms, and a big hall, and a place on a ladder to go upstairs to sleep in the summer time. There was a white fence around the house. On

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