

Our Family Links

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Elizabeth Harris Powell is the mother of the mother of the father of the father of Jean Sabin Groberg. Elizabeth's history is one of intriguing and enigmatic obscurity. There are a whole lot of info as to when, where, and with whom Elizabeth was during her life with almost no explanation as to why or how she got to be there. The void of missing detail in her recorded history has led many diligent family history sleuthing descendants to try addressing those why and how details with questions, possible solutions, and even an occasional well-intended but unsourced declaration as if fact. But this life sketch does not weigh in on those detailed aspects of Elizabeth's history. It stands, rather, as a respectful bystander's testament to a stalwart woman who lived a remarkably long and difficult life—one full of faith, resilience, and statistical anomalies.

Elizabeth Harris Powell was born on October 12, 1821, in Llanover, Monmouthshire, Wales. Though many details surrounding her early life have been lost to the void of undocumented history, there are at least three points of data that have generally been accepted as true.

First: that Elizabeth's biological parents were named Mary Evans and John Harris. Though this is confirmed both by legal documentation and Elizabeth herself, the names "Mary Evans" and "John Harris" were exceedingly common in early 19th-century Wales, making it nearly impossible for any Harris/Powell history researchers to determine exactly which Mary Evans or John Harris actually contributed to Elizabeth's gene pool.

Second: that aside from giving birth to her, Mary Evans appears to have played no role in her daughter's life. Many records also suggest that Elizabeth's father was absent from her life, indicating she was not raised by either biological parent (despite both being alive at the time). The unusual circumstances of Elizabeth's upbringing

Finding Elizabeth Harris Powell

are further underscored by her omission of any mention of her parents from her personal records.

Third: that a certain 'John Harris of Llanover', acting as Elizabeth's guardian, made the rare but significant decision to send her to a girls' boarding school in England when she was 13 years old. In an era when fewer than 10% of European girls received any formal education at all, let alone one abroad and at a boarding school, this decision stands out as one of many life-altering anomalies in Elizabeth's early years.

Through a mutual friend at school, Elizabeth was introduced to John Powell, an English stonemason from Little Brampton, Herefordshire. Though eight years her senior, the two quickly formed a strong relationship made unique by yet another group of statistical anomalies.

First: Elizabeth and John eloped on November 13, 1840, when she was 19. This alone made their marriage unusual, since women then typically married around 23. Adding to the anomaly was the fact that the typical age gap at the time was 1.5 to 3 years—not eight.

Second: their first child was born two months after the wedding. In an era when most women bore their first child around a year after marriage, this would have likely been seen as a scandalous affair.

Third: At a time when teenage mothers were often met with social rejection, Elizabeth's grandfather welcomed the young couple and their child into his home. This unusually generous gesture of support likely provided them with more stability than they otherwise could have expected.

Even more striking than this kind act was the love and support Elizabeth received from her husband, John, who chose to not only remain with his young wife and child, but to upend his career and relocate to Wales.

A committed Methodist, Elizabeth involved herself deeply in her congregation, while John belonged to no specific church. Further proving his devotion, he agreed to lead the singing in the church choir.

The young family later moved so John could work at the Iron Works Mill. It was here they met the Huish family, who were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Following a period of illness, in which Mrs. Helen Niblet Huish provided John with both care and reading material (including her "Mormon scriptures"), John made a sudden and solitary decision that would change the family forever.

As later recorded by his eldest daughter Mary, John excused himself during a family visit to "go and keep an appointment in the village."

He later returned with wet hair, announcing that he had been baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"The remark was like setting a lighted match to a room of fire-damp. Mother was shocked. 'Why, John, would you join such a low degraded sect?' Some of our relatives scolded, some cursed, some cried. There was quite a commotion in our house."

Despite her initial resistance, Elizabeth chose to listen as John taught her the basic tenets of the "Mormon" church. Six weeks later, she was baptized, joining her husband in a religious community that comprised less than 0.5% of the Welsh population at the time.

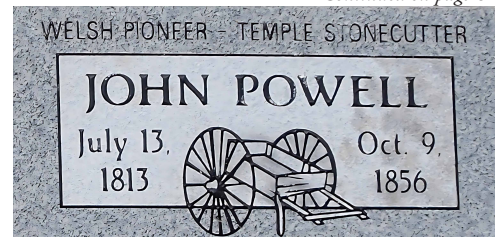
Elizabeth's adult life was not only shaped by her conversion but also her role as a mother. She bore twelve children with John, ten of which survived infancy. In 1856, when their twelfth child was three months old, John was again stricken with Typhus. During his illness, he received a blessing from the missionaries, in which they promised him he would not only live to see the Utah territory, but would be blessed with the opportunity to use his skills as a stonemason to work on the Salt Lake Temple.

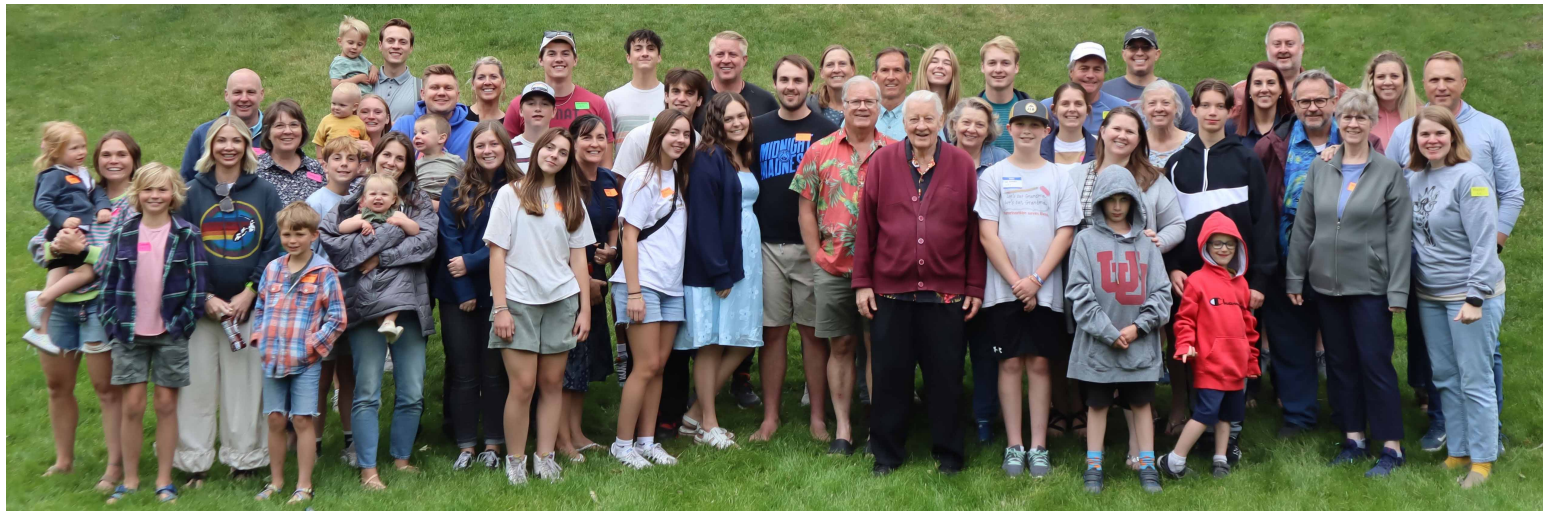
Showing great faith and commitment, Elizabeth, John, and their many children left Wales for the Americas, traveling aboard the clipper ship Enoch Train then crossing the plains with the Edmund Ellsworth Handcart Company. They arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on September 26, 1856. Though still weakened from illness, John found enough strength to fulfill his priesthood blessing by going straight to work on the Salt Lake Temple. He died less than two weeks later, on October 9, 1856.

Left alone at 35, with ten children, Elizabeth nevertheless found the strength to carry on. Guided by faith and bound by maternal duty, she navigated the hardships of widowhood with the same self-sufficiency that likely governed her through childhood.

Much of Elizabeth Harris Powell's story remains a mystery. The absence of consistent records, the commonality of Welsh names, and the contradictions that fill genealogical platforms like FamilySearch have made it difficult to form

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Family gathering for John's 90th birthday, Bountiful, Utah, June 17, 2024.

John Holbrook Groberg

When people ask me what I do with my time, I reply, "It's hard to say, but I know I always seem to have more to do than I get done." I try to walk 2-3 miles (in spells) almost every day, work on various projects like writing a novel and working on family talks, developing a scripture display, playing the piano most days for a short while, visiting with family and friends (including lots of Tongans), attending the temple, studying the scriptures, and of course, thinking of Jean, which always increases my desire to do and be better.

I speak at firesides and other meetings on occasion, write to missionaries and enjoy going to weddings and baby blessings and many other family events. I also visit quite a few doctors for "check-ups" which I guess are necessary. So far, I feel fine and appreciate the help I receive from my family. I drive around town, but not on the freeway. In short, life is good and certainly not boring.

Nancy & Steve Tingey

Joe and Natalie Tingey and their three children live in Holladay, Utah. Joe works for a data analytics company. Natalie orchestrates a busy family and an active elementary PTA as next year's president. Soren is in middle school and enjoys reading, skiing, mountain biking, woodworking, and hanging out with friends. Alexander is in third grade and enjoys reading, playing soccer and basketball, biking, and playing with baby cousins. Soren and Alexander are learning French through the school dual immersion program. Oleah is a bright and spunky soon-to-be kindergartner who is right at home at the school as she helps mom out frequently. She loves to color and play games.



Tingey Family

Ben and Melissa Tingey and baby Merrick live in Calgary, Canada. Ben works from home as an accounting consultant. Melissa is a dental hygienist who is enjoying maternity leave. They both love to hike and bike in the beautiful mountains of Alberta. Merrick is a happy, observant and conversant little guy with a quick smile and heart-warming laugh.

Eliza and Lance Heath live in Syracuse, Utah. They welcomed twins Henry (Hank) and Lou to their family last fall. Lance works for Abbott Medical helping patients with chronic pain find relief through implanted devices. Eliza is a part-time hair stylist with an adoring clientele. Hank and Lou love to sleep, eat, and freely give smiles to all.

Sarah and Landon Smart and their two children now live in San Diego, CA after spending three years in Tampa, FL. Landon is finishing the first year of a Pediatric Intensive Care Fellowship. Sarah deftly navigates small apartment living with two active children. Maggie is flourishing in kindergarten,

dance, tee-ball, and physical therapy as she recovers from a stroke that occurred three years ago. Miles is a happy, active toddler with a smile that brightens everything.

Nate does loan underwriting for a local credit union and works from home in Holladay, UT. He enjoys camping, music festivals, reading, trips with friends, and his truck.

Steve is winding down his 41 year career at his law firm, Ray, Quinney, and Nebeker. He enjoys a weekly golf day, NYT crossword puzzles, and grandpa activities. Nancy recently concluded 12 years on the local school board. She loves being more available for grandma time, family activities, and quilting.

Liz & Karl Owens

Karl is serving as 1st Counselor in our ward bishopric. This is his 4th time serving as a bishop's counselor. He's definitely the 'seasoned' one of the group. Liz was accepted into the ASPIRE program – where they pay for you to get a master's degree once you're hired as a SPED teacher. She's grateful that the principal at Sweetwater (an alternative, credit recovery high school) took a chance on her and enjoys teaching English full time there and working on her degree nights and weekends. If all goes well, she will graduate next year with a master's in special education from ASU. She enjoys being ward music chair, directing the choir and still teaches piano to a handful of HS and adult students.

Tyler is our only child still in Phoenix. He's been working at Grass Roots, a wonderful Scottsdale restaurant, for many years.

After 5 years in Minnesota, Dustin finished his PhD and is now teaching Spanish and related pedagogy classes at BYU. Whitney has authored several books and writes regularly for LDS Living Magazine and other outlets. Their 4 boys – Jason (16), Evan (14), Clarke (11), Zac (6) – are growing like weeds and doing well at their respective elementary, middle and high schools.



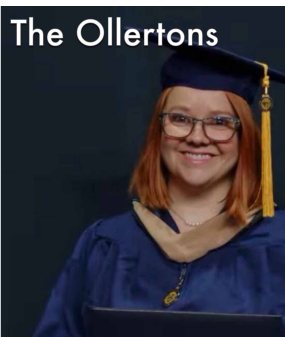
Hemsath's at Bryce Canyon.

Katie and Chris are enjoying life in Colorado where they run their own growing business, White Hat Services. They recently purchased a home in Centennial and enjoy living close to Bob & Christy Blair and the Sabeys. Their 4 children – Evolette (14), Dempsey (12), Cedar (9), Belinda (almost 5) - keep them hopping as do church callings and lots of home renovation projects.

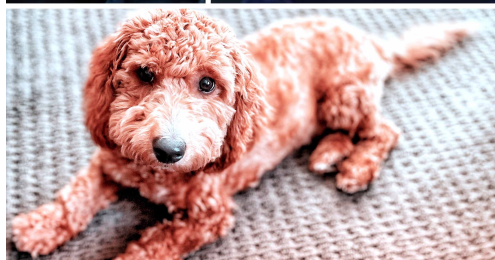


Johnson Family.

After spending a year in Charlotte, North Carolina, Jennie and Alex transferred to Des Moines, Iowa over 2 years ago. Alex works for Wells Fargo in Data Analytics. They bought a townhouse where they live with their cute dog Logan.



The Ollertons



Powell Family.

Marilyn & Matt Powell

Though our hearts are knit closely together in love, the Matt and Marilyn Powell family are geographically spread far and wide. While the patriarch and matriarch still reside on East Libra Dr. in Tempe, Arizona in the same home they have lived in for the past 34 years, our seven children are living in many far-flung places, six of which are most definitely not Tempe, AZ.

Jim & Christie live 190 miles away in Yuma County, AZ. Jim is a resource teacher for several elementary schools in the Yuma area. He is a great conversationalist and has a wealth of knowledge on many varied topics, including his latest hobby of birding. Christie is a prolific author, having written 18 books with more to come (check out her website thespectrabooks.com). They are raising five wonderful inquisitive children, ranging in age from 2 to 16.

Tom & Sarita live 2639 miles away in Boston, MA. Tom is an electrical engineer for Bose, working in their automotive department. He enjoys any opportunity he gets to play his cello. Sarita plays violin in the Du Bois Orchestra. This unique orchestra's mission is making music a means to overcome social exclusion. Tom and Sarita are raising two beautiful energetic children, ages 5 and 7, who have both started playing stringed instruments as well.

Sam & Elise live 1101 miles away in Bartlesville, OK. Sam is a financial auditor for Diamondback Energy. He is also the CFO and an amazing viola player for the Bartlesville Symphony. Elise has a beautiful cut flower business which she runs from their home (check out [@beevilleblossoms](https://www.facebook.com/beevilleblossoms) on facebook/instagram). They homeschool their five creative and intelligent children, ages 2 to 11.

Paul & Quinn live 2421 miles away in Brooklyn, NY. Paul is a Field Application Scientist for Wyatt Technology. When he has free time, you might find him inline skating or folding origami creatures. Quinn works as a Senior Strategy Project Manager for Springer Nature. She is currently on

parental leave taking wonderful care of their precious little 3-month-old daughter.

Maddy lives 0 miles away (just down the hall in fact) in Tempe, AZ. She puts up with and is a great support to her aging parents. She does contract work for several small companies. She edits business documents and websites, keeps up social media accounts, and anything else her various bosses need her to do. She is in the process of applying to graduate schools for a masters in Library Science. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, photography, and playing cello in a community orchestra.

Luke & Jessica live 955 miles away in Nampa, ID. Luke works as a machinist at A-1 Contours. He's about to finish the schooling needed to get his official machinist certifications. Jessica has recently learned the joy and power of crochet. She works at a local Rec Center as a childcare attendant. Their cute sweet 2-year-old daughter goes with her to work and loves playing with the other children there.

Joe lives 2914 miles away in Honolulu, HI. He recently graduated from BYU-H with a Bachelors degree in Music, a Certificate in TESOL, and minors in Political Science and Education. He is currently an Educational Assistant for the 6th grade at a middle school in the Honolulu area. He will begin an ethnomusicology masters program at UH Manoa in September. In his spare time, he is very involved in all kinds of musical ventures on the island. He plays his horn when the opportunity arises, sings in various community choirs, and helps teach a youth musical theater workshop with one of his former professors.

Matt and Marilyn live in Tempe, AZ. Matt is adjusting to retired life after having worked for the State of Arizona as an Administrative Law Judge for the last three decades. He still plays the piano beautifully and continues to be an avid family history buff. Marilyn has worked for the Seminaries & Institutes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for over two decades. She is about to finish her 14th year at the

Tempe (ASU) Institute. She loves her job, but with Matt's recent change of status, finds herself dreaming of when she can make the switch to retirement so she's more available to spend time with children and grandchildren. In her free time, she enjoys walking, hiking, and listening to podcasts.

No matter the distance, we are grateful to be a part of such an amazing extended family. Our door is always open, and we look forward to seeing you whenever that opportunity arises.

Jane & Troy Garner

Troy is working at Enbridge Gas. He loves to play tennis and go fishing. Jane is doing photography and working as the office manager for a Psychological Testing company.

Ryan, Kristin, and daughter, Kensington moved from California to Utah, and welcomed a new daughter, Jane, in April. Ryan is working for an orthopedic urgent care facility. We are so excited to have them move back here.

Rachel and Jeff are loving their farm life in Layton, Utah, with their horses and chickens. Rachel has been working with clients doing equine therapy. Jeff is working as a project manager for a local company. They had their first child, Audrey, also in April.

Brett and Kim are living in Clinton, UT. Brett is working as an engineer and Kim is teaching music lessons. Their 2-year-old daughter, Adelaide, is adorable and loves music. Their newest daughter, Lucy Mae, was born on June 23.

Troy and Jane are looking forward to enjoying their 3 new granddaughters!

Gayle & Craig Teuscher

The biggest news is that our son Isaac got married this past October. We love expanding our family circle to include Anne Rom-



Isaac & Anne Teuscher wedding.

ney and her family too. Anne and Issac live in Provo currently. Anne is graduating next week and will continue working as a medical assistant to get enough clinical hours to be able to apply to PA school. Issac is part way through his masters program at BYU in cybersecurity and getting some work experience on the side at a company called Paramify.

Adam, our oldest, is committed to lots of good things including his family, faith and friends as well as his work in computer vision and machine learning. Another thing he is committed to is offering a viable third party for people who don't find either of the two main political parties to be what they align with. For the past couple of years he has been the Utah state lead for the Forward Party and has worked closely with several of the national party people who have all been surprised by and supportive of Utah's progress and growth.

Noah is also committed to lots of good things. He works as a computer engineer for a company called Lumafield. They make industrial CT scanners. The company is currently in a growth phase so that has been fun for him to experience. He is enjoying living in San Francisco, riding his bike to work, swimming in the bay, birding, and taking advantage of all the good food options the city has to offer.

Grace is enjoying everything BYU—the academics (she is studying bio informatics) the opportunities for spiritual growth and the social life too. She is having fun being roommates with her cousin Sadie Bailey. She will likely be staying Provo this summer to take a few classes and work in one of her professors labs.

Craig and Gayle are loving living in Park City and all that has to offer in terms of outdoor activities. It has been really fun for us to be closer to some of our family than we were when we lived in California or New

York. Craig got a new church calling as an Area Authority 70 in Utah, so while we are sure that it will be a big blessing and opportunity to serve, we do acknowledge that it will also curtail some of the weekends' outdoor activities as he will be going to lots of stake conferences instead. Good thing he filled the last few months with lots and lots of skiing!

We love our Savior and are truly grateful for opportunities to serve and love and learn and grow closer to Him. We hope you will all take advantage of whatever opportunities you have to do the same.

John & Beverly Groberg

Our family is experiencing many wonderful events and have been blessed with growing family trees, educational milestones and opportunities, stretching spiritual experiences and we are grateful for any and all family time we enjoy. So, a brief recap and highlight of the family will follow as we start off with the oldest to the youngest.

Our house is still a revolving door it seems! We get used to 3 kids at home, then adjust to 2 and then readjust to 3 and now are anticipating only 1 after June! And then we love the adventure of grandkids and the time we enjoy with them! Definitely a lot still going on! John continues to manage and grow his Viva Med Suites business. He opened up a second location and that was a huge undertaking! We are hoping to have it grow in members this next year! Beverly is completing her 10th year of subbing for the elementary schools! Although the pay isn't the greatest, the flexibility of the job is amazing!

Kyle and Taylor have 3 gorgeous children and have settled in a lovely home close to us! They came back to the "Hood", and we are so happy they are close by. Ollie is 7, Jesse is 5 and Tillie is 3. They are full of energy, smiles and creativity! Kyle is practicing pediatric dentistry, and we are so proud of his accomplishments and skill in dental care. Taylor stays busy with managing a busy household of 5, creating informative and fun videos on social platforms and pursuing hobbies.

Brian and Maddy live in Springville, UT with their two adorable boys. Andrew is 3 and August is 1 1/2. Andrew loves to sing and will gladly share his favorite songs with you! August loves to FT and enjoys everything techy it seems! Brian and Maddy both graduated from BYU a few years ago and



Kyle, Taylor, Ollie, Jesse, Tillie.



Maddy, August, Andrew, Brian.

Brian operates his own Health Insurance Sales business. (He is the guy if you have any Health Insurance needs!). With two active little ones, no need to ask how Maddy spends her days! Motherhood is definitely a demanding job, and we are grateful for awesome DILs who make it look so easy!!

Ethan married Emma Lofgran and they both graduated from BYU just over a year ago. They left the Provo university life behind to start a new life in San Antonio, TX. Ethan began Dental School there and is almost through with his first year! 3 more to go!!! He can do it!!! They were blessed with the birth of little Reuben in December 2024 and have embraced the parenting adventure! Reuben is full of smiles, giggles and love! Emma and Ethan survived the newborn stage and hopefully with Reuben napping better Emma can find time for Art and all her creative talents.



Emma, Ethan, Reuben.

Jason has also hit some huge life milestones these last couple of years. He graduated High School and started at BYU! He excelled academically and secured a full tuition scholarship! He chose to serve a mission and was called to Cancun, Mexico! We are so grateful for the time he served there, and we welcomed him home in January. He has enjoyed catching up with friends, working,

rock climbing and playing the piano! He is returning to the BYU college scene in June!

Tessa thrived in High School and has enjoyed many new experiences all while maintaining fabulous grades. She chose to focus on piano, so she did leave the world of High School orchestra behind after her freshman year. She will pull out the violin for the Ward Christmas Strings prelude in December. She played tennis with MTV for two years and was JV captain for one! She has worked during her Senior year at a Physical Therapy Office and is a floor clinician, helping patients through exercises and manning the front desk duties. She will graduate in May and then begin the BYU adventure with Jason in June 2025!

Kate has grown so much these last few years! She definitely has developed many talents and embraced many new opportunities. She has chosen to attend a different HS than her siblings and currently is a sophomore. She loves art, recently receiving an "Honorable Mention" award at the recent school art show, excels in piano and voice and has found a passion for Pilates and the gym! We celebrate her NHS induction this month and are excited for what her last two years of HS will bring!



Tessa, Jason, Bev, John, Kate.

Sue Squire

As a single mom for the past several years, I have been learning a lot about navigating life with its many ups and downs, especially with understanding mental illness and trauma as all of my children have several various conditions. I have learned a lot entering the workforce as a working mom. I am a customer service representative for the company OliveandCocoa.com. In addition, I most joined forces with a dear friend and together we created ele-mentalhealing.com, a mental health/therapy practice that is both in person and online. I designed the website for it. It has been a fascinating journey to learn about web development and creating

something that I am passionate about, helping others in understanding mental illness and healing from trauma. Yoga and boxing have become important to me in helping with my own physical, emotional and mental health. My children are all learning to navigate life with all the ups and downs on their own personal journeys. The best ways we have found that help us continue to learn and grow and to understand and express ourselves is through the creative means of film, writing, art and music.

Thomas Groberg

I am living in Idaho Falls, where I work with cousin Mike at DV Groberg company. I enjoy getting outside and photographing wildlife and working on my garden.

Jennie & Dave Blaser

Dave and Jennie live in Gilbert, AZ and are empty nesters. Dave is serving as the bishop of our ward and Jennie is serving in the Stake Young Women's presidency. Dave is set to retire from Layton Construction on July 1, 2025. Act II of his career is to be determined, but they will enjoy traveling for a bit before settling in on anything. Jennie published her first book, entitled "One Plus One Equals Three" in April 2024 and is working on number two.

Eden (24) married Jacob Hoopes (24) in May of 2023. Eden served a mission in Arkansas and Jake served in Mexico and Boston. Jake is finishing up a degree in Information Systems at BYU. Eden graduation in Experience and Design Management in April of 2024 and has worked for the dating app Mutual ever since. She plans and runs all of their in-person events, which includes helping out with the church's YSA conferences all over the country.

Joshua (22) returned from his Spanish-speaking mission to Kentucky in May of 2023 and has continued his studies in Physics at BYU. He is an avid rock climber, triathlete, student, and socialite. He spent four months in a world religion study abroad in 2024 visiting religious sites from Europe to Africa, the Middle East, and throughout Asia.

Teya (19) is about half-way through her Spanish-speaking mission in Atlanta, Georgia, although she has yet to serve in a Spanish-speaking area. She is dedicated and loves bringing the light of Christ to all she encounters. She completed her first year of studies at BYU in Laboratory Medical Science.



Josh, Jennie, Teya, Dave, Eden, Jacob.

Viki & Greg Bailey

Greg and Viki Bailey left Idaho Falls after nearly 2 decades of raising their family there and moved down to Sanpete County. They purchased a home in Ephraim.

Greg is enjoying working as a physical therapist for Therapy West in Mountain Pleasant, Utah. He gets to do home-health, inpatient, and outpatient therapy as well as training for his EMG certification, which he is really talented at. He was called just over a year ago as Bishop of the ward and is staying busy in that regard.

Viki started up on After-hours pediatric clinic called Sanpete KidsCare and within a year sold it to the other company she was working for, Utah Valley Pediatrics. She continues working as a pediatric provider and manager of the office in Ephraim. She's been very busy. In her free time, she loves hiking the hills, serving in the Manti Temple each week as an ordinance worker, and volunteering in community events, such as the Central Utah Tree Festival (which raises funds to help with the medical needs of children in

the area). Viki loves her two goats and 13 chickens and is looking forward to bringing more animals to her little backyard farm. She's looking forward to a week of girls camp this summer!

There are only 2 kids left at home: Miles and Emerson: Miles is in 10th grade and was the basketball team manager at Manti High. He is doing great in school and is such an hard worker. He also recently got his drivers permit with license

coming in August!

Emerson's in eighth grade and doing well in school. He is involved in track and is a very talented in music, playing both flute and more recently, the guitar - and he's super good at it!

Maelynn and Zach Snyder live in Sandy with their two children: Leo (4) and Calli (2) who are adorable, fun, and keep mom busy. Zach works for Trane Technologies Landen and Rachel Bailey live in American Fork. Landen works for a tech startup in Sandy called "Redo" and Rachel teaches seminary at Pleasant Grove high school.

Seth and Elizabeth Bailey and their daughter Juniper live in Provo for now. Seth leads the EMT team at BYU and also working as a EMT in Heber. They will be moving to Texas for medical school this summer.

Sadie returned from Uruguay and started school at BYU. She works at the enrollment office and is leaning towards business/marketing but still trying to "nail that major down". She is also still doing her car detailing on the side.

Lane has been serving for a year in the Cusco, Peru mission. His Spanish is fantastic and he currently moved up to a city next to Lake Titicaca. He's learning lots and loving his time there.

Emily Groberg

I am living in Pleasant Grove and enjoy teaching in Relief Society. I work as a corporate controller for a home services platform called Intermountain Home Services based in Salt Lake City. I oversee the financial and operational processes for several companies and it keeps me very busy but I'm learning a lot. I spend time with Dad and other friends and family when I can. Life is good.

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a clear and authoritative narrative. Theories proliferate, often with more imagination than evidence.

But the facts we do have show that her life was not shaped by what she inherited, but rather by what she endured and created. Those descendants who have stepped in to fill the holes in her history have revealed not only certain facts about her life but also a deep desire to understand and honor the quiet resilience of a woman who, against all odds, persisted, adapted, and led her family into a new world, leaving behind an enduring testament of faith, family, and fortitude.

But her legacy is as much about what is missing as what is known, and in the absence of her own words (or the words of her parents), we are taught this vital truth: If you don't write your own account, others will write it for you.



Landen & Rachel Bailey wedding.