



## Face of Fillmore

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With Mothers' Day fast approaching, the Face of Fillmore this week looks at the first woman to give birth in Fillmore.



Henrietta Call, the first woman to give birth in Fillmore

Henrietta C. Williams Call was the youngest child of William and Lydia Barnes Williams. Born in Holland, New York on September 26, 1826, her parents joined the LDS Church when she was a young girl. The family went with the Saints in their move to Kirtland, Ohio. Before they had reached Kirtland, both parents became sick and died within a few days of each other. Henrietta was raised in the home of her oldest brother Charles. They arrived in Missouri in time to be driven out with the rest of the Saints and settled in Nauvoo.

It was here that she became acquainted with Josiah Call and married him on March 1, 1846.

Soon after their marriage, they started west and were among the first company organized to cross the Rocky Mountains. The season was too late to make the journey to Salt Lake and the company wintered among the Puncas Indians. After suffering through the winter, they returned to the main group of the church in Iowa in the spring of 1847, where they remained until the summer of 1849. That summer they again began the trek to Salt Lake and arrived there in November.

Henrietta and Josiah Call along with Judson Tolman, Samuel Meacham and others were the first settlers of Tooele County, when they moved to the area where the city of Tooele is now located later in 1849.

In the fall of 1851, the Call family moved to Fillmore along with the small company led by Anson Call, Josiah's brother, and thus she became one of the first pioneers here.

About two months later, on January 28, 1852, Mrs. Call gave birth to the first child born in Fillmore whom they named Columbia Fillmore Call.

On October 5, 1858, about two miles south of Chicken Creek, Josiah Call and Samuel Brown were killed by Indians on a return trip from Salt Lake City. It was thought they might have been mistaken for soldiers as they were wearing Army overcoats that they had traded for from the Army.



Josiah Call



Columbia Fillmore Call, the first baby to be born in Fillmore

Now widowed, Henrietta remained with her young family in Fillmore until June, 1859 when she sold her home and moved to Bountiful. She married Anson Call in 1861.

The last few years of her life were spent with her oldest daughter, Mrs. Thomas Tingey of Centerville. She died on December 8, 1900 while visiting at the home of her son Cyril J. Call. She was the mother of six children, 54 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

Columbia married Heber Chancy Loveland, January 18, 1867. The couple had five children. They lived in Bountiful until December 10, 1882, when they moved to Chesterfield, Idaho. She died December 8, 1900 and was buried in the Syracuse, Utah Cemetery.

### **Fillmore's First Nickname**

In the earliest years of Fillmore an interesting nickname was used for the community. The old fort was east of present day Main Street and north Center Street, dropping down over the hill along the creek. Many of the early settlers had come from Provo and other parts of Utah County. Thus Fillmore became known as "Provo Under the Hill".