

Sarah Endacott (Gollop)

Sarah Ostler, what was her maiden name? Her children had given her several different names. It is hard to find someone if you don't know their name. It was not until Sarah joined the church at Bridport that we really found something about her.



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Her father was Thomas Gollop and her mother was Agnes Endacott. We looked everywhere but could not find these names. Brother Smith suggested to me that her parents might not have been married and that she was raised with the name of Endacott. We searched bonds saved in the archives at Dorchester. Sure enough. Agnes had sued Thomas Gollop for the keep of her child. Here we found the date of Sarah's birth, 7 May 1809, at Stoke Abbot. She was not christened there. How about this father. There were lots of Gollop's at Stoke Abbot and also Netherbury. We could not find any trace of Endacott's. We gathered from it all that Agnes had come from some place distant that we had not searched and had come to live in Stoke Abbot. This was customary for young people to go to larger places and hire out as servants or find work in some mill.

From the records we found of the Gollop's, they were people who had more than the regular peasant so we do not know, but perhaps someday we will find the answer. Did Agnes go to the Gollop home to work as a servant girl. They had many of them. Thomas was the only boy in the family of girls. Had they "spoiled him." Did he fall in love with Agnes? It was not proper for a man of this stature to marry one of his servants. Maybe some day we will know. All that we know is that Agnes sued for the keep of her little girl and she got it.

We find that Sarah, daughter of Agnes Endacott, was christened in Bridport two years after she was born, Christmas day, 1811.

The next record we have of Sarah is her marriage 6 Jun 1830 in the Parish Church at Bridport to John Ostler. Here she gave the name of Sarah Endacott.

I am sure that Sarah had a happy life with John Ostler and the lovely family that came to their home. She did have two disappointments come to her in early married life and that was to lose two children, a son and a daughter. We find the christenings of these two children at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, so we know that John and Sarah were not happy the church they had been raised in, the Church of England. After 17 years of married life together the Mormon missionaries came to their door and Sarah and John accepted the gospel.

To go to Zion was their great ambition, so they saved and in 1861 their dreams came true. They, with five of their children, sailed to a new homeland. Much has been said about this trip and I am sure that it was not easy that summer, but their faith never daunted. Imagine how this family must have felt when they arrived at Florence, Nebraska, knowing that all supplies would be there

for them to continue west only to find nothing. What were they to do? No food or supplies. The emigration fund had been depleted. Their prayers were answered and they came across those plains better supplied than any other company before them. Our Father in Heaven always answers our prayers if we are faithful and sincere.

In Nephi, it must have been hard for them as they were middle-aged people to have to begin from scratch. They did, and they built them a home.

Sarah's dear companion was not well and so she was asked to part with him after being there only 8 years. She followed, just three years later, on 24 April 1872, not yet 63 years of age.

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