

JULIA ANN JINKS DRUCE



## THE STORY OF JULIA ANN JINKS DRUCE

Julia Ann Jinks Druce was born April 17, 1824 at Stone, Staffordshire, England, the daughter of John Jinks, Jr. and Mary Woodfield. She joined the Church on April 5, 1840. She married John Druce on June 19, 1842 in the old Colligate Church in Manchester, England. John was an engraver in a print shop.

In August 1846, Julia and John and their two little girls, two-year old Julia and baby Mary left England and went to New York. They lived in Haverstraw, New York for 15 years. Five more children were born there, daughters Lilly and Eliza Jane, son John Alma, and daughters Ada and Amanda. John worked as a printer and was the Branch President.

In 1861 the family decided to go to Utah. They left Haverstraw on June 11, John, Julia and their seven children, a cook and two teamsters. They joined Ira Reed's Independent Company and arrived in Salt Lake on September 16, 1861.

The family bought a home in the Twelfth Ward on 5th East Street. John learned the carpenter trade and became a building contractor. Two more children were born in Salt Lake, Edgar and Kate. Kate died when she was just two years old, but the other eight children grew to adulthood.

Julia was a teacher in the Relief Society of the 12th Ward from 1868 to 1897 - 29 years - then she became the Relief Society President and served until the fall of 1908 - 11 years. She was also a member of the Reapers Club.

Julia died on February 2, 1915 and was buried in the Salt Lake City cemetery.