

NATIVE PIONEER

BIRD, Abbie Ann Brown

Born 13 June 1858

Birthday 83rd, 80th

Married BIRD, Charles

SPRINGVILLE, June 13.—Especially honoring Mrs. Abbie Ann Bird, who is celebrating her eighty-third birthday today, a family dinner will be given this evening at the



home of a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bird.

A daughter of Edwin and Hannah H. Brown, colonizers sent by Brigham Young to Mantel, Mrs. Bird was born June 13, 1858.

She lived there until she was two years old, when the family moved to Springville.

She was married to Charles Bird of Mapleton in the Salt Lake Endowment House July 25, 1878. Two years later she moved to Mapleton and was one of the first nine families to settle in the community. Mr. Bird died in 1936.

An active worker in civic, social and Church affairs, Mrs. Bird was a counselor to Mrs. Lydia M. Johnson when the first M. I. A., known then as the Retrenchment Society, was organized in Springville. Upon moving to Mapleton, she became the first M. I. A. president.

She also was Primary president for seven years and a member of the Mapleton Genealogical Committee for many years. She was the second Relief Society secretary in Mapleton.

She was a charter member of the Mapleton Chapter, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and the first president of the organization.

An interesting fact is that Mrs. Bird was one of the early telegraph operators in this vicinity.

She has 46 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren among which there are five sets of twins and the following children: Mrs. Hyrum Manwaring and Mrs. Walter Manwaring of Rexburg, Ida.; Mrs. R. L. Mendenhall, Elmer and Freeman Bird of Mapleton, Mrs. L. A. Hill of Payson and Merrill W. Bird of Ogden.

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