

# History of Disease & Medical Care in Cache Valley

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Sent to me from my cousin, Dr James Lamoreaux, Utah Nov 1982  
My notes are in [brackets] High-lighting indicates my ancestors.

**[Two of my ancestors are mentioned in this work; David Burlock Lamoreaux and Lydia Young Crockett. Lydia's grand daughter, Lydia Lavera Crockett, and David's son Archibald Orrell Lamoreaux married and are my great-grandparents.]**

## Chapter III

### GROWTH AND ADVANCEMENT IN MEDICAL CARE AND CONTROL OF DISEASE 1860-1890

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Another phase of early care was the practice of the midwives. They were very proficient for their times and had a good practice even after the arrival of qualified physicians. Even in 1890 the mid-wives in the valley were handling the greater portion of maternity cases.

**The first and one of the best of these women was Mrs David Crockett, better known as Sister Lydia Crockett. She came from Payson in 1860 and lived in the valley until 1874 when she died at the age of seventy-three. Mrs. Crockett was the most successful and widely known mid-wife of her time. She did not stay exclusively with maternity cases but spent a lot of her time nursing out when any disease was prevalent.**

Two women who were not as widely known but never-the-less noteworthy are Mrs Maughan and Mrs Funk. Mrs Maughan came to Cache Valley in 1860 and spent the remainder of her life here as mid-wife and nurse. Mrs Funk spent her time in much the same way but her territory was in Richmond and Lewiston, as she lived in the northern part of the valley.

Mrs Mary McAllister is the next outstanding maternity worker. **She took over the practice of Mrs Crockett in 1874, with whom she had worked for several years.** She traveled over the entire valley in a horse and buggy as her cases extended from the north end to the southern. Mrs McAllister nursed also, she had a wide spread, successful, practice and is said to have mothered over a thousand babies. Her practice was still flourishing in 1890.