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[I have put the names of my ancestors in bolded type. My notes and additions are in brackets. This first history is from Ruth Tenny Lamoreaux. I received another copy of this history from **Nancy's** daughter, Rosa Nell's book through a grand-daughter, Karen, July 2008, Logan FHC. I have added the differences in italics.]

Nancy Orrel was born in MALDEN, ESSEX COUNTY, ENGLAND, April 2nd, 1835. She was the daughter of **William and Charalotte Orrel**.

Her parents were members of the Church of England, and **Nancy** was a member of the choir of the same church. When but a quiet girl, she heard and accepted the Gospel along with her sister Rose and was baptized by Elder Charles W. Penrose.

At the age of eighteen, **she** and her sister left England to come to Zion. They left Liverpool on the 28th of February, 1853, on the sailing ship International, with 425 saints on board, under the direction of Christopher Arthur, the ship being under the command of Captain Brown. They had a long and tedious journey, yet pleasant in many respects. A number of babies were born on board; *one white*. The ship was anchored in Mersey at Liverpool, before setting sail. They had only one death, a man who had been sick for some time and was buried in the Ocean.

At the early part of their journey they had two weeks of hard winds which drove them back. Then they were becalmed for two weeks, the ship going neither forward nor backward. After this they encountered a terrible storm. The wind blew their sails to shreads[sic] and brought down the main mast on deck with a crash that they thought sure they would be sent to the bottom of the sea, but it didn't, so they went on their way rejoicing. They held their meetings, concerts and dances when the ship didn't roll too much. The saints had many fine speakers in their company and oweing to them being ten weeks on the water, they had plenty of time to hold meetings and have gospel conversations, which they did with wonderful results. They also organized a choir for their meetings with **Nancy Orrel** at the leading singer - *Nancy was the leading singer*.

Captain Brown and forty of the sailors joined the Church, many of the Sailors came to Utah, but Captain Brown said he felt he could never leave his ship. In order to make a baptismal font, they turned down on its side a large Hogshed barrel that had been used for conveying fresh water, cut one side off and baptized them right on deck. This was indeed a day of rejoicing for them. They reached New Orleans about the first of May, almost famished owing to their supply of food running short, due to their long journey on the Ocean. After sailing up the Mississippi River in a Steamboat to the Mormon camping grounds, the company separated[sic], some staying in the East for want of funds to come forward with. **Nancy** and her sister, Rose, came forward crossing the Plains in Jacob Gates Company, experiencing many privation and hardships during their journey. Finally arriving in Salt Lake Valley, September 30th 1850 and locating in Farmington, Utah.

In course of time, **Nancy** married Brother **David B. Lamoreaux** in Polygamy in the Old Endowment House. **Brother Lamoreaux** was born in Scarbrough, Canada, September, 20th, 1819, and had preceded[sic] her to the valley September 10th, 1850 having been one of the Prophet Joseph Smith's body Guards and was a builder by trade. *[new paragraph here in Rosa Nell's copy]* After their marriage, they moved to Payson, Utah where two of their children were born, Walter and Bertha.

In 1864, **Brother Lamoreaux** and his family moved to Logan, Utah, where the remainder of their children were born, namely, Charlotte A,-- Maude,-- Nell,-- Lulu,-- Fred, and Arthur, Arthur living to be two years of age. **Brother Lamoreaux** assisted in the building of the LOGAN TEMPLE AND TABERNACLE and for many years was the leading Surgeon in Cache Valley in its earliest days. **Sister Lamoreaux** was the first Millinier[sic. millinery] in Logan and was likewise an active and faithful member of the [Logan] Tabernacle Choir.

She had many remarkable experiences in her life. Once when in Farmington, Utah, she was riding a horse, driving cows home from the fields, the saddle turned and the horse was running away with her as she clung to its neck. *[new paragraph here in Rosa Nell's copy]* A strange man stopped the horse, adjusted the saddle and put her in it, as she turned to thank him, he had disappeared and yet it was broad daylight and they were in an open plain.

Sister Lamoreaux died May 17th, 1909.--Information Given by her daughter Charollete A.

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To my children: Tenney, Edna, Alvin, Vida, and your children after you.
[This version seems to be same story with additions by Ruth- she also adds the following:]

Sunday, Sept. 11, 1955 Berne, Switzerland. I was at the dedication of the Swiss Temple: President McKay was saluting the people who were there from the Spirit World. First, our Saviour, then all the preceding prophets and many of the people who had sacrificed to build the Temple; all those good people who had left their homes and families for the Gospel sake. I was trying to think if I had any people from those countries. Than all of a sudden I felt the presence of **Nancy Orrell Lamoreaux** who at 18 years of age left all her people and came with the saints west. That experience is very dear to my heart. I was so impressed with this feeling that I started research on the Orrell line. I want my children to know that I know as we truly humble ourselves and try to do our Heavenly Father's will, the way is opened up, **Nancy Orrell Lamoreaux** is your Father's Grandmother.

Your Mother, Ruth T Lamoreaux

Nancy's Quilt

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Quilts: ...

"...Another quilt of interest was made by **Nancy Orrell Lamoreaux**, pioneer of 1856. She was a milliner and dressmaker and used scraps of material from dresses she made for wives of President Brigham Young and other prominent women of Utah.

Carefully cleaned, folded and placed on display are many quilts that were used in the homes of pioneers who did not have much of the world's goods. They are made of woolen or cotton cloth,...

Maldon Branch (England) L. D.S. Record of Members

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Nancy Miriam Orrell, age 18, of Silver St., Maldon,

was baptized and confirmed 12 Aug. 1851 by Elder Charles W. Penrose.

According to this record she was born

2 April 1833 at St. Peters, Maldon, Essex, England.

She left the branch 28 Sept. 1852;

was received again from Islington Branch (London) 6 Dec. 1852;

and emigrated 16 Feb. 1853.

One More Veteran Gone to Rest

Obituary for **Nancy Orrell Lamoreaux**

[Taken from a newspaper article. ?Which paper? Article in AOL's book]

On Wednesday afternoon the last rites that man pays to man were paid to Sister **Nancy Lamoreaux**. The funeral services in the Logan Tabernacle were appropriate and impressive. The singing by the Logan choir led by Brother Lewis, the choir leader of thirty four years, touched the hearts of all present. A solo by Mrs. Jane Thatcher was beautifully rendered. Words on the printed page cannot describe the sacred song that melts and inspires the human soul.

The first speaker was B. M. Lewis. He spoke with earnestness and deep feeling in telling of her many virtues. The prophetic also rested upon him and he painted in beautiful words the meeting that will take place on the spirit side of life where **Brother and Sister Lamoreaux** are meeting and where all the misunderstandings of this life will be made right.

President Cardon was the next speaker. He told of her faithfulness as a member of the church, her devotion as a mother and he paid her a worthy tribute as being one of Zion's sweetest and strongest singers.

Brother Alexander Lewis the[n re]lated his early experience w[ith the] Lamoreaux family and their [] with the Logan choir. He [] faithfully **Mrs. Lamoreaux** a[nd her] oldest daughter had served in the c[hoir] for many years.

President Budge followed with a brief sketch of **Mrs Lamoreaux's** life and he made an appeal to her sons and daughters to follow the example of their illustrious parents. He also spoke of our duties to both the living and the dead and the reward that is sure to follow the living of a true [].

Br James Langston was the last speaker. His remarks were [au]thetically eloquent. He told how beautiful God had made this old world to gladden all our senses. He painted the true and useful life of the deceased. He paid a high tribute of respect to her sons and daughters. He closed by saying:

"**Your parents** have given to each to each one of you a strong body and a bright intellect. They had surrounded you by Christian influences. Follow Christ as **your parents** have done before and you with them will be numbered among the blessed of the earth."

The bishopric of the First ward conducted the services, and at the close of the meeting thanked the audience for their presence and the kind services they had rendered.