

**Obituary of Lucinda Lee Dalton  
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“Pioneer School Teacher is buried at Manti”

Manti, Dec. 1—(Special)—Funeral services for Mrs. Lucinda Lee Dalton were held in the North ward chapel Sunday under the direction of Bishop E. T. Reid. Speakers were; Bishop N. R. Peterson, Ezra Billings and L. H. Hoogard. Bishop Reid read some of Mrs. Dalton’s poems. The choir furnished the music. Mrs. Dalton was born Feb. 9 1847 in Coosa County Alabama. She came to Utah in 1849 with her parents, John P. Lee and Eliza F. Lee. John P. Lee was called with others by Brigham Young to go to California to settle the town of San Bernardino.

Mrs. Dalton started to teach school when 15 years old and taught 35 years in Manti, Beaver, Payson, Ferron and Ogden. She was a writer of both prose and poetry. She was married to Charles Wakeman Dalton in 1868. Six children were born to her, two of whom survive; C. W. Dalton, Salt Lake City and Belle D. Robbins of Los Angeles Calif; Also four sisters; Mrs. Mary Black, Fruita; Colo. Mrs. Emma Sutherland, San Francisco; Mrs. Ellen Sanders, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Rose Sutherland, Washington D. C. and a brother, Charles A Lee.

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One particularly interesting account is that of Lucinda Lee Dalton, who was both an early feminist and a plural wife. As a child she longed to be a boy, "because boys were so highly privileged and so free" (p. 63). She married for spiritual reasons, explaining that "only for the sake of its expected joys in eternity, could I endure its trials through time" (p. 69). Another plural wife reflected on her marriage: "I could not say that I had really loved the man as lovers love, though I loved his wives and the spirit of their home" (p. 97). When she needed a place to teach, her "sister-wives" helped her convert an unfinished room into a classroom.