

Angeline Amerett Stocking Freeman 1834 – 1904
Citizen of Legacy 2004

Angeline Amerett Stocking Freeman was born on September 6, 1834, in Westfield, Massachusetts. Her parents were John Jay Stocking and Katherine Emeline Ensign. She joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with her parents in 1842. She was with her family as they moved to Nauvoo, then on to Iowa, and then later to the Salt Lake Valley. She received her only schooling in Iowa, about six weeks worth, but never ceased learning new things throughout her whole life. She was witness to many struggle and faith-promoting experiences during these early years.

Angeline settled with her family in West Jordan, Utah, and then moved to the Herriman area in 1852. Angeline was quite tall for her day, 5 ft. 10 in. She had brown hair, gray eyes and fair skin. It was in Herriman that she met William Hamblin Freeman and they were married on November 30, 1854. She had 11 children.

Angeline was a typical pioneer woman of the day, in that she spent her time providing food, shelter, and clothing for her family. She was quiet, slow to anger, net and stayed close to home. Her children remember that when times were tough she would gather thistle and sego roots to eat. She learned the tailor trade from her father, and was quite a good seamstress. Every year she would sew new suits for her husband and sons. She would also knit stockings and gloves for her family and sent knitted items to Salt Lake City as gifts for those who were working on them temple.

Angeline was a woman of great faith. At one point she injured her hip and was unable to use that leg. She hobbled around with her knee on a chair for six months. Henry Harriman came to visit a neighbor. Angeline was brought there and he gave her a blessing. She was healed and able to walk out and get in the wagon without help. She served as a counselor in the first Relief Society to Sarah Strock, then later as President in 1871.

Angeline Amerett Stocking Freeman is a great example of the tremendous women who helped to settle the Herriman area. She leaves behind a legacy of industrious, faithful, and community-minded descendants, who, themselves have contributed to the communities in which they reside.