

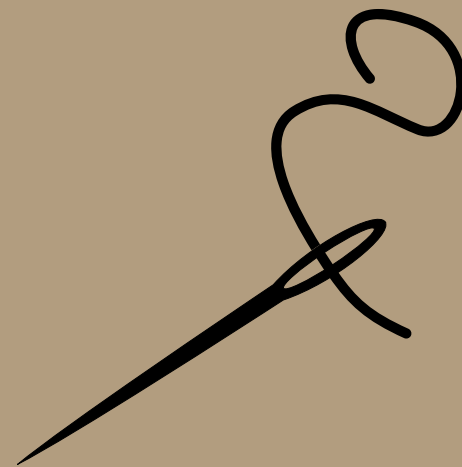
# Mary Watson Nation



- Great-great-great-great grandma (great 4x)
- Born in Somerset, England in 1830
- Moved to Bristol at 14
- Met her future husband, John H. Kelson, while he served as a missionary for six years
- Had at least 3 sons and 2 daughters
- Immigrated to Deseret, Millard, Utah, USA
- Died in 1908 and is buried in Salt Lake City

## Character Building

“... moral virtues [of] integrity, reverance, modesty, self-control, courage, compassion, and industry.”



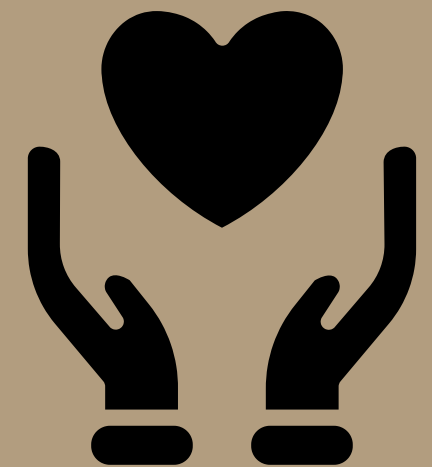
- Learned how to sew, embroider, and tailor from her mother and brother
- Used this knowledge and talent to support her and her mother after her brothers all moved out
- Used this skill to later tailor and mend clothing for missionaries all over, not just in her mission
  - Sometimes snuck some money into the pockets
- COMPASSION and INDUSTRY



- Was raised as a devout Baptist, but met early Mormon missionaries and got baptized at 16, against her mother's and friends' wishes
- Stood up against persecution and survived an attack after praying to God for help, to which policemen arrived and helped her.
  - Was “seriously ill” for some time afterwards
- Her mother later was converted
- INTEGRITY and COURAGE



- Immigrated to America in 1861 with her husband, John H. Kelson, who became sick during the trip
- Had a baby while in New York and just 10 days later, they traveled to Utah
- During the trip, she fell out of the wagon with her baby (no one was hurt)
- COURAGE



- Known to be “a friend to all” and served often
- While their local church meeting house was being repaired during “one whole winter”, she held meetings in her home
- COMPASSION

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## Action Plan

Actions I will take to engage with family stories

1. Write down and share their stories with my family once a month
2. Read their stories to find any gaps in their information (birth place, birth day, events, etc.)
3. Find activities and events through church related to ancestry and Family Search