

Johanne Margrethe (Stoutz) Gilbert
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Johanne was born in Ulstrup, Felleballe, Randers, Denmark, on 27 Dec 1852, daughter of Georg Ferdinand and Inger Marie (Hansen) Stautz. When she was just five years old, her father died (15 Apr 1857), and her mother remarried on 1858, to Rasmus Andersen. Her family had a comfortable income to live on. Johanne had a happy childhood because all her family was very closeknit and loving. She had two living brothers, Hans and Johann Stautz, and one sister, Birthe Rasmussen (living in 1874).

About 1870, she heard the gospel preached by two Mormon missionaries. As she learned more, she became sure that this was the true Church, so she was baptized on 2 Aug 1874, at Aarhus Conference. When her family found out about it, they immediately turned her out of her home for good.

She planned and hoped to come to America (Zion). She worked, caring for a little crippled boy for 10¢ a day for two years, then a job at 50¢ a week, with the small wages she saved enough for her ship's fare. When she finally arrived in Utah (24 June 1878), she had 25¢ left and could not speak a word of English. She did housework for the Daynes (Jewelry) family. She very soon learned the language. Ann found her a job on a farm. With the blessings of our Heavenly Father, she prospered.

She met Timothy Gilbert in Salt Lake City, Utah, and married him in the Salt Lake Endowment House 20 Nov 1879. This was a plural marriage as Timothy and his first wife Ann (Rogers) Bradley had been married for 16 years. (Ann was 32 years older than Timothy, and was widow to Humphrey Bradley with 7 Bradley children.)

Part of Johanne and Timothy's children were born in Riverton, Salt Lake County, Utah: John, Born and died 7 Jan, 1881; Anne Johanne, 19 Apr 1882; Mary Georgine Apr 1885; Harriet Josephine born 17 Apr 1887 - she died 3½ months later, 4 Sep 1887 at Riverton, Utah.

Timothy served a mission in England (his birthplace). He met the Thomas Cartwright family there, and they joined the church and returned to Riverton with him. He later married as his third plural wife their daughter, Ruth Elizabeth Cartwright. Her only

child, Sarah Pricilla Gilbert, was born 2 Jan 1888 and died 2 Mar 1888 in Riverton. Because the *Manifesto* was signed, Timothy had to choose the wife with children. He and Johanne and family moved to Manassa, Conejos, Colorado, in the Spring of 1888, leaving his other two wives in a home for plural wives built in Grant, Salt Lake, Utah. John Timothy Gilbert (son of Johanne) was born in Manassa, Conejos, Colo., 12 August 1888.

Later, Timothy returned to Salt Lake for church conference. While there, he visited Ann and "Aunt Lizzie" at Grant (Granite). Ann was about starved and Elizabeth was in rags and hungry. It seems they had selfish "black marketeers" in those days, too. Timothy returned home with his other two wives.



Johanne Margrethe STAUTZ and a little retarded boy. She tended him in Denmark to earn her fare to America & "Zion".

The rest of this history is by Minnie Margrethe (Gilbert) Heath, from records and from recollections of Anne Johanne (Gilbert) Christensen; Effie H. (Holcomb) Gilbert; Manassa Ward records and records in Salt Lake Genealogical Library.

The Manassa Ward was divided and Johanne and children and her husband moved to Sunflower. Timothy had been set aside as presiding bishop of Sunflower, the newly formed ward. There were no homes or trees there. The families lived in Manassa until a cabin could be finished for them. This ward eventually failed (see history of Anne Johanne (Gilbert) Christensen for more ~~more~~ detail.) Timothy's first wife, Ann, and his second wife, Johanne, and their children moved to a ranch on the Conejos River near San Rafael, Conejos, Colo. There was better farming there, good land for hay and meadows for our cattle. There was even a warm spring there from which the cattle could drink in the wintertime. Anne and Mary were baptized in this warm spring by their father, when they were eight years old.