


# Kate Biehl Rudy

Personal Data	
Born: 26 November 1858	
Died: 1 August 1918	
Husband: Ira Allen Reed	
Father: Henry Rudy	
Mother: Anna Maria Biehl	
Siblings: Mary Elizabeth, John Benjamin, Sarah Rebecca, Orson William, Franklin Henry, Christie Ann	

Kate Biehl Rudy, my grandmother was born November 26, 1858. Her father was Henry Rudy and her mother Anna Maria Biehl. When she was 3 years old she left Cressona, Pennsylvania on June 17, 1862 with her parents. They took a round about route through Elmyra New York, Hamilton Ontario Canada and on to Detroit, Michigan by railroad car. When they reached Detroit there were 30 cars and 3 engines were added from time to time. Most of the passengers were children as there were many large families. While traveling from Detroit to Chicago, Galesburg and Quincy, Illinois one baggage car caught on fire and one car was derailed.

In 1862 the Civil War was on, but things in Illinois were cheap and plentiful. Butter was 10¢ a pound and eggs 5¢ a dozen.

From Quincy all took a boat to St. Joseph, Missouri. Here they divided into companies of 50 or more and proceeded to Omaha. With John McAllister as their leader, they went to Florence, Nebraska where more immigrants joined them. While they were at Florence there were such bad storms there was much damage and several were killed and injured. Kate got the measles but recovered. Here teams and wagons were prepared for the journey overland. Companies were reformed and left August 2, 1862. They spent 62 days crossing over the plains and arrived in Salt Lake October 2, 1862 at 2 p.m.

Henry Rudy's family located with a family and lived in one room (9 of them) until spring and a more suitable place was found. On April 22, 1867 they moved into their own home on a 30-acre farm in what was then called Brighton Ward. In 1869 Henry Rudy was called on a mission to Pennsylvania for 6 months.

Kate grew in Brighton Ward and married Ira Allen Reed June 26, 1879. They had 6 children, all born in North Point, Utah.

Levi Ward Reed, Ira's father, was Bishop of the North Point Ward. When they built the ward the building the total cost \$931.8. Of this amount, Levi with his labor and donations contributed \$334.65. Ira's donation was:

2 loads rock	\$ 7.00
2 loads sand	2.00
Cash	50.00
Hauled lumber	2.00
Chandelier	1.00
Eight days labor	<u>16.00</u>
Total	\$78.00

Kate donated:

Cash for centerpiece	5.75
1 plate	<u>.50</u>
Total	\$ 6.25

Levi Ward Reed ran a salt factory. He helped out Swedish immigrants by paying their way over. He gave them homes and they worked to pay off their debt. His second wife was one of these Swedish immigrants. As a young boy he explored the Great Salt Lake shore.

Ira and Kate moved to the 16th Ward around 1900. Kate died August 1, 1918. Ira married Margaret Johnson Hanson in January 1920.