

## Sarah Marinda Smith Mott Burnham

**BIRTHDATE:** 10 Sep 1846 Keosauqua, Iowa  
**DEATH:** 28 Mar 1925 Redmesa, La Plata, Colorado  
**PARENTS:** Warren Smith, Amanda Melissa Barnes  
**PIONEER:** 18 Oct 1850 Warren Smith Ind. Wagon Train  
**SPOUSE I:** Stephen Mott  
**MARRIED:** 7 Apr 1861 Salt Lake City, Utah  
**DEATH SP:** 4 Aug 1906  
**SPOUSE II:** George Franklin Burnham  
**MARRIED:** 7 Nov 1862 Richmand, Cache, Utah  
**DEATH SP:** 16 Sep 1901, Manncos, Colorado

### CHILDREN:

Sarah Telitha. 30 Mar 1864  
Amanda Eveline, (Taylor) 31 Aug 1866  
Clarentine Marinda (Taylor) 1 Aug 1868  
George Francis, 14 Sep 1870  
Mary Antonette (Guymon) 31 Jul 1872  
Luther Kindall, 14 Apr 1874  
Agnes (Slade), 20 Oct 1875  
Vosco Srnith, 16 Nov 1877  
Willard Perry, II Nov 1879  
Alvira (HaUs), 15 Dec 1881  
Jaines Warren, 3 Sep 1884  
Delila (Roubidoux), 8 Dec 1886

Sarah Marinda was bom in Iowa, 1846. Her parents were early converts to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- day Saints. They were with the Saints in Nauvoo.

They left July, 1846, and were in Iowa when Sarah was bom in a lean-to tarp tent during a rainstorm. Sarah only weighed two and a half pounds at birth but the great faith and endurance of her mother, Amanda, raised her to womanhood. Her family journeyed on to Council Bluffs. They were there for four years.

With her father as captain of their company, they began their journey, arriving in the Salt Lake Valley, October 18, 1850.

Her mother was left to care for the family so she taught school, while her sons helped. Due to failing health, her mother moved to Richmond, Utah, where she and the three children lived with relatives and friends, and where Sarah met and

married her second husband, George Franklin Burnham Burnham, November 7, 1862. He was twenty-three and she was sixteen years of age. They lived in Hyde Park. In September 1863, they were sealed in the Salt Lake Endowment House, after which they moved to Richmond and built a home, which welcomed nine children into the family.

In 1880, a call came for the family to move to the San Juan River area in southeastern Utah. The journey was long and hard. One camp was flooded by a terrible storm, they lost all, of their belongings except their wagons and teams, even losing the children's shoes and bedding.

They settled in Moab and had another child, to Fruitland for the eleventh and back to Moab for their last of twelve children. They next settled near Mancos, Colorado, and built a two-room log cabin there. She cleaned and did washings for others, walking to work, but never leaving her children at night.

Sarah shared her husband with another wife and their children, but was alone with her own family much of the time. George lost his life in a logging accident September 13, 1901. Sarah was also a seamstress filling her home with handiwork, and making dresses and shirts for her children. She was orderly and clean, both in her home and in the yard.

She served where she was called in Church and lived as a widow for eighteen years, passing away peacefully in her home at the age of sixty-eight. She passed away in Red Mesa, Colorado, and is buried there.