

Vienna Jacques

Vienna Jaques is an example of the faithfulness of many early Latter-day Saints. She was born June 10, 1787. After she met the missionaries in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, she traveled to Kirtland, Ohio, in 1831. She stayed there six weeks and was baptized. Upon returning to Boston, Vienna helped bring several members of her family into the Church. She then “settled up her business, and went back to Kirtland to unite her interests forever with the Church” (“Home Affairs,” *Woman’s Exponent*, July 1, 1878, 21). In 1833 Vienna consecrated all her possessions, including \$1,400, to the Church during a time when the money was desperately needed. She then traveled to Missouri to receive her inheritance in Zion. However, soon after she arrived she suffered persecution with the Saints. After being driven from her home in Missouri, she attended to the sick in Zion’s Camp. Heber C. Kimball wrote, “I received great kindness ... from Sister Vienna Jaques, who administered to my wants and also to my brethren—may the Lord reward [her] for [her] kindness” (“Extracts from H. C. Kimball’s Journal,” *Times and Seasons*, Mar. 15, 1845, 839–40).

While in Missouri, Vienna married Daniel Shearer. She traveled west to Utah in 1847 and, at the age of 60, drove her own wagon across the plains. She settled in Salt Lake City and for the rest of her life worked hard to support herself and diligently study the scriptures. Vienna died on February 7, 1884, at the age of 96. Her obituary stated, “She was true to her covenants and esteemed the restoration of the Gospel as a priceless treasure” (“In Memoriam,” *Woman’s Exponent*, Mar. 1, 1884, 152). (See also Susan Easton Black, “[Happiness in Womanhood](#),” *Ensign*, Mar. 2002, 12–14.)