

Mary Ellen Cahoon Tolman
Little History of My Life as I Remember it
Ritten December 25, 1941

<<NOTE: I've preserved the spelling in transcribing this from Mary Ellen's handwritten history. I added punctuation for ending sentences only. (Michael Baird)>>

Mary Ellen Cahoon Tolman was born Brigham City Box Elder Co Utah (Born November 3, 1870) daughter of Rais Cahoon and Mary Sharlott Johnson Cahoon.

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