

M.J. Cartwright, 19th and 20th Centuries.

The most likely person to have been the hymn-writer M.J. Cartwright was:

Miriah J. Cartwright, 1841-1926.

Born: November 25, 1841.

Died: August 18, 1926.

Buried: Union Cemetery, Butler County, Kentucky.

Mariah J. Cartwright was 59-years old at the time of the 1900 U.S. Federal Census, which showed her residing in Butler County, Kentucky. (1)

Cartwright is known to have written the words for one hymn. Miriah J. Cartwright would have been about 48-years old when the hymn was copyrighted.

The Old Ship Zion. © 1889 Daniel B. Towner. Music: Daniel Brink Towner, 1850-1919. In Daniel B. Towner and Chas. M. Alexander. **Revival Hymns**, #122. (Chicago: The Bible Institute Colportage Association. 1905.) Later in **The Ideal Song and Hymn Book**. Compiled by: D.B. Towner. (New York: Fleming H. Revell Company. 1909.)

Inserting the word 'of' into the phrase taken from the 1st line of stanza 2, this hymn's title has been changed to **The Old Ship of Zion**. It also appeared under title of **Ship Ahoy!** in John Peterson and Harold DeCou. **Sing Men! Volume Four**, #6. (Wheaton, Illinois: Singpiration. 1956.)

1) 1900 United States Federal Census.