

HISTORY OF EMMER ASAY FLETCHER *Filed Jan 1984*

Emmer Asay the sixth child of Joseph Asay and Sarah Ann Pedrick was born the 5th day of Oct. 1851 in Trenton Co. New Jersey. She was the only Daughter born to them, Emmer had ten brothers in all and no sisters. She was only nine years old when her family reached Salt Lake City Utah.

Emmer was only fifteen when she married Kendall Asa Fletcher on the 18th of Sept. 1865. Her Husband was born 23rd of March 1848 in Omaha Nebraska. He was the son of Frances Fletcher and Esther Bathsheba Wright. They stayed in Salt Lake when Emmer's father and two of her brother's were among those called to strenthen the Muddy Mission.

After the death of their first child Frances, they went to the Endowment House the 25th of Jan. 1867 for their temple work. They remained in Salt Lake until the Asay family returned to Utah with the group from the Muddy, who had to leave because of the excessive high taxes demanded by Nevada Officals.

The Fletcher family went to Long Valley to the Settlement of Mt. Carmel, when the United Order was established the 20th March 1874. Kendall Asa Fletcher and three <sup>children</sup> signed or agreed to join the Order. Emmer would not join. So following the example of Adam in the garden of Eden after Eve had portaken of the forbidden fruit, Kendall Asa Fletcher, in order to have peace with his wife withdrew from the Order and lived with his <sup>her</sup> wife in Mt Carmel.

They lived in Glendale, and in Panguitch for a while. The Fletcher family were living there in 1880. as shown by the Utah Cencus of Panguitch. Kendall Asa Fletcher 32- Plasterer Emma-31- wife Willard-11-son Sarah Ann-9-dau. Matilda-7- dau. Esther B. -5-dau. Anna-3- dau. Amos-1- son.

They finally moved to Cannonville where they made their home. It was here that Emmer's brothers would come to visit their Only sister. She had a large comfortable home and had plenty to do to care for her large family. Emmer was'nt too well, many remembered her as she sat in a chair doing many things, such as sewing and even washing clothes by hand when she could. She did a lot of handwork such as knitting and crocheting and making clothing for her family. She always wore a little shoulder

shawl. She was a small woman. She had a lot of friends and loved all young folks who came with her own children and grandchildren to fill her house. She did all she could to help her children to learn, even though there was not much opportunity for going to school where they lived. She taught them all the songs she knew, ballads like the Beautiful Christene Leroy. The tie that Binds , and Haunted Falls. Emmer played the organ and so did her husband.

Emmer was a mother of fourteen children all liveing to maturity, except for the first child and twins who died in 1889 from summer complaint. Franklin the boy died first, then the girl Emmer who seemed to just pine away missing her brother so. It was only one month between their deaths. How their mother suffered, we can only imagine. She had two children after them Jerome and Orpha.

Emmer Asay Fletcher died the 14th day of Feb. 1901. Orpha was only ten years of age at the time. She was buried in Cannonville Utah a sad day for the whole family. Esther Bathsheba the oldest girl, took over the household, and with the help of a hired Indian woman raised the children and took care of her father until he died.

About two years after the death of his wife, Kendall bought a store, general merchanddise and grocery store. After all the children were married and had left home, he bought a home in Juntion Utah. He never married again. One night his daughter Esther came in to see him. He excused himself saying, Dear child I am very tired tonight. I think I shall go to bed early. Esther finished up the evening chores and returned home. The next morning they found him in bed. He had died in his sleep without a struggle the 23rd day of Sept. 1912