

HISTORY OF JOSEPH ASAY

Joseph Asay was born 28 January 1850 N.J. married Julia Sophia Roberts 19 May 1872 at Annabella, Utah her Father Edward K. Roberts Performed the ceremony. Lived at Annabella for a time. Moved to Salt Lake City, Utah where he lived in part of his brother William house worked at Carpenterring. Returned to Annabella after first child was born farmed for fatherinlaw made adobes and made a one room house Cooked on fireplace, six years child Julia Sophia died here 19 February 1878. Married Mary his wifes sister soon after this Sarah Jane died 6 June 1878. Terrible blow to Julia the mother. When he went by team to St. George temple to Marry Mary 22 may 1878 and was sealed to first wife and children they now moved into a larger house, both families in one house made of logs. Later moved to Asays Ranch. then moved to Georgetown. Julia oldest*- Joseph E. went on a mission in November 8, 1898 labored in Oklahoma and Kansas. Joined the move in 1900 to the Bighorn Basin in Wyoming settled in Lovell shared the hardships of those early day's worked on cenals and cleared land died 27 August 1904 this left Julia with 4 dependant children. Mary's children being girls except one early married except two oldest daughters and the baby Vivan who continued in the home with the mother. Both wifes were stalwart Latter Day Saints and endured much were greatly tried but ever faithful active church workers generous and unselfish Julia died 7, February 1931, Mary died November 1938.

Joseph Asay Jr. was a loving husband a kind father his many friends said of him they never heard him speak a disrespectful word of any one he died as he had always lived loved and respected by all that knew him.

At the time of his death it was figured that he had made more than 250 Caskets free of charge many of them he had even furnished the material He helped (carved Oxen) came to Utah 1859.

Definitely known ASAY HISTORY BEINGS

With the birth of JOSEPH ASAY SR. born in 1771. Our heir and family head his grandson was born 17 Feb. 1823 in Trenton, N.J. Our interest in our progenitors naturally prompts us to search back beyond definite history in the hope of finding the origin of the Asay Name. From suggestions received here and there, we trail back with uncertainty that we are related to JOAN OF ARC and that the ASAY name originated in France, and was early spelled ASSAYE. It is also believed that the ASAYS were FRENCH HUGUENOTS. The Catholic rulers waged unceasing war on the people that were Protestant Huguenots and they finely sought refuge in Holland. The Dutch, a Peace loving people were tolerant with the incoming churchman. Our foreparents settled on the Isle of Jersey in the English Channel off the coast of France. At this time Spain ruled Holland. The in Tramy. The Huguenots tiring of the pressure of this Iron rule were attracted to settle in America. It is a question whether the ASAY'S came direct from the Isle of Jersey or whether they settled on Nova Scotia, then called Acadia. If they settled in Acadia they were driven out in 1775 by the English. Eighteen thousand happy contented prosperous French, at the mercy of cruel English rule were forced into row boats and scattered promiscuously, all down the Atlantic and gulf coasts. The Dutch were settling New Netherland and the Asay's were attracted there locating in what is today New Jersey.

The first ASAY we have positive knowledge of was JOSEPH ASAY SR. 1771. Whether he was from France, Holland, Acadia, or New Jersey, we do not know. Our first settling of Asay History pictures two groups one at Camden and one near Trenton, N.J. Just at the beginning of the 19th century JOSEPH SR. married PHEBE BUTCHER presumably in Holland. We only have knowledge of two children, two boys Joseph Fr. born 1791 and Isaac 1797. It is even possible they were born on the Isle of Jersey. Joseph settled at Camden and Isaac at White Horse. Isaac married PHEBE JOHNSON, whose grand-mother ANOKA BROWERS came direct from Holland during the Spanish Inquisition. After there home in the fatherland had been fired, ANKOKA had wealth and invested one hundred thousand dollars in New York real estate, which was stolen from her decedents when the English later took control of the New Netherlands and changed the name to New York. She left much wealth in Holland which went to the providence later. Our history during the first half of the nineteenth century deals with the two clusters of ASAY'S. Joseph Fr. and his married children settled at or near Camden. While ISAAC and his thirteen married sons and daughters clustered near Trenton. Both groups engaged mostley in gardening, though some followed various ways of making a livelihood. SAMUEL at Caniden and AMEROSE at Trenton were Methodist preachers. Others were fishermen and some merchants, platters, and stone masons. All were honest, well respected, and industrious. The sons of the second Joseph were SOLOMAN, SAMUEL, AND GEORGE. The daughters were ELIZABETH AND SADE. If there were other children we have no record.

SOLOMAN married Martha Nelson and had five boys and three girls, according to our record --

Samuel had three daughters, one dying in infancy. ELIZABETH married a man named SEVERNC and they had two girls as we have it. She later married a MR. BERRYMAN AND BOTH died at Mosco, Calo. Richard and wife AMA DA had no children. They died at Iowa. George and wife Jemimg had several children. Their sons one a barber, and the other a merchant lived in Yardville New Jersey. SADE married BEN STEELE and we only have records of their two children.

of the group at Trenton Isaac's first child MARY died when only two years old. ANTHONY married LYDIA DENNIS. They had four girls and three boys.

JACOB AND WIFE PHOBBE had one Amos an sea captain and fisherman at Bay Head, New Jersey. Jacob died shortly after marriage in 1855. JOSEPH MARRIED SARAH ANN PEDRICK and they had ten sons and daughters. See pages

Amos and wife mary had no living children of their own, through they had adopted children.

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time then moved to ASAY'S RANCH THEN later to Georgetown, Utah. They later joined the colonization movement to the Big Horn Basin in Wyo. in 1900 he settled in Lovell, where he died in 1904.

PETER ASAY married KENNEDY FLETCHER: while the family lived in Salt Lake, abt 1868, they later moved to Cannonville, Utah. She was the mother of fourteen children. She died in 1901.

Wm. DOUG BAKER ASAY married JANE WINSOR of St. George, Utah. They lived at Asay Ranch, after his wife died he then married MARY DUTTON of Cedar City, Utah. Abt. 1885. They moved to Emery, Utah taking Grandmother Sarah with them. She died in 1900. THEODORE joined in the move to Wyo. settling at Cowley, where he died in 1913.

ALFRED ASAY married STEPHENIA EARL of HARRISBURG, UTAH abt. 1875. They lived at Mt. Carmel Utah, then moved to Asay's Ranch in 1884. Who divorced later he married MYRA HATCH. They moved to Wyo. in 1900, settled at Lovell, died of the flu in 1918.

WALTER A SAY married N FETTER WINSOR of St. George 1893, lived 3 yrs at pipe Springs, moved to ASAY RANCH later to Monroe, Utah, married HARRIET HATCH as a plural wife and lived for a time at Georgetown. He later moved to Big Horn Basin in Wyo. in 1900. and settled in Lovell. He had mercantile and farm interests, was helpful in sickness and helped both man and beast and when the JOSEPH A SAY FAMILY was organized into a family organization (Uncle Al) was made President, being the oldest living son. He died in 1932.

JEROME A SAY SR. and MARY MEEKS of Harrisburg in 1876, they lived a few years near St. George, moved later to Orderville, later to Asay's Ranch where he was in the cattle business with his brothers. " Here they ran the store and post office and were influential in establishing a school. Jerome carried the mail on snow shoes from Asay's Ranch to Panguitch for twenty-five dollars a trip.**It was here in a two-room log cabin that ten of their eleven children were born. From here they moved to a mild climate in Green River to Vernal, one child Eleanor Jane Asay born at Wellington, Carbon Co. To the coal camps in Emery Co. they finally settled in Castle Dale, Utah abt 1902, where he resided until he died 5 Oct. 1940. His wife died at the age of 90 yrs. 23 July 1950.**after ELEAZAR DIED JEROME became President of the Joseph Asay Family Organization at the reunion held 16 Feb. 1933. (H is grandson Lynn Asay was President at the Reunion held at Asay Creek July 1956-57.)

AMOS Asay married the divorced wife of his brother Aaron in 1885. Serapta Earl Asay. They lived at ASAY RANCH, later moved to Wyo. settled at Lovell. Had seven children.

* Note the foregoing facts of History were given to the Historian Eleazer Asay.

**Taken from "My Mother's history" by Eleanor Gibbons.

The Asays lived in the Big Horn Basin (Northern Settlements) in Wyo. Their ranks were broken by several families leaving, being induced to settle a new project near Delta, Utah. at the mouth of the Sevier River, During the early days of the 20th Century the Co. was slowly developing. The Burlington R. R. was built through the state from Billings Montana to Denver, Colo. A sugar factory, a glass factory and a brick factory and tile plant was built at Lovell, Wyo. which helped to make the Co. prosperous. Property became more valuable. Early in 1918 while the world was still on the terrible flu epidemic hit us and took a number of ASAYS in its toll of death, including Aaron Asay and oldest son David.

MAR. 23, 1923 the JOSEPH ASAY FAMILY (organization) ASSOCIATION was organized with Eleazer Asay as President. Of the Joseph Asay descendants there were over 200 present. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and the annual meeting date was set for 15 of Aug. It was later changed by amendment to Feb. 17 the birthdate of Grandfather JOSEPH ASAY. One purpose of the ass. is unity and effort to search out the geneology and history of our Grandfather Joseph's forefathers and his brother and sisters and their descendants. living in the different states and of their dead and to unite those facts with geneology and history of the families and his descendants to form a family tree.

HISTORY OF JOSEPH ASAY JR. *Final 25 Feb 1985 Read 12 Feb 1982*

Joseph Asay Jr. was the fifth son of Joseph Asay Sr. and Sarah Ann Pedrick.

He was born the 28th day of Jan. 1850 in Trenton, New Jersey. He was ten years old when he crossed the plains with his family. He lived in Salt Lake City for a while, and then farther south on the Jordan River. When his father and brothers left for the Muddy Mission Joseph stayed in Salt Lake City with his mother.

He Married Julia Sophia Roberts the 19th of May 1872 in Annabella, Utah.

She was the daughter of Edward Killick Roberts and Emmeline Mathews. She was born 17th Oct. 1854. in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her father performed the ceremony. They lived in Annabella for a short time, then moved to Salt Lake City, where they lived in part of his brother William's house. Joseph worked as a carpenter helping to build many of the early homes in Salt Lake City and also helping to carve oxen for the baptismal font in the Salt Lake Temple. They returned to Annabella after their first child was born. He farmed for his father in law, and made adobes for a one room house. They cooked on the fireplace for six years.

On the 22nd day of May 1878 Joseph took Mary Amanda Roberts, Julia's sister, born 28 April 1867, Payson Utah, as a plural wife. They went by team to the St. George Temple to have Julia sealed to him and to marry Mary also under the new and everlasting covenant.

The two families lived in Annabella a number of years where he worked as a carpenter and also farmed. A few years later they moved to Asay's Ranch where he, and his brothers, Aaron, Eleazer, Theodore and Jerome formed a cattle company. The winters in the new location were severe. They were snowbound nearly all winter. The mail was carried by men on snowshoes. A large number of their cattle died.

Joseph decided to move farther south to a new village in Kane County, called Georgetown, near Cannonville. He bought a farm on Yellow Creek, where he planted a large orchard and bought some bees. The fruit trees matured rapidly and the bees thrived, so that in a few years they had plenty of luscious fruit and much honey.

Joseph was Superintendent of Sunday School in Georgetown and enjoyed working with the young people, who in turn liked him. It was necessary for him to spend a great deal of his time away from home, where he could find work to add to the meager income

from the farm.

When he came home for the week end Joseph spent much of his time reading. There was a set of books on carpentry, the standard works of the Church, and a large book on the care of bees. He was very conscientious about his work, and was always neat and exact.

While living in Georgetown, scarlet fever came into the family and took the baby, Helen Mar, who was eight months old. Five years later the little ones contracted measles. Jennie, almost four years old, remained well until the others had almost recovered. She helped to care for the sick ones by carrying them drinks and roses. Two days after she was stricken, she passed away, but her tiny footprints remained in the sand under the rose bushes for weeks after she was laid to rest.

In 1902, Joseph decided to move his two large families to the Big Horn Basin in Wyoming. He prepared three covered wagons, bought four teams of horses, and the 16th of August, they left Georgetown. The weather was ideal for traveling, the road in places was dim and sometimes it was hard to find the proper place for fording some of the streams. Once Joseph was forced to walk quite a distance to a Indian camp to learn of the crossing. He reached the camp after dark and the Indians had gone to bed. The only one in the camp understanding and speaking English was a woman who agreed to meet the wagons at the stream and direct the drivers to the crossing early the next morning. The trip was rather pleasant with few serious difficulties, and the family arrived in Lovell, Oct. 5th, the friends and brothers who had arrived earlier giving them a hearty welcome. Joseph and his sons built a two-room log shelter for the winter near the river two miles west of Lovell. That winter the entire family had smallpox, and some members were seriously ill, but all recovered. Joseph was a religious man of strong faith. There were few doctors, and they put their trust in God.

In the Spring two log houses were built for the two families. Joseph worked on the first bridge across the Shoshone River between Cowley and Lovell. He built the first store buildings in Meeteetsee and Shell Wyoming. He was never idle. Like Ruth of old, his two wives honored their mother-in-law Sarah Ann Asay. They always spoke of her endearingly as "mom". She was their doctor and nurse when their children were born, and in times of serious illness.

Joseph's two wives lived in houses side by side and their affection endured their poverty, joys, sorrows, and the trials of rearing large families. Joseph passed away 27 August 1904, just two years after arriving in Wyoming. His wife Julia died the 6th of Feb. 1931 and Mary died 15th of Nov. 1934. Joseph had twenty-one children.

Children of Julia Asay

1. Joseph Edward born 13 Mar. 1873 Salt Lake City Utah
2. Julia Sophia born 27 Feb. 1875 Annabella, Utah died 6 June 1878
3. Sarah Jane born 28 Feb. 1877 Annabella Utah died as infant
4. George Anson born 26 Nov. 1878 Annabella Utah
5. Aaron Eleazer born 3 Feb. 1881 Annabella Utah
6. Eliza Eleanor born 25 Apr. 1883 Annabella Utah
7. Lorum Sidney born 20 July 1885 Asay Creek Utah
8. William Elton born 12 Nov. 1887 Georgetown Utah
9. Seth Marvin born 17 Feb. 1889 Georgetown Utah
10. Leo born 16 Aug. 1892 Georgetown Utah
11. Emmer Asay born 16 May. 1895 Georgetown Utah

Children of Mary Asay

1. Mary Sophronia born 1 Mar. 1879 Annabella, Utah
2. Zoe Azelpha born 1 Dec. 1880 Annabella, Utah
3. Ada Emmeline born 3 Feb. 1883 Annabella, Utah
4. Lucy May born 7 May 1885 Asay Creek Utah
5. Ella Elvina born 27 Sept. 1887 Georgetown Utah
6. Helen Mar born 13 Dec. 1889 Georgetown Utah died 3 Dec. 1890 Georgetown Utah
7. Jenneve born 7 Oct. 1891 Georgetown Utah died 17 June 1895 Georgetown Utah
8. Lula Dee born 24 Sept. 1895 Georgetown Utah
9. Sarah Ann born 15 Oct. 1898 Georgetown Utah
10. Vivin born 15 Apr. 1901 Georgetown Utah

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