Edward Peas Duzett
Edward Hanmer Duzett & Rosa Hannah Slaughter Duzett
Written by Mable Duzett Jensen

Edward Hanmer Duzett was born on January 1, 1861 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was the son of Edward Peas Duzett and Mary Adeline Ewing. Edward P. Duzett was born in Massachusetts on January 24, 1812. Mary Adeline Ewing was born in Little Britain, Pennsylvania. Edward Hanmer Duzett's Great-Great Grandfather was killed in the Revolutionary War. Hanmer's father, Edward P. Duzett, was baptized and confirmed by Joseph Smith at Kirtland, Ohio and ordained an elder and member of the Seventy under the hands of Heber C. Kimball.

Hanmer's father and the Prophet Joseph were very dear friends. President Smith gave him a sword, (which was still in the Duzett family until it was donated to the Emery County Museum. This took place on February 22, the day of Emery County's Centennial Party).

In 1841 Edward P. Duzett was ordered by the Prophet to enlist and organize a band of musicians. Edward was the drummer of the band and the Prophet made him Captain of the Military Band. Edward brought his drum with him to Utah in 1847; his music was genuinely consoling to the Pioneers as they rolled forward in their covered wagons. It, no doubt, lifted their spirits. Edward could imitate almost anything on his drum, even the birds.

They arrived in Utah on September 24, 1847 with the second company, that of Heber C. Kimball. Upon their arrival Brigham Young made Edward P. Duzett Colonel of the Nauvoo Legion and Chief of Music of the Territory of Deseret.

In 1861 while Edward Hanmer Duzett was just a baby, his parents were called by Brigham Young to help settle the country in Southern Utah. They settled in Rockville, Washington County, Utah.

In 1874 Edward Hanmer Duzett's father, died in Rockville. Edward Hanmer, an only son, 13 years of age, was left with three sisters and a widowed mother.

Rosa Hannah Slaughter Duzett was born September 11, 1863 in Grafton, Kane County, Utah, to Charles and Fanny Kenner Slaughter.

Charles and Fanny were also pioneers who came across the plains to Salt Lake City, Utah in 1859 by Ox team

In 1861 Rosa's parents were called by Brigham Young to go to Utah's Dixie. Her father knew something of what would grow in the southern climate. He also was a carpenter and a big help in building the homes there. They left Salt Lake City with a baby boy two years old in a covered wagon pulled by oxen. They were to make their new home where white men had never lived; where the Indians roamed freely and called it their land. Everything went well until they reached Holden, Utah. While camping there the Indians stole one of their oxen. A cow was put in its place and they continued on their journey.

The roads were terrible, marked with large rocks and dangerous dugways. They finally reached the place they were to call home. It was Grafton, Washington County, Utah on the Virgin River. Rosa Slaughter Duzett was the first white child born there. The Indians were so troublesome in this small place that the Saints had to move up the river to Rockville, Utah where other Saints had settled, among them the Duzett family.

The men worked hard tilling the soil, and after working all-day they had to take turns at night guarding against the Indians. The soil was good and they raised cotton, sweet potatoes, peanuts and sugar cane.

They remembered well the molasses mill and the Dixie sorghum made from sugar cane. The girls always knew when there was a dance because they would see the boys with jugs of molasses to sell to get tickets for the dance.

The shortest means of getting their mail was to bring it over the Long Valley Mountains. When Edward Hanmer Duzett was a young man he among others was given the responsibility of this task. They rigged and elaborate pulley system across the mountain by which the mailbags were pulled from one side to the other and back again, the carriers never seeing each other. This area today is Zion National Park.

By this time Brigham Young was so enthralled with the possibilities of the new telegraph that he put it to work for church use helping to make the first transcontinental telegraph line. The Stakes and Wards of the L.D.S. Church were scattered across the Intermountain area. Telegraph

key's were installed in homes and offices of local church leaders in every Mormon community and all were connected with Salt Lake City. Rosa Slaughter Duzett, a young lady and this time, worked as a telegrapher sending messages over the wire to Salt Lake City.

On February 1, 1882, Edward Hanmer Duzett and Rosa Hannah Slaughter were married. Hanmer spent his honeymoon cultivating corn on his land. Several Years later their marriage was solemnized in the Manti Temple.

In a few years many of the Saints were forced to leave because the Virgin River, with its many floods, washed away their land. Now, the Duzett's were pioneers again. They moved to Deseret, Millard County in 1887, then later moved to Emery, Emery County in 1889.

Rosa left all her relatives and friends to come with her husband, Edward H. Duzett, to help settle the small town of Emery. Driving one of the two wagons, Rosa had a baby in her arms and another small child at her side. They came through Salina Canyon when there was almost no road at all, except for a cattle trail. Her husband led the way with the other team and wagon.

Soon after arriving in Emery, Edward worked with other settlers on a tunnel, which would bring water to the town for farming and culinary purposes. He also worked on the thrashing machine to earn wheat to take to the Grist Mill in Orangeville for flour. He built a small log cabin in the southern part of Emery and bought a small farm.

In 1890, Emery town was planning a big day for the Fourth of July, but they were quite concerned because they had no flag: no Stars and Stripes for the occasion. So, Rose Duzett and her two wonderful neighbors, Sister Eliza Jorgensen (Aunt Lizzie) and Sister Niels Andersen (Aunt Tena), made a flag. They worked for days cutting and sewing and putting together the 45 white stars and the thirteen red and white stripes. Finally it was finished and the Stars and Stripes were flying in the Fourth of July parade in Emery town.

In 1892 Edward H. Duzett built an adobe home on the land where the frame house stands today. The adobe house had a cellar underneath and a porch in front of the house. He partitioned off a small room on the

north end of the porch large enough for a small store. This was the first store in the town of Emery. To get supplies for his store E. Hanmer would haul a load of grain down the road east of Rochester (Moore), below Huntington into Sunnyside. It would take many days to make the trip by team and wagon.

Later, Duzett heard about the railroad being built along the Price River, thirty three miles north of Castle Dale, so he got a job with the railroad and moved his family to Wellington where they lived in a boxcar. Rosa Duzett cooked for some of the workers, while also taking care of her children.

When they returned to Emery, Duzett built a larger frame home in front of the adobe house. He also built another store a few feet from his new home on the south corner. A large ditch ran in front of his store so he built three large steps running the width of the building and a large platform covering the ditch. He also added a "lean to" room on the south side of the store. By this time, Ham could get his merchandise from Price with his team and wagon.

Many times Butch Cassidy and his gang, known as the Robber's Roost Gang, came into the Duzett's store. The gang would not let anyone wait on them. They would stride into the store, take what they wanted from the shelves and usually leave without paying anything at all. Sometimes Mrs. Duzett would be alone in the store when the gang would ride up on their horses. They would take their supplies from the shelves in the same manner, but they always laid money on the counter and spoke politely to her.

E. Hanmer Duzett also built a large granary, barn and corral between his hone and the Peter Olsen home. How the children loved that pole fence, climbing over to go from one home to the other. The poles were worn slick.

In 1901 Duzett bought another building about three blocks east of his store on the south side of Main Street from Seymour Olsen. He added another room on the back of the building and moved his store downtown. He was extremely successful for a number of years. He also operated the Quitchumpah Ranch, raised large crops of alfalfa and grain, ran cattle and

sheep in the pastures and had a large orchard. In the summertime he moved his family to the ranch.

Louis W. Peterson, Duzett's son-in-law, married to his daughter Rosa Blanche, ran the store while Duzett was on the ranch.

Duzett was also engaged in the coal mining business. He leased the mine from Ira Browning for a number of years developing one of the best mines in the vicinity. (This is now Consul)

Rosa helped in the store almost every day while raising her family. Ham owned the first car in Emery, a Model T Ford. He was a generous man, always helping the poorer families by giving them jobs in the mine or on the ranch. He helped get the community going. He served on the City Council, the Canal Board and the school board.

He lived with his family in Emery until his death on December 26, 1941. He is buried next to his wife Rosa Slaughter Duzett in the Emery Town cemetery.

era Duzett- Former Resident of Emery and Castle Dale, U
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In I9I9, he built a large store and hotel on hthe same foundation, a two story building, the hotel on the second floor. Duzett and Rose moved into the hotel. It was a great improvement to the town of Emery. He also built a gas station across the main street north, where Elder's store is today. He also built a confectionary, just west of the store and hotel.

The truckers who came from over the mountain to get coal from the the Browning Coal Mine, and salesmen and tourists, enjoyed the rooms of the hotel.

In a fews years Duzett turned the buisness over to his son Robert

Robert and Vera and family of four children, Courtney,Berg, Margie and Calvin, lived in the old home, not long after in I936, Robert was killed and left the buisness to his wife Vera and small family

Duzett died in Jan, I94I,

Stores

Vera always said it was a great blessing to have the store as it made jobs for the children as they were growing up.

In I943 , in Jan. the building burned down . Everything was lost but the living room set and the piano.

The goodness of the Emery people will never be forgotton. Our memories of Emery are very dear to me and my family.

We had some insurance, we bought new merchandise and started a new store in the George Anderson Building. George and Cora were good to us.

We moved to the old Nephi Williams home.

In I945, Ludean Maxfield and George Anderson built the Cinder block building on the same foundation, one story, just a store, now standaing.

We enjoyed working together in the store as a family,

Om I958, we sold the build ingto Roger Clark. He used the front part as a post office and made an apartment in the rear of the building.

Written by Vera Duzett

The post office was later run by Randy Anderson, he later moved it to the building west of the store where the post office and town hall now stands (I99@)

The store is vacant now.