

Pleasant Minchey

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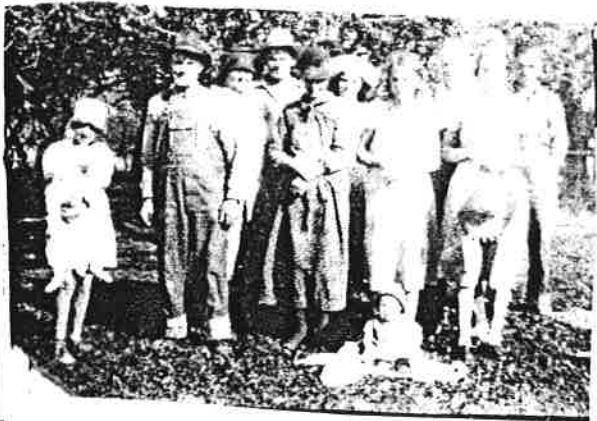
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Their lives were one great example of the precious pioneer spark of freedom. Always ready to serve God, who was calling them and giving untold blessings of a heritage in his children.

There children were: Jacob, Benjamin, Calvin, Emmaline, Clarissa, Pleasant Eugene, Moroni, Franklin, Julia, Sarah Olive, Lozine Henry.

Pleasant and Emmaline lived on the Muddy until his death in Mar 1900 where he is buried. She moved around between the children until her death 12 April 1912 and is buried at the Cleveland Cemetery, Cleveland, Utah.



Vern Atwood, Roy and Julia Sherman, Mer and Ida Colby, Frances Jones, Gold and Martha Jacobsen, Lenna and Victor Kent (baby) Arminta Jacobsen



Front: William Minchey
Left to right: (back) Olive Minchey (sister) her boy friend, Theda Minchey (wife)



Left to right: Clive, LaRee, Berniece
Center: Geneen, Eldwin Colby (son of Geneen)
Front: Billy, Llewlyn and Dianne

PLEASANT MINCHEY

Pleasant Minchey was born 29 February 1820 Highland, Jackson Tennessee to Richard and Frances Gains Minchey. (It was an unusual birthday, because being leap year, which gave him a birthday only once every 4 years.) His grandparents were Dionisious and Penkum Spinkes Minchew and Edward and Mary Cotton Gains. Pleasant was the 4th child; his brothers and sisters were: William, Calvin, Richard, Elizabeth and Frances

Pleasant was a very pleasant man and very kind to everyone. He was slow and easy going, while his wife was very energetic and high spirited.

At the age of twentyeight, he met and married his first wife, Margaret Canada Johnston she was only 17 at the time. She was born 22 Dec 1831 Jackson County, Tennessee to Oliver Campbell and Hannah Hall Bukley Johnston.

They joined the LD S Church shortly after they married as they moved to Nauvoo, Illinois in February 1849. Their first child arrived, a little girl they named Hannah Frances. His happiness was short lived, due to the exposure and hardships, the mother and baby both died a few days after the birth of the baby. He was heart broken for sometime.

He married 4 Mar 1851 in Kanessville, Iowa Emmaline DeGraw a daughter of Jacob and Sophia Dutton DeGraw.

Pleasant and Emmaline along with Emmaline's parents and their families came to Utah with the Robert Weimer Handcart Company there were 230 peioneer immigrants, they arrived in Salt Lake City Utah 15 Oct 1852. Before they left Nauvoo a baby boy was born to them, they called him Jacob. While they were in Nauvoo they were well acquainted with the prophet Joseph Smith. In fact they lived across the street from the Prophet's home.

They came across the plains with the Hancock Company. They bore their share of the work and hardships of this perilous journey. Put their faith in God, and always showed their willingness to help along the way. The company traveled almost entirely by ox team and handcart.

Upon arriving in Utah (then known as Deseret) they settled in Fountain Green. While they lived there, the Indians were very unfriendly. Father was a minuteman during these troubles. He was also a peacemaker among the Indians. One tribe kidnapped a little girl and kept her for three days. Pleasant told them his people wouldn't harm them if they would give the child to him unharmed. The Indians wouldn't give her to anyone but Pleasant.

He worked timber, getting logs and lumber for both dwellings and public houses. Later they moved to Southern Utah and settled in Ordersville, where he worked burning charcoal to be used by the blacksmiths, he also engaged in stock raising and farming. Then about 1882 they left Ordersville and went to Muddy Creek (five miles North of Emery). Under the leadership of Casper Christensen, helped build the tunnel to get water from the Muddy to Emery. Dug ditches to get the water into the thirsty land. Began to do farming and stock raising again.

Sarah Frances Foote tells of a story about Grandfather Minchey She was just a child when this happened. They were down by the river where he found a rather pretty tree growing and he took his pocket knife and cut the tree. Carried it to his cabin where a little stream of irrigating water was flowing by. Pushed the butt end of the limb into the soft wet dirt on the bank and said, "Now Grow". It did grow and become a very beautiful tree.

They would gather alfafa and cook it and eat it. Put butter, salt and pepper on it. Sometimes that was all that they had to eat.



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Emeline De Graw
Born: 16 May 1834
Alexandria, Jefferson, New York, USA Died: 12 July 1912
Cleveland, Emery, Utah, USA
Married March 4, 1851