

Still born son, Nov 1800

Ralph Cheshire, 20 Apr 1883

Mary Ann was the oldest child in a family of eight children. She was sick when the brother next to her was born so she went to live with an aunt and uncle, and lived with them off and on until her aunt's death.

By the age of six, Mary Ann and her sisters went to school where they learned to braid straw and brought it home to sell. They entered school in the morning, braided eleven yards; went home for lunch, came back and braided eleven more yards, went home for tea, returning to braid nine more yards in the evening.

They were constantly concerned that it would be discovered they were Mormons and then would be expelled from school and the sale of their braid would stop and they would be held in derision by their associates. The entire family were working and trying to save to be able to go to Utah to be with the Saints.

When Mary Ann was twenty-one she received some money willed to her by the uncle she had lived with earlier and this money was used by the Cheshire family to come to America.

Her twenty-second birthday was spent on the Plains, and she traveled part of the way across the plains on a thrashing machine. They arrived to Salt Lake City and traded their wagon for a stove and the oxen for a city lot. They still owed a few dollars on the lot and Mary Ann and her sisters continued to braid straw and make hats to help with the family finances. She soon established a millinery store on Main Street and had six girls working for her.

She married Ralph Ramsay and they lived in Salt Lake until 1872 when they left for Richfield and joined the United Order there. She started to wait on the sick there. They moved to St. Johns, Arizona and then moved to Old Mexico in February, 1885.

While they lived in Mexico, she took three of her children and went to Salt Lake City to study midwifery under Sister Shipp. In 1891, they moved to Snowflake, Arizona where she practiced midwifery. On one of her trips to Salt Lake City she went to the temple and received a blessing regarding her work among the sick. This blessing was a big comfort to her. All together she spent about thirty-five years practicing midwifery. She was a wonderful midwife.

Mary Ann Cheshire Ramsey was always true to her Faith, always attended to her church duties and was a devoted Relief Society member.

## MARY ANN CHESHIRE RAMSAY



BIRTHDATE: 28 Aug 1841  
DEATH: 5 Nov 1922  
Snowflake, Arizona  
PARENTS: George Cheshire  
Elizabeth Keys  
PIONEER: 4 Oct 1863  
Independent Co. Wagon Train  
SPOUSE: Ralph Ramsay  
MARRIED: 02 Aug 1869  
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah  
DEATH SP: 25 Jan 1905  
Snowflake, Arizona

### CHILDREN:

Mariam, 22 May 1871

Joseph, 11 Oct 1872

John, 2 Sep 1874

George, 27 Jun 1876

Rose Ann, 7 Jun 1878