HISTORY OF JOSEPH ASAY

Joseph Asay was born 28 January 1850 N.J. married Julia Sophia Roberts 19 May 1872 at Anabella, 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 borther 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 George town. Julia oldest*- Joseph E. went on a mission in November 8, 1898 labored in Oaklahoma and Kansas. Joined the move in 1900 to the Bighorn Basin in Tyoming 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 dependent 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 Letter 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 husand 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.

With the birth of JOSEPH ASA Y SR. born to 1771. Our heir and family head his grandson was born 17 Feb. 1823 in Trenties, N.J. Our interest in our progenitors naturally prompts us to search back beyond definite history in the hope of inading 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 HUGHENOTS. The Catholic rulers waged unceasing war on the people that were Protestant Sugmenots and they finely sought rafuge in Holland. The Dutch, a Peace loving people were tolerant with the incoming churchman. Our foreparents settled on the als of Jarsey in the English Channel off the coast of France. At this tile Spain ruled Holland. The in Tranny. The Hughenots tireing 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 rele were forced into row boats and scattered promiscuously, all down the Atlantic and gulf coasts. The Dutch were settling Make Netherland and the Asay's were attracted there locating in what is today New Jersey.

The first ASAY we have postive 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 PHEEL BUTCHER presumablly 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. Issac married PHESE 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 decendents 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 rarried children settled at or near Camden. While ISAAC and his thirteen married sons and daughters clustered near Treaton. Both groups engaged mostley in gardening, though some followed various ways of making a livelihood. BAULL at Caniden and AMBROSE at Trenton were Methodist preachers. Others were fishermen and some merchants, plasters, and stone masions, All were honest, well respected, and industrious. The sons of the second Jeseph were SOLOMAN, SANUEL, AND GHORGE. The daughterw were LLIZABETH AND SADE. If there were other children we have no record.

SOLOMAN married Martha Melson 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. RERRYMAN AND BOTH died at Mosco, Gelo. Richard and wife AMA DA had no children. They died at Iowa. George and wife Jeminng 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 Tremton Isaac's first child MARY died when only two years old. MYHONY married LYDIA DENNIS. They had four girls and three boys.

JACOB AND WIFE PHONES had one Amos am 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

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LLIAM P. MARRIED LLIA ACT. JANE B.KER. Two some diessed their home. CARL harmond of Hawarden, Canada, and Claude of Gresewood, lower They also had an adorted daughter Maud. Three boys two being twins died in infancy. Phaba married a man named CARTER. She had no children. The woold fathers and most of there children lived to a ripe old age, near minty and above. Shout 1860 or just before the

Civil War restlessness took hold of some of the sons and they moved Westward.

Alfred and Richard cousins, to Illinois, WILLIAM to Iowa, Solomon to Colorado, and we are told that two asaY brothers for years in early times, ran a trading post and store with the Indians at Pine Hidge on the line of South Dakota and Nebraska, ANTHONY also went to ILLINOIS, but the first to move West was Jodaph and family of eleven children in 1859. It was in the late fifties that two humble elders winchester and Falmer called At the home of Joseph and Jarah Ann and brought them the gospel message, It's truths were accepted and they soon began a long trek by ox tam to Dtan. They crossed the plains in the company of Brigham ?. Young and upon apriving in Utan settled for a time in Jalt Lake City. They were later called by Pres, Brigham Young with others to settle in the uddy Creek in Nevada, (From Journal Higtory of Church 1867 - Oct. -p.1: Monday deminnual Conference continued. The following persons were selected to go on a mission to the southern part of the Territory - about one hundred families - among them "Joseph say and three sons,") They lived at Overton, Nevada for a time. They were later galled to settle at the junction of the Virgin and Colorado hivers. They remained there two years. Pres. Young and party visited them here and had them move back to the holdy Overton. They were called later to settle Long Valle, Utah, (from RuBI-pp.107 Val.12. both the Muldy and Virgin villages were abandoned, the Exodus back to Utah beginging late in December 1870, at the time the Southern Nevada point had a church population of 1250 .. by Co. Joseph colintoch - Arigona State Historical Feb. 6,1921.) They made their nome at the larmel, from which base the boys all went out and found wites and married one after another fro about 1870 to 1875.

They settled in a group at ASAY'S RANCH on the head of the Serier River. They remained in a body there for nearly 30 years, engaged in raising cattle. Father Joseph say died at Rt. Carmel 3, October, 1879 and is buried there. The oldest son WILLIAM I DRICK remained in Salt Lake City when the family moved to Nevada, and for a time was President Brigham Young's body guard. He married Jane FULLIER in 1863 and after moved by way of Long Valley to the Sila River in Arizona, settling in 1875 at the Ten children were born to them. WILLIAM HENDRICKSm who had three children. WILLIAM died in Thatcher, Arizona in 1898. The second child FRANKLIN HAD DIED in infancy at

Trenton, N.J.

EDWIN married SHALLTINA DOEBELL RIDING of St. George, Utah in 1874 and moved his little family to Springfille, Arizona. Six years later he had a good farm and bright prospects when he died. His widow with five small children sold the farm for a promise and a team and wagin returned by way of Lees Ferry to St. George. She later moved to ranguitch and married ISBALL D. ALLPHIN by whom she had four sons. She moved in 1902 to Wyoming and made her home in Lovell.

ISAAC ASAY married LICABETH ALLEN. They left the United Order at Orderville, in 1883 and moved to All Y's RONGH where his wife died. He moved with his children to ORLEN RIVER and afterward to Monroe, Utah where he married a widow Annie Calloway and

later died.

JOSEPH ASAY the fifth son married JULIAN SOPHIA ROBLES first and later married her sister Mary Amanda soberts of Annabelle, Utah. About 1874. Lived there for a

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THE ASSY Harried KERRSHLACE FLETCHER: While the family lived in Salt Lake, abt 1862, thou have noved to Carronville, Utah. She was the mother of fourteen children. She taked in 1901.

With DOWE PAIRLY ASAY married JANE UTHSOR of St. George, Uteh. They lived at Asay Reach. After his wife died he then married MARY DUFFON of Cedar City, Utah. Abt. 1895. They moved to Every, Uteh taking Grandmother Sarch with them. She died in 1900. THEADORE joined in the move to Eyo. settling at Cowley, where he died in 1915.

AAPGA ASVI married FINEPIA FARL OF HAPRISHERG, UTAH abt. 1875. They lived at Mt. Carmel U was, then married MTRA HATCH. They may be byol in 1900, settled at Lovell, died of the flu in 1918.

Themse A SAY married N FITTE WINSOR of St. George 1895, lived 3 yrs at pipe Springs, moved to ASA Y 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 mortentile and form interests, was helpful in sickness and helped both man and teast and when the JOSEPH A SAY FAMILY was organized into a family organization (Uncle Al) was made President, being the oldest living som. He died in 1932.

St. George, moved ater to Orderville, later to Asay's Runch where he was in the cattle business with his brothers. " Here they ran the store and post office and were influential in satablishing a school. Jerome carried the mail on snow shoes from Asay's Banch to Ponguitch for twenty-five dollars a trip. "*It was here in a twe-room log cabin that ten of their eleven children were born. From here they moved to a mild climit in Green River to Vernal, one child Edunor Jans Asay born at wellington, Carbon Co. To the codd camps in Emery Co. they finally settled in Castle Dale, Utah abt 1902, where he resided antil he died 5 Oct. 1940. His wife died at the age of 90 yrs. 23 July 1950.**After ENNAZER DIED JERGE became President of the Joseph Asay Family Organization at the rougion held 16 Feb. 1935. (H is grandson Lynn Asay was President at the Reunion held at Asay Creek July 1955-57.)

AMOS Asay married the devorced wife of his brother Afron in 1985. Serepta Barl Asay. They lived at ASAY RANCH, later moved to Wyo. settled at Lovell. Had seven Children.

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

The Asays lived in the Big Horn Fasin (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 sleep 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 hedped to make the Co. prosperous. Property bedame more valuable. Early in 1918 while the world was still on the terrible flu epidemic hit us and took a number of ASAYS in iter toll of death, including Aaron Asay and oldest son

MA r. 23, 1923 the JOSEPH ASAY FAMILY (organization ASSOCIATION was organized with Eleazer Asay as President. Of the Joseph Asay decendants there were ever 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 decendants. Living in the different states and of their dead and to unite those facts with geneology and history of the families of his decendants to form a family tree.

David.

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, Utab.

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 bartismal 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 1863, Payson Utah, as a plural wife. They were 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 carcenter 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 thived, 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 sarlier giving them a hearty welcome. Joseph and his sone 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 bog 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. Sagah Jane	born 28 Teb. 1877 Annabella	Utah died as infant
4. George Anson	born 26 Nov. 1878 Annabella	UUtah
5. Aaron Eleazer	bor. 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 Uta	ıh
6. Helen Mar born 13 Dec. 1889 Georgetown Utah died 3 Dec. 1890 Georgetown Utah		

born 24 Sept. 1895 Georgetown Utah

born 15 Oct. 1898 Georgetown Utah

born 15 Apr. 1901 Georgetown Utah

7. Jenneve

8. Lula Dee

9. Sarah Ann

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