

HISTORY OF WILLIAM PEDRICK ASAY

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William Pedrick Asay was born 4 July 1843 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was the oldest son of Joseph Asay and Sarah Ann Pedrick. He was named after his mother's father William Pedrick.

When he was two or three years of age, his parents[^] moved to New Jersey near the City of Trenton. Here he grew to manhood; And about the age of 18 came across the plains with his family to Utah. Because of his youth and vigor he was a great help to his father assisting with the large family in crossing the plains with ox-team.

While his family was living in Salt Lake Valley he met and married Sarah Jane Fullmer born 18 Jan. 1847 in Garden Grove Iowa. They were sealed 26 Dec. 1863 by President Willford Woodruff in the old Endowment House.

When his father and some of his brothers answered the call for the Muddy Mission in 1867, William remained in Salt Lake City, living there about 12 years. While here, six children were born to them, but to their sorrow four died in infancy.

About 1875 William and Jane moved to Beaver Utah, where another child was born in 1876, but only lived a year. They soon moved to Mt. Carmel where his father and mother were living. Here their daughter Estella was born 4 Nov. 1877. She was blessed 4th of March 1879 by his father Joseph Asay.

After living in Mt. Carmel two years, they moved to Tempe Arizona. Two more children were born to them, but both died shortly soon after their mother died 9 August 1883. William was left alone with only five children out of ten born to him and Jane.

Shortly after her mother's death (Sadie) Sarah Ann Williams daughter, now a young girl of seven married John Cowan. The young couple moved to California; taking with them the little sister Estella. This left William with only William Jr. a boy of twelve years of age. William never saw his

Two Daughters again

William and his son Willy moved to Gila Vally and set up the first store along with the post office in Layton Arizona. Two years later they sold out their holdings; and established a mercantile business in Central Arizona.

In 1886 William married Arminda Alice Hendricks born 2 Aug. 1870, in Todd Co. Kentucky. She was the daughter of James William Hendricks and Lucy Susan Stinson . They were married in Thatcher Arizona. He was engaged in the mercantile business here also. William and his second wife Arminda Alice had a family of five children. Two of these children also died young.

James Hendricks Asay born 13 June 1893 died 22 Feb. 1894

Charles Alfred Asay born 1 July 1897 died 30 Jan. 1899

Arminda Alice was still living in Florida in 1963 getting around on one crutch and working in her garden.

On the 3rd of March 1889 William married his third wife Hildagard Chlorsen born 27 Nov. 1871 daughter of Hans Nadren Chlorsen and Cecelia Monter. She was his plural wife. Two children were born to them.

After the manifesto was issued by President Wilford Woodruff, she was divorced from William Asay and later married Abraham Bowman. She died 27 Jan. 1894 at Thatcher Arizona.

William Pedrick Asay was a First class carpenter, and was engaged in building a good home for his family in Thatcher, at the time of his death. He was well known for his ability to test ores for precious metals. People would bring their specimens to him to have them assayed.

William Pedrick Asay Passed away with pneumonia at Thatcher Arizona on the 20th day of April 1898.