

## FAMILY HISTORY OF ASAHEL PERRY

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ASAHEL PERRY, SON OF ABIEL PERRY AND MERRIAM WOLCOTT WAS BORN AT WILLIAMSBURG, HAMSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, FEBRUARY 26, 1784. HE WAS MARRIED TO POLLY CHADWICK, DAUGHTER OF ISAAC CHADWICK AND DINAH BREWER, MARCH 26, 1806.

POLLY CHADWICK WAS BORN JUNE 24, 1789, TYRINGHAM, BERKSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.

AFTER THEY WERE MARRIED, THEY FIRST MADE THEIR HOME IN MADISON, MADISON COUNTY, NEW YORK. HERE THEIR FIRST SIX CHILDREN WERE BORN. THEY MOVED TO MIDDLEBURY, GENESEE COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN THE YEAR 1815, AND HERE FOUR MORE CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THEM. IT WAS WHILE LIVING AT MIDDLEBURY THAT ASAHEL PERRY AND HIS FAMILY FIRST HEARD THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST PREACHED. LATER THE FATHER AND MOTHER, TWO SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER JOINED THE CHURCH AND WERE BAPTIZED. THE FIRST MISSIONARIES TO BRING THE GOSPEL TO THE PERRY FAMILY WERE AARON C. LYON AND JOHN P. GREEN IN THE LATE SUMMER AND FALL OF 1832. PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG, HIS FATHER, AND HIS BROTHER, JOSEPH YOUNG, AND OTHER ELDERS HELD MEETINGS AT THE HOME OF ASAHEL PERRY IN MIDDLEBURY, GENESEE COUNTY, NEW YORK. ASAHEL PERRY WAS BAPTIZED A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH ON THE 4TH OF AUGUST, 1833, AND WAS THEN SET APART TO PRESIDE OVER THE BRANCH OF THE CHURCH IN GENESEE COUNTY. IN 1836 HE SOLD HIS PROPERTY IN GENESEE COUNTY, ALSO LAND HE OWNED IN ERIE AND CHATAQUA COUNTIES AND MOVED TO KIRTLAND WHERE HE LIVED AND ASSISTED IN THE BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE AT THAT PLACE.

IN THE SPRING OF 1838 HE MOVED TO MISSOURI AND SETTLED IN DAVIS COUNTY, BUT IN THE FALL OF THE SAME YEAR WAS EXPELLED WITH THE SAINTS FROM THAT PLACE, AND THEY SPENT THE WINTER OF 1838-39 IN CALDWELL COUNTY. IN FEBRUARY, 1839 THE SAINTS WERE EXPELLED FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI UNDER THE ORDER OF THE GOVERNER, L. W. BOGGS.

THE FAMILY LIVED NEAR QUINCY, ILLINOIS, UNTIL THE SPRING OF 1840 WHEN THEY MOVED TO COMMERCE, ILLINOIS, WHICH WAS LATER NAMED NAUYOO. THEY LIVED HERE UNTO THE EXPULSION OF THE SAINTS FROM THAT PLACE. DURING THIS TIME ASAHEL PERRY PERFORMED A SHORT MISSION TO THE STATE OF NEW YORK. HE LEFT HIS HOME AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS, 18 JUNE, 1840, AND TRAVELED AS FAR EAST AS NEW YORK, HIS OLD HOME TOWN, VISITING HIS SONS AND DAUGHTERS.

HE RETURNED HOME, NOVEMBER 15, 1840, HAVING TRAVELED A DISTANCE OF 1449 MILES. ALTHOUGH HE

PREACHED THE GOSPEL TO HIS SONS AND DAUGHTERS ON THIS MISSION AND HIS SON, STEPHEN, ALSO CARRIED THE GOSPEL MESSAGE TO THEM TWICE IN LATER YEARS, NOT ONE OF THEM EVER JOINED THE CHURCH EXCEPT THE THREE WHO JOINED THE SAME TIME THEIR FATHER AND MOTHER JOINED (STEPHEN, PHILANDER, AND POLLY. EAJ).

IN THE SPRING OF 1846 HE CROSSED THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. HAVING LOST IN THE EXPULSIONS ALL THE PROPERTY HE OWNED EXCEPT ONE INDIAN PONY, AN OLD ONE-HORSE WAGON, A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, AND A FEW IMPLEMENTS, HE WAS COMPELLED TO REMAIN IN THE MISSISSIPPI BOTTOMS THE SUMMER OF 1846 ON ACCOUNT OF SEVERE SICKNESS AS HE WAS NEAR DEATH AT THAT TIME.

LATE IN THE FALL WITH SOME ASSISTANCE HE TRAVELED AS FAR WEST AS THE DES MOINES RIVER AND ABOUT TWENTY MILES FROM NAUVOO WHERE THEY STAYED THROUGH THE WINTER. WHILE HERE THE SAINTS WERE ATTACKED BY MOBS MANY TIMES.

IN THE FALL OF 1847 WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF HIS SONS, PHILANDER AND STEPHEN, HE MOVED TO MT. PISGAH, IOWA. IN THE FALL OF 1849 HE WAS CALLED TO PRESIDE OVER THE BRANCH OF THE CHURCH AT MT. PISGAH, WHICH POSITION HE HELD UNTIL THE SPRING OF 1850 WHEN HE STARTED ON THE TRAIL OF THE SAINTS TO UTAH. IN OCTOBER, 1850, HE ARRIVED AT HOBBLE CREEK, NOW KNOWN AS SPRINGVILLE, UTAH. ON THE 20 MARCH, 1851, HE WAS SET APART TO PRESIDE OVER THE BRANCH OF THE CHURCH AT SPRINGVILLE, UTAH, AND WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE HIGH COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY. HE WAS SOON ORDAINED A PATRIARCH AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN SALT LAKE CITY, BEING THE FIRST PATRIARCH OF THE SPRINGVILLE BRANCH.

HE DIED AS HE HAD LIVED, FIRM IN THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL OF THE SON OF GOD, FEBRUARY 16, 1869, AGE 85 YEARS. HIS WIFE DIED AT SPRINGVILLE, DECEMBER 30, 1878, AGE 89 YEARS. THEY HAD MADE MANY SACRIFICES. AT ONE TIME THEY HAD MUCH PROPERTY AND WERE CONSIDERED WEALTHY PEOPLE AT THAT TIME, BUT THEY GAVE THEIR MONEY TO THE CHURCH AT THE TIME OF THE BUILDING OF THE KIRTLAND TEMPLE. THEY ALSO LEFT SIX OF THEIR LOVED SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN NEW YORK AND THE MOTHER NEVER SAW BUT ONE OF THEM AGAIN. ONE SON, WILLARD, CAME TO UTAH ON A VISIT. THEY RECEIVED THEIR ENDOWMENTS IN THE NAUVOO TEMPLE, DECEMBER 17, 1845.

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POLLY CHADWICK PERRY

FROM THE FILES OF ANNA JOHNSON -- SHE QUOTES "UNPUBLISHED SKETCH AT CHURCH HISTORIAN'S OFFICE" AND

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POLLY CHADWICK PERRY DIED AT THE RESIDENCE OF HER SON STEPHEN'S IN SPRINGVILLE, UTAH CO., UTAH, DEC. 30, 1878, AFTER AN ILLNESS OF FIVE DAYS. SHE WAS 89 YEARS OLD. SHE WAS THE WIFE OF ASAHEL PERRY, A PATRIARCH IN THE CHURCH AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF SPRINGVILLE. SHE WAS BORN IN TYRINGHAM, BERK CO. MASS. JUNE 24, 1789. SHE EMBRACED THE GOSPEL UNDER THE TEACHINGS OF PRES. BRIGHAM YOUNG AND JOSEPH YOUNG. SHE WAS BAPTIZED NOV. 7, 1832 IN MICOLEBURY, N.Y. SHE WAS WITH HER HUSBAND AND FAMILY IN KIRTLAND, OHIO, IN THE SPRING OF 1836, WHEN THEY WITNESSED THE MANY MANIFESTATIONS OF THE POWER OF GOD, AND ALSO OF THE EVIL ONE. SHE BELONGED WITH THE EXODUS OF THE SAINTS FROM THAT PLACE TO MISSOURI IN SPRING OF 1838, RECEIVING HER FULL SHARE OF ALL THE TRIALS AND DIFFICULTIES OF THAT EXPERIENCE. SOON AFTER THEY SETTLED AT ADAM-ONDI-AHMAN, DAVIS CO., MO. FROM WHICH PLACE THEY WERE AGAIN DRIVEN. THEY STAYED IN CALDWELL FROM NOV. UNTIL FEB. WHEN THEY WERE EXPELLED FROM THE STATE BY GOV. BOGGS. THEY CROSSED THE MISSISSIPPI IN FEB. OR MARCH 1839. THEY WERE NOW REDUCED TO ALMOST ABJECT POVERTY, HAVING BEEN PEOPLE OF AFFLUENCE. THEY GATHERED WITH THE SAINTS AT COMMERCE, NOW NAUVOO, ILL. 1840. THEY INDULGED IN THE EXPERIENCE OF ATTENDING THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THAT PLACE, ALSO WITNESSED THE BUILDING THE HOUSE UNTO THE LORD. SHE RECEIVED HER BLESSING ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND IN THE TEMPLE THERE. THEY WERE AGAIN DRIVEN FROM NAUVOO, INTO THE WILDS OF THE UNKNOWN, ARRIVING IN SALT LAKE CITY, SEPT. 23, 1850. THEY AGAIN MOVED AND THIS TIME TO SPRINGVILLE WHERE SHE LIVED UNTIL HER DEATH.

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#### HISTORY OF STEPHEN CHADWICK PERRY

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STEPHEN C. PERRY, SON OF ASAHEL PERRY AND POLLY CHADWICK, WAS BORN DECEMBER 22, 1818, MIDDLEBURY, GENESEE COUNTY, NEW YORK. HE WAS A BOY WHO HAD GREAT LOVE AND RESPECT FOR THE TEACHINGS OF HIS FATHER AND FIRMLY BELIEVED THE WORD OF THE MISSIONARIES WHO CAME TO HIS FATHER'S HOME. HE WAS BAPTIZED A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH AND LEFT THE TOWN WHERE HE WAS BORN WITH HIS FATHER AND MOTHER TO GO WITH THE SAINTS WHEREVER THEY WERE CALLED UPON TO MOVE. HE WAS ORDAINED AN ELDER IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS ON THE SIXTH DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR 1840, BY THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH.

THE 6TH OF JUNE, 1840, STEPHEN C. PERRY WAS MARRIED TO SUSANNAH COLISTA HIDDEN, DAUGHTER OF

EBENEZER HIDDEN AND ELVIRA COLBY. (RUBY HAS CROSSED OUT THIS LAST NAME. EAJ) SHE WAS BORN AT HOLLAND, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 24, 1817. ONE SON, STEPHEN HIDDEN PERRY, WAS BORN TO THEM 19 JANUARY, 1843. AT THE TIME OF THE BABY'S BIRTH, THE MOTHER DIED AND TWO DAYS LATER THE BABY DIED. THEY WERE BOTH BURIED IN THE SAME CASKET.

ON JANUARY 18, 1844, AT NAUVOO, ILLINOIS, STEPHEN C. PERRY AND ANNA MARIA HULETT WERE MARRIED. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF CHARLES HULETT AND MARGARET NOAH. SHE WAS BORN AT NELSON, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO. SHE HAD ONE BROTHER AND THREE SISTERS. THEY MADE THEIR HOME AT NAUVOO, ILLINOIS, WHERE THEIR FIRST CHILD WAS BORN IN JANUARY, 1845. THEY LEFT NAUVOO WITH THE SAINTS WHEN THEY WERE DRIVEN FROM MISSOURI AND SETTLED IN MT. PISGAH, IOWA. HERE THEIR FIRST DAUGHTER WAS BORN, TRYPHENA ROSELTHA, 19 JUNE, 1847. IN 1848 HE WENT BACK TO NEW YORK ON A MISSION. ON DECEMBER 31, 1849 A SECOND SON, LEWIS ROSALVO, WAS BORN.

IN THE SPRING OF 1850 STEPHEN, HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN AND HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, STARTED ACROSS THE PLAINS IN CAPT. BENNETT'S COMPANY. THE FATHER AND MOTHER OF ANN MARIE WERE ALSO IN THIS COMPANY. THEY ARRIVED AT SPRINGVILLE IN OCTOBER, 1850 AND AT FIRST LIVED IN SMALL FORTS IN THE NORTHWEST PART OF TOWN ON HOBBLE CREEK. LATER A LARGER FORT WAS BUILT IN THE CENTER OF THE TOWNSITE. IN A VERY SMALL HOUSE IN THIS FORT TWO MORE CHILDREN WERE BORN TO STEPHEN C. PERRY AND ANN MARIE HULETT, JOHN SYLVESTER AND COLISTA ANN BOYER. THEY SOON MOVED AND BUILT A HOME ON THEIR FARMING LAND SOUTH OF THE FORT. HERE CHARLES ASAHEL AND ONE CHILD WHO DIED IN INFANCY WERE BORN.

ANN MARIE HULETT PERRY WAS A VERY QUIET, UN-ASSUMING WOMAN OF STERLING TRUTH AND WILLING TO DO ALL SHE COULD TO HELP ANYONE WHO NEEDED ANY ASSISTANCE. THE TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS MUST OF NECESSITY BEEN VERY HARD FOR THESE SAINTS WHO HAD VERY LITTLE TO START OUT ON SUCH A TRIP BUT IT BEING SUMMER TIME, IT WAS PLEASANT WEATHER FOR TRAVELING. STEPHEN'S SISTER, POLLY MARIE SMITH, AND HER HUSBAND, WILLIAM, WERE IN THE SAME COMPANY SO THEY HAD A SORT OF FAMILY PARTY ALL THE WAY. ANN MARIE HULETT PERRY DIED AT SPRINGVILLE, UTAH ON 27 JULY, 1884.

ON FEBRUARY 4, 1854, STEPHEN C. PERRY ENTERED THE ORDER OF PLURAL MARRIAGE. HE TOOK FOR A SECOND WIFE, MARGARET ELEANOR STEWART, WHO WAS BORN NEAR LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, 26 APRIL, 1836, DAUGHTER OF JOHN MARTIN STEWART AND NANCY KING. TO THEM WERE BORN

THREE CHILDREN, THE OLDEST OF WHOM IS STILL LIVING AT MAPLETON, UTAH, HARRIET PERRY WHITING, WHO IS THE MOTHER OF FIFTEEN LIVING CHILDREN.

IN 1855 STEPHEN C. PERRY WAS CALLED ON A MISSION TO HELP COLONIZE SOUTHERN UTAH. HE WENT WITH A PARTY OF ELDERS TO LAS VAGAS WHERE HE SPENT TWO YEARS AWAY FROM HIS FAMILIES OF SMALL CHILDREN.

IN THE YEAR 1857 HE MARRIED MARY BOGGS AT SPRINGVILLE, UTAH. TO THEM WERE BORN ELEVEN CHILDREN NINE OF WHOM ARE STILL LIVING, HYRUM BOGGS PERRY, HORACE BRIGHAM PERRY, PARLEY PRATT PERRY, MARCUS PERRY, MARION PERRY, FRANCIS EVALINE PERRY SNOW (THE MOTHER OF RUBY JENSEN, EAJ), ALL OF MAPLETON, UTAH; HARVEY PERRY OF ARCO, IDAHO; LUCY PERRY VAN LEUVAN OF SPRINGVILLE, UTAH; GEORGE W. PERRY OF VERNAL, UTAH.

MARY BOGGS PERRY WAS BORN 12 APRIL, 1843, NAUVOO, ILLINOIS, THE DAUGHTER OF FRANCIS BOGGS AND EVALINA MARTIN. HER FATHER CAME TO UTAH IN THE FIRST COMPANY OF PIONEERS, AND SHE CAME IN THE SECOND COMPANY WHEN ONLY FOUR YEARS OLD WITH HER MOTHER, BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CAPTAIN SPENCER'S COMPANY, ARRIVING IN SALT LAKE CITY, SEPTEMBER, 1847. HER FATHER, FRANCIS BOGGS, WAS BORN MAY 17, 1807, AT BELMONT, OHIO. FRANCIS BOGGS AND FAMILY LATER MOVED TO SPRINGVILLE, UTAH AND WHILE LIVING IN SPRINGVILLE MARY WAS MARRIED TO STEPHEN C. PERRY AND THERE LIVED FOR MANY YEARS.

IN THE YEAR 1877 THE PERRY FAMILY MOVED TO MAPLETON OR WHAT WAS THEN CALLED THE UNION BENCH AND TOOK UP A HOMESTEAD AND BUILT A TWO-ROOM HOUSE. HERE GRANDMA TO US AND AUNT MARY TO OUR COMMUNITY SPENT MANY LONELY HOURS WITH HER SMALL CHILDREN WITH HER, AND THEY MUST HAVE BEEN FILLED MOST OF THE TIME WITH FEAR AS WELL AS LONELINESS AS THERE WERE FEW PEOPLE LIVING IN MAPLETON AT THAT TIME AND THE HOMESTEAD WAS SURROUNDED WITH TALL SAGE. THE INDIANS WERE AROUND ALSO ALL THE TIME BEGGING FOR SOMETHING TO EAT. MARY PERRY AND HER CHILDREN WERE INDEED PIONEERS OF MAPLETON, AND SHE AND HER FATHER BOTH PIONEERS OF 1847. WE, HER DESCENDANTS SHOULD FEEL TRULY BLESSED TO BE DESCENDANTS OF SUCH PROGENITORS. THE PERRY FAMILY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ACTIVE AND PROMINENT IN THE BUILDING OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVED. MARY PERRY AND STEPHEN PERRY ALWAYS TOLD THEIR CHILDREN TO SHOW GREAT REVERENCE FOR THE GOSPEL AND TO ALWAYS HONOR THE LAWS OF THE LAND.

AFTER THE DEATH OF ANN MARIE PERRY, STEPHEN PERRY'S SECOND WIFE, HER YOUNGEST SON, CHARLES ASAH-HEL, LIVED WITH MARY PERRY AND WAS LOVED AND TREATED

THE SAME AS HER OWN CHILDREN.

STEPHEN C. PERRY WAS LOCALLY KNOWN AS THE FIRST CHAIR-MAKER OF SPRINGVILLE AND MANY OF HIS CHAIRS ARE STILL CHERISHED AS PIONEER RELICS OF PIONEER LIFE. STEPHEN C. PERRY WAS A VETERAN OF THE BLACK HAWK WAR AND WAS ONE OF THE MESSENGERS SENT TO MAKE OVERTURES OF PEACE TO THE HOSTILE INDIANS OF WALKER'S BAND ENCAMPED IN FAYSON CANYON. HE NARROWLY ESCAPED WITH HIS LIFE AT THIS TIME AT THE HANDS OF BLOOD-THIRSTY INDIANS. HE WAS ONE OF SPRINGVILLE'S HONORED CITIZENS. HE WAS A HIGH PRIEST. HE FILLED THREE MISSIONS, ONE OF THEM BACK TO THE EASTERN STATES. HE ARRIVED AT THE TOWN WHERE HE WAS BORN 31 DECEMBER, 1869. HE AGAIN VISITED HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS BUT THEY GAVE HIM TO UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS TO SAY NOTHING OF THE CHURCH, BUT HE WAS MADE VERY WELCOME AS THEIR BROTHER. HE WAS AWAY FROM HIS HOME AND FAMILY OVER TWO YEARS AT THIS TIME.

STEPHEN PERRY WAS ONE OF THE BODY GUARDS TO THE PROPHET JOSEPH AND TALKED WITH BOTH JOSEPH AND HYRUM THE NIGHT BEFORE THE MARTYRDOM. STEPHEN PERRY WITH HIS WIVES WERE INDEED BUILDERS NOT ONLY OF MANY HOMES BUT OF HIGH HONOR AND INTEGRITY IN THEIR NOBLE SONS AND DAUGHTERS, AND WE, THE LATER DESCENDANTS, CAN LITTLE REALIZE THE HARSHIPS THESE FAMILIES MUST HAVE HAD, ESPECIALLY DURING THE TIME OF THE FATHER'S MISSIONS. TO HIM HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN STAND TODAY AS A GREAT LIVING MONUMENT. THERE IS NOT ONE OF HIS POSTERITY WHO NUMBER OVER FIVE HUNDRED SOULS, WHO IS NOT A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE CHURCH AND ALL ARE AN HONOR TO THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY LIVE.

THIRTEEN GRANDSONS AND THREE GREAT GRANDSONS ENLISTED IN THE WORLD WAR. TWO GRANDSONS GAVE THEIR LIVES IN DEFENSE OF THEIR COUNTRY AND FLAG. FIVE SAW ACTIVE SERVICE OVER-SEAS.

STEPHEN C. PERRY DIED IN SPRINGVILLE, UTAH, 16 NOVEMBER, 1888. ANN MARIE HULETT PERRY DIED IN SPRINGVILLE, UTAH, 27 JULY, 1884. MARGARET ELEANOR STEWART PERRY DIED IN SPRINGVILLE, UTAH. (SHE AND STEPHEN C. PERRY HAD BEEN DIVORCED. EAJ) MARY BOGGS PERRY DIED IN SPRINGVILLE, UTAH, 11 MARCH, 1915. STEPHEN PERRY AND HIS WIVES ARE BURIED IN THE SPRINGVILLE CITY CEMETERY.

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