



LUCY CHAPMAN COOK

The popular version of the history of Lucy Chapman Cook was written, we think, by Gertrude Cook Jackson. We have copies of it in the archives of family members, and we found five copies of her history in the Library of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. Two of them were equal to our family copy. There were two abbreviated versions, each one a bit different, appearing to have been written for compiled histories.

The fifth was written in 1961 by Margaret D. Hughes. This one is unique and indicates that Lucy joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which was an open question in the other histories. Full citations are given in the reference notes at the end. —Alonzo Dean Cook, July 2006

This “first history” is the traditional family version. The “second history” are the abbreviated versions. The “third history” is from Margaret D. Hughes.

First History

A Short Sketch of a Pioneer by Gertrude Cook Jackson

Lucy Chapman Cook, a daughter of Amasa and Ann Darby Chapman, was born 5 May, 1787 in Hancock, Berkshire, Massachusetts. She was one of several children born to this couple.

She married William Cook, 19 December, 1805. He was born 6 September, 1780, in Massachusetts, parents unknown. They were the parents of eight children: Amassa, born 16 April, 1807, Massachusetts, who we believe died young; Edwin A, born 10 February or October, 1809, Massachusetts; William, born 25 January, 1811, New York; Henrietta, born 31 March, 1813, New York; Henry Freeman, born 12 January, 1815, New York; Anne E. born 17 April, 1818; Benjamin J. born 25 February, 1821; Harriet born 7 August 1824. We believe the latter three were also born in New York State.

Sometime between 1809 and 1811, Lucy and William moved to Homer, Cortland, New York. The history of Cortland County states that this was a heavily forested area, and in those early days could only be reached by boats on the rivers or trails through the woods. We don't know how long they lived there. We believe it was until after their fifth child, Henry Freeman, married. He married Sophronia Strobridge of Solon, Cortland County, New York on April 9, 1837. He went with his new bride to Comstock, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

We believe Lucy and William went to Michigan at this time. The New York State census of 1835 of Cortland County, lists a William Cook as head of a household with the right amount of persons in his family.

Michigan was another wilderness out of which they tried to carve a home. Its winters were hard, and there were many diseases in the soil. On the 7th of January, 1840, Lucy and William's daughter, Anne E., died. On the 4th of November the same year, William died, leaving Lucy to carry on alone.

In the early part of 1843, Lucy's son, Henry Freeman and his wife heard and accepted the Gospel of Jesus Christ and were baptized. We have no record of Lucy being baptized until after her death, but we think she believed in the Gospel. A couple of years later when Henry Freeman and Sophronia moved to Nauvoo, Lucy went with them.

When the Saints were driven out of Nauvoo, Lucy again went with her son, Henry Freeman, and family, first to Council Bluffs, Iowa, then to St. Louis (Missouri). Here they joined the Warren Snow Company and began the long journey to Utah. They arrived in October, 1852.

They spent the winter in Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County. They then were sent by President Brigham Young to Cedar Valley, Utah County, the next year. They helped settle the town of Cedar Fort, living for a time in the Fort built of Cedars. Here they again battled the elements and Indians to build a new home.

This was to be Lucy's last move to a new home. She died October 16, 1857, and was buried in the Cedar Fort Cemetery. She had traveled a long way from where she left most of her children and buried her husband.

Her son, William, accepted the Gospel and later came to Utah, so she has two of her sons buried near her.

She was a true pioneer.

This genealogy was attached to some of the familiar histories.

William Cook, b. 6 Sep 1780, Massachusetts; m. 19 Dec 1805 d. 4 Nov 1840, Comstock, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Lucy Chapman, b. 5 May 1787, Massachusetts; d. 16 Oct 1857, Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah

Children:

Amassa Cook,	b. 16 Apr 1807, Massachusetts;	d.
Edwin A. Cook,	b. 10 Feb or Oct, 1809, Massachusetts;	d.
William Cook,	b. 25 Jan 1811, New York;	d. 24 Oct 1894, Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah
Henrietta Cook,	b. 31 Mar 1813, New York;	d.
Henry Freeman Cook,	b. 12 Jan 1815, New York;	d. 14 Apr 1882, Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah
Anne E. Cook,	b. 17 Apr, 1818, New York;	d. 7 Jan 1840, Michigan
Benjamin J. Cook,	b. 25 Feb 1821, Comstock, Michigan;	d.
Harriett Cook,	b. 7 Aug 1824, Comstock, Michigan;	d. 1899

Second History (1st Version)

Biography: Lucy Chapman Cook
Birthdate: 05 May 1787 Hancock, Berkshire County, Massachusetts
Death: 16 Oct 1857 Cedar Fort, Utah County, Utah
Parents: Amassa Chapman Ann Darby
Pioneer: 09 Oct 1852 James C. Snow Wagon Train
Spouse: William Cook
Married: 19 Dec 1805
Death: 04 Nov 1840
Children: Amassa 16 Apr 1807
Edwin A. 10 Feb or Oct 1809
William 25 Jan 1811
Henrietta 31 Mar 1813
Henry Freeman 12 Jan 1815
Ann E. 17 Apr 1818
Benjamin J. 25 Feb 1821
Harriet 07 Aug 1824

Lucy was born in Massachusetts in 1787. She was the mother of eight children. With her husband and family she moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan. It was a wilderness and they endured many hardships. On 7 Jan 1840 her daughter Ann died. On 4 Nov the same year her husband died, leaving Lucy to carry on alone.

She went to live with her son Henry. About two years later Henry and his wife moved to Nauvoo, Illinois. Lucy went with them leaving behind the rest of the family.

When the saints were driven out of Nauvoo she left too.

They went to Council Bluffs then on to St. Louis. Here they joined the James Snow wagon train, arriving in Salt Lake City, Oct 1852.

They spent the winter in Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County. The next year they went to settle in Cedar Fort. They lived for a time in the fort for protection from the Indians.

Lucy's son William later came to join them in Utah.

Lucy died 16 Oct 1857 at age 70.

Second History (2nd Version)

Biography: Lucy Chapman Cook
Birthdate: 05 May 1787 Hancock, Berkshire County, Massachusetts
Death: 16 October 1857 Cedar Fort, Utah County, Utah
Parents: Amassa Chapman Ann Darby
Pioneer: October 1852 Warren Snow Company by wagon
Spouse: William Cook
Married: 19 December 1805
Death: 04 November 1840
Children: Amassa 16 April 1807
Edwin A. 10 February or October 1809
William 25 January 1811
Henrietta 31 March 1813
Henry Freeman 12 January 1815
Ann E. 17 April 1818
Benjamin J. 25 February 1821
Harriet 07 August 1824

Lucy Chapman, the mother of eight children, moved with her husband and family to Kalamazoo, Michigan. It was a wilderness and they endured many hardships. On 7 January 1840, her daughter Anne died and on November 4, of the same year, her husband died leaving Lucy to carry on alone. She went to live with her son, Henry Freeman; who had joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints early in 1843. About two years later Henry and his wife, Sophronia, moved to Nauvoo. Lucy went with them leaving behind the rest of her family. When the Saints were driven out of Nauvoo she left too. They went first to Council Bluffs, Iowa and then to Saint Louis. Here they joined the Warren Snow Company, arriving in Salt Lake City in October of 1852. They spent the winter in Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County. The next year they were sent by Brigham Young to help settle the town of Cedar Fort. They lived for a time in the fort made of cedars for protection against the Indians. Lucy's son, William, later accepted the gospel and came to join them. She died October 1857 and was buried in the Cedar Fort Cemetery.

Third History

Short History of Lucy Chapman Cook – Pioneer

Information gathered from the records of Margaret Dayton Hughes, Great-great grand daughter. Arranged by Nora Lund – Historian of Nibley Park D.U.P., February 1961.

Lucy Chapman Cook was born May 8, 1787 in Berkshire, Massachusetts, the daughter of Amassa and Ann Darby Chapman. She married William Cook, who was born in Massachusetts, 6 September 1780. The Chapman and Cook families were very good friends. Together, they left Massachusetts and moved to New York State. They next moved to Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Michigan (perhaps in 1820). It was in Homer, Courtland County, New York where Lucy married William Cook, the following children were born to them: 1-Amassa, b. 16 April 1807; 2-Edwin, b. 10 February 1809; 3-William Jr., b. 25 January 1811 (believed to have come to Utah); 4-Henrietta, b. 31 March 1813 (died young); next was no 5-Henry Freeman (great grandfather), b. 12 January 1815; 6-Ann E., b. 17 April 1818; 7-Benjamin, b. 25 February 1821 and 8-Harriett, b. 7 August 1824. The first five were all born in New York and last three in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

It was a hard blow to Lucy when her husband William died November 4, 1840, in Comstock, Michigan. After embracing the gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, perhaps in 1840, she depended largely on her son Henry Freeman Cook and his wife, Sophronia, for assistance. They were also members of the Mormon Church. When they decided to gather with the Saints in Nauvoo, Illinois, Lucy came right along with them and their family. The privations and hardships were many that she, her loved ones and associates suffered at this time. The Saints were finally expelled from Nauvoo after the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith, but under the leadership of Pres. Brigham Young they settled in Council Bluffs, Iowa for a time.

At last, when Lucy was 65 years of age she, her son and his family were ready to make the long trek to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake, a thousand miles west where they would be out of reach of their wicked enemies. They knew little of what lay ahead of them, but they felt that the Lord would provide for them. Thus it was that Lucy C. Cook became a part of the Warren Snow Company and left Kaneshville, Iowa in June of 1852. Their destination was reached in October.

She made her home with her son and family, spending one year at Union Fort, on Cottonwood, then going with them on to Cedar Fort in Utah County in 1853.

She soon made new friends in Cedar Valley and enjoyed herself among them, although times were hard and they experienced many privations. She was ever a faithful Latter-day Saint. On August 12, 1857 she received a wonderful patriarchal blessing given by Patriarch John Y. Young. The promises made therein were a source of great joy and comfort to her.

Not long after that, in fact on the 16th of October 1857, the all-wise Heavenly Father saw fit to call home this noble pioneer woman. She was buried there in Cedar Fort after a fitting funeral service.

Reference Notes (July 2006 by Alonzo Dean Cook, Salt Lake City, Utah):

First History

It was given to us by Kris Robertson, Provo, Utah, in October, 2005, who received it from the files of her mother. It is entitled "A Short Sketch of a Pioneer by Gertrude Cook Jackson". No date of writing is provided.

This same history is twice more in the Library of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, one of which was filed by Gertrude Cook Jackson, who belonged to the DUP Seagull Camp, Bannock County, Idaho. There was no date of writing or filing.

The second one was submitted in April 1987 by Marion Cook Shupe, 5206 South 575 West, Ogden, Utah 84405. She was from the DUP Prickley Pear Camp. On this copy is says: "Told by Gertrude Cook Jackson". Again no date of writing is given.

Second History

There are two versions and we guess are really brief synopsis of the history written by Gertrude Cook Jackson. They were submitted to the Daughters of Utah Pioneers by Rebecca V. Hardy Poland, 3779 So. 4800 W, West Valley City, Utah, 84120. They are given here in their entirety, including the brief genealogy summary. There are no dates given of when they were written or when filed with the DUP.

Third History

This history was provided to the Daughters of Utah Pioneers with this statement on the submission page.

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