

Zachariah Kump

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Zachariah Kump was born the 3 of July 1830 at York County, Pennsylvania, the son of David and Barbara Kump. He grew up on the farm and his education was limited. In the year 1851 when Zachariah was 21 years of age he came across the plains to California. And in the year of 1867 he came to Moroni, Sanpete County, Utah.

There were not any threshing machines in the entire county of Sanpete. They had no way of threshing their grain. So in the same year he went back to California and brought the first threshing machine to Moroni. On learning that one machine could not possibly do all the work, he returned the next year, 1868, to California again and brought out another thresher. These machines were a big help to the early settlers.

When Zachariah first came to Moroni he did freighting between Moroni and Salt Lake City. The Indians were mean at that time and one night as he was returning home from Salt Lake City and was about fifteen miles from Moroni, his team became tired and he decided to camp for the night. While he was cooking supper, a lone Indian rode into his camp. This Indian wouldn't talk, just looked things over and then left. Knowing the ways and habits of Indians, he decided this Indian had been sent to see how many men there were in this camp. Since there was only one, he feared that the Indian would come back with more Indians. He decided to get away as quickly as he could. In those days if a lone settler was caught he was sometimes robbed or killed by the Indians.

In the year of 1868 Zachariah married Elizabeth Ann Cloward, the daughter of James Mason Cloward and Mary Ann Baum. Elizabeth Ann died March 3, 1874. She was twenty years and eight months old when she married.

They lived in Moroni and had five children:

1. David Dwight
2. James Edward
3. George Arthur
4. Mary Barbara
5. Elizabeth Ann

Soon after the birth of the last child Mrs. Kump died and was buried in the Moroni Cemetery.

In the year 1875 Zachariah married Mary Catherine Cloward, born 23 May 1856 at Spanish Fork, Utah. She was the daughter of Jacob and Susannah Mendenhall Cloward, and the first cousin of his first wife.

Mary had very little education; she was the daughter of a farmer and had to work very hard in her youth. They became the parents of fifteen sons and daughters:

1. Mary Ellen—born 4 November 1875—married Levi Coats, son of Hulda and Nielson Coats.
2. Addie Mae—died when young
3. Susan—born about 1880—married Oscar Smith

4. Eliza Pearl—born 4 May 1881—married Jacob Nielsen, born 21 March 1871 son of Hans Nielsen and Annie L. Peterson of Chester.
5. Louisa—born 24 November 1882—married Joseph Marx of Moroni
6. Zachariah, Jr.—born 3 August 1884—married Sarah Reynolds, a sister of Isaac Reynolds, the father of Elmo Reynolds
7. Lewis Henry—born 2 February 1886—married Blanch Otterson
8. Willis—born 16 September 1887—died 1 August 1905
9. Jacob—born 21 April 1889
10. Parley—born 20 January 1891—married Hilda Sumsion, born about 1894, daughter of Henry Sumsion and Phebe E. Barlow. Parley died in 1964
11. Lorin—born 16 July 1893—married Edith
12. Edna—born 8 October 1895—married Ellis Olsen of Moroni
13. Katie—born 2 September 1897
14. Carlisle—born 24 September 1899—married Mary Amillia Biemhall
15. Dean Emerson—born 17 February 1902

Zachariah and Mary Catherine Kump lived in Moroni until the spring of 1881 when they moved to Chester. There they bought a farm and moved into a little log house. They lived there until Zachariah built a large two-story brick house for his family (this is the home now owned by Carl Anderson).

Being a prosperous man, he took good care of his family, furnished them with a good home, plenty of food and clothing at all times. He was a very strong man. One day he and a neighbor were putting a culvert in a creek and needing another post, the neighbor said he had one over in his yard. It was about one-eighth of a mile away, so they went over to the neighbor's to get it. The neighbor suggested he get a horse to pull the post over, but Zachariah said no, that if he would hold him get it on his shoulder that he would carry it. And so it was done. He packed the big post and finished the work.

One day Zachariah met with an accident while putting up a swing for the children. He slipped and fell, injuring his hip and back which resulted in his death on 20 June 1904 at his home in Chester. He was 74 years of age. He was buried 23 June 1904 in Moroni.

Mary Catherine had the responsibility of raising 19 children. She was a very good mother and a friend to all. She had a nice horse and buggy and visited often with her friends and her married children. She worked very hard for her large family. Mary Catherine died the 25 of March 1915 a Chester of pleurisy. She was buried 29 March 1915 at Moroni beside her husband.