

Sarah Ann Geneva Dutson Wiley

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Sarah Ann Dutson Wiley was born in Oak City Utah April 12, 1876. Died April 19, 1963. A daughter of John William and Caroline Geneva Jenkins Dutson, Utah Pioneers. She was one of 27 children born during the time polygamy was practiced among the Saints. Her Father had three wives, her moth being the second wife. The three families lived side by side in peace and harmony. Many happy hours was spent by the children, and each child was as welcome in either of the homes. She was the youngest one in the family. She, like all children, was taught to work and had to help her mother cord wool and knit stockings and weave cloth to make their clothing. She was a great help to her mother, who walked on the side of her foot, having broken her ankle as a child in England.

Sarah's family moved from Oak City to Leamington when she was four years old. They lived on a farm which is now owned by Gerald Lovell. They lived in Two log cabins. One was used as a kitchen, and the other used as bedroom. One of these log cabins still stands. They lived in Leamington for three years and then moved back to Oak City where she was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church. They lived there until she, her mother, and brothers moved to Circleville, Piute County to farm. They remained there two years, then she returned to Leamington to work at the Smelter, which was located about one mile above Leamington. She and two other women cooked for 150 men. She remained in Leamington about one year, then she went back to her family in Circleville.

It was at this time that she met Robert Wiley. After a short stay there she moved back to MacIntyre Ranch to cook for the ranch hands. While there she and Robert corresponded with one another and after a two year courtship, Robert came to Leamington to get her. They went by covered wagon to the Manti Temple where they were married July 2, 1896. She returned with her husband to Circleville to farm. While there four children were born to them. Several years later they returned to Oak City where they lived for several years. While there three more children were born to them.

It was at this time their hearts was saddened by the death of their one year old baby boy. They were then called back to Circleville to help on his brothers farm. It was at this time they they were blessed with another son, after which time they moved back to Oak City and later to Lynndyl, Utah, moving to Lynndyl in 1921 where they engaged in farming. Her husband died April 24, 1934.

She worked as a practical nurse helping to deliver babies. Her first confinement case was in 1903, since that time she had helped bring into the world 66 babies. It didn't matter what time, day or night, she was called, she was willing to go where there was sickness in the home. She was very good at healing the sick using many of the old pioneer remedies.

Her oldest son, Roberts wife died in 1943, leaving her a tiny 3 weeks old baby to care for. She wondered if she would be able to do right by him in her advancing years. Then she remembered what her patriarchal blessing had promised. So putting her faith and trust in the Lord she has raised him to manhood.

She was always active in the Church, serving as 2nd Counselor in the Lynndyl Ward Relief Society from 1929 to 1934, also teaching Primary and Relief Society visiting teacher for many years.

She was the Mother of 8 children, 6 of whom are living. There are 27 Grandchildren, and 43 Great-Grandchildren.