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ISAAC MORLEY AND LUCY GUNN MORLEY *groves*

Married June 20, 1812 - Montigue, Mass.

Lucy - died Jan. 3, 1848 - Winter Quarters, Neb

Came to Utah - 1850

Died - Utah -

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GRAVES ALONG THE TRAIL

Lucy Gunn Morley was born January 24, 1786 in Montague, Franklin, Massachusetts, the daughter of Asahel ^{Gunn} and Lucy Gunn (Cousins). Hereshe grew up and received an education such as the New England schools afforded in the three R's and although raised in a humble environment she received an education of the mind and heart which resulted in the development of a high and noble character.

During her youthful days in Montague she had the happy association of young and charming Isaac Morley who at the age of 26 asked her to become his wife. At this time the people of Massachusetts were interested and enthused in the great Western Reserve or the "New Connecticut" as it was called and was described as a veritable "Garden of Eden". Young Isaac leaving family and sweetheart traveled by team and wagon to the Reserve and took up some land near a fountain spring and built a log cabin on it. This log cabin was one of the first to be built at the site which afterward became the city of Kirtland.

He returned in the fall to Montague and on June 20, 1812 he married Lucy Gunn. Three days after this they left their home to begin the arduous life of pioneers in the new country. Scarcely had they become settled when Isaac was called to assist in the War of 1812. He arose to the rank of Captain in the Ohio Militia. During his absence his young wife lived alone in the woods in constant fear of Indians and wild animals, never once seeing a human face although her nearest neighbor lived only a quarter of a mile away. After three months her husband was taken home ill with the chills and fever.

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They developed a farm and orchard and nuts from the forest, plenty of milk and cheese; Isaac folks from Mass. came to join them as well as others and Kirtland soon became a thriving city. Isaac owned about 70 acres of land.

Isaac and Lucy had a family of six daughters and one son. Their fourth daughter Calista died at the age of two. The others were: Philena born 2 Oct. 1813, Lucy Diantha (my grandmother) born 4 Oct. 1815, Editha Ann, born 25 Jan. 1818 Cordelia born 28 Nov. 1823, Theressa Arthusa born 18 July 1826 and Isaac Jr., born 2 May 1829. All born in Kirtland, Ohio. Of these the following were pioneers to Utah, Lucy Diantha and her husband Joseph Stewart Allen; Cordelia Morley who married Frederick Walter Cox 27 Jan. 1846; Theressa Antusa who married Heber C. Kimball 7 Jan. 1846. And Isaac Jr. who came as a young unmarried man.

Lucy Gunn Morley went through all of the trials and persecutions in Kirtland & Missouri as members of their unpopular religion, the true church of Jesus Christ. She saw her husband imprisoned by the mobocrats and his life threatened many times. At Morley Settlement all of the people were turned out of their homes and their houses burned. Her husband was the President of the Lima Branch in which Morley Settlement was located and where about 400 to 500 of the saints lived after their expulsion from Missouri. This place was about 25 miles south of Nauvoo.

The Morley family had become converts to the L.D.S. Church at the time the first missionaries had been sent into Kirtland. These missionaries were Oliver Cowdery, Parley P. Pratt, Peter Whitmer Jr. and Ziba Petersen. Lucy and Isaac and their three oldest girls were baptized November 15, 1830 and all of the others as they became eight years old.

Lucy Gunn Morley died at Winter Quarters Jan. 3, 1848. Weakened by the privations and hardships she had to pass through, the lack of proper food and shelter, she became a victim of black canker. She was buried in grave No. 4, 13th row, camp of Israel, near where the city of Omaha, Nebraska now stands.