

History of Lucinda Rawlins Cunningham. + Andrew Cunningham

Lucinda Rawlins Cunningham was an early
 itah pioneer. She joined the ^{L. S. S.} Church when she was
 1 yrs. old, the following year she married ^{in 1841} Andrew Cun-
 ringham a native of West Virginia, ^{by David Evans} After their
 marriage they lived in the vicinity of Nauvoo + suffered
 the hard ships + trials of the saints in Illinois during
 those dark days of persecution + sorrow before the
 saints were driven from their homes to face the
 dangers + uncertain ties of life - on the open plains
 during their travels from Illinois to Winter Quarters.
 When Lucinda's husband had been called to
 remain until the spring of 1848, when the
 Cunninghams began their journey west to the
 Rocky mts..

Lucinda was the daughter of James + Jane
 Sharp Rawlins, natives of North Carolina. She
 was born in Crawford Co. Indiana Mar. 12, 1819
 the second child in a family of 9 children. 7
 girls + 2 boys.

When she was a baby her parents moved to Illa-
 nois Green Co., until about 1830.

Then moved with their five children to Adams
 Co., where they lived approximately 12 yrs.

After ^{Lucinda's} her marriage, her father traded farms
 with Richard Wilton + moved their family
 to their new home, in Bear Creek, Hancock Co
 Illinois, in the Spring of 1842, later that year

Lucinda's oldest sister died.

Lucinda was a member of the L. D. S. Relief Society in Nauvoo & later in Utah she was also a faithful worker in the Society. She was a Charter member of the Relief Society in Lewiston first ward and was sustained first Counselor to President Margaret E. Frost Rawlins at the organization of the Society Jan. 6, 1876.

Lucinda's mother Jane Rawlins & her two sisters Sarah & Leah were also members of the Relief Society in Nauvoo.

Her father was baptized in April 1840 & both he & her mother were endowed in the Nauvoo Temple Dec. 27, 1845 before their leave to winter quarters. Lucinda was baptized in November of the same year. ~~She was twenty one when she joined the church.~~

~~In 1841 she married Andrew Cunningham~~
~~presumably in Adams Co. by David Evans.~~ ^{Lucinda F.} ~~Lucinda F.~~
~~and were~~ ~~endowed~~ in the old historic Council house in S. L. C. in Feb. 1852, This was the first public building ~~in~~ ~~Feb~~ erected in S. L.

Three of Lucinda's children were born before they left Illinois, with the migration saints for winter quarters, then they spent the winter.

^{Lucinda's} ~~Her~~ son Adam Jenson the second child, born Aug 5, 1843 died the night that the prophet Joseph Smith was martyred. At this time Lucinda was with her husband in Quincy where he was taking care of ^{his} ~~the~~ ops. Baby Jenson ^{was} ~~became~~ very ill. They received

the word of the death of the ruthless murder of their beloved prophet + patriarch Jos. + Hyrum Smith at Carthage, (June 27, 1844). Her husband said we must return home in spite of the illness of our baby. As they did not know what would happen to the saints now that the prophet was dead, and the mobs rampant. They began their trip home but had to stop to her parents on account of the baby's ^{illness} and it died that night.

They left winter quarters with the Amasa Lyman Co. ¹⁸⁴⁸ it was divided into three divisions, one was led by Franklin Richards, second by Barney Adams + the third by Andrew Cunningham. Lucinda had to drive her own team of horses across with a six weeks old baby to care for. One of her sons Alma, who was then about six yrs old, with his Aunt Virginia who was only twelve, also drove a team + wagon in the same division with Andrew. Their division reached the valley one week before the other two did. They spent the first night in the fort, the next day went out to cotton rock with the Rawlins family where they stayed a few nights then came back into ~~the~~ ~~city~~ S.L. where he built a

They built their home four blocks west of where the ^{4th 5th doors} ~~abernacle~~ now stands. it faced the south and had two rooms up stairs built with adobe, he also had some and down on further river, they later planted herring trees around their home, which was close to where the railroad station now stands. Mother saw the 1st train that came into S.L.

7 The baby she brought across the plains contracted
hooping cough + died shortly after they came ~~home~~ to S. L.
Lucinda also took it ~~the first~~ + ~~the baby~~ took it. ^{from helping} neighbors

In 1855 Andrew was called to fill a mission in
Nebraska. He founded the city of Florence, (which is
now called Omaha). While there he helped to build
the hand carts that were used ~~to~~ in the Martin &
Willkey hand cart companies (where so many pioneers died)

He returned home in 1857. Pres. Young put him in
charge of a relief company of 100 men who were sent to
rescue the saints in Salmon city Idaho, who were
being attacked by the Indians. One of his co. was killed
on the trip. While he was still on this trip the word

Army came in
June 26. 1858

came that Johnson's Army was on the way to go thro S. L.
Pres. Young had all the saints move out to Lehi, Andrew
~~had~~ not returned ~~so~~ ~~Lucinda~~ until nearly all the
families had moved. When he reached there they were
among the last to go. Word was left to a few who
stayed by, that if the army started to take the home
to set fire to every thing. As the saints would not
be driven farther. But they went straight thro. molesting
nothing.

While Lucinda was in Lehi her 8th child was
born, whose name was Joseph. They then returned back
Salt Lake. Pres. Young then called Andrew with others to go
and set up a colony in Black Foot Idaho. They went to
staked off the city. On their return they buried their
supplies in the road + drove over it several times
so the Indians would not find them.

After his return he was made bishop over the (S. W. W.)

old ^{Alma} ~~Alma~~ was sent on mission to England in 1855.

In their social life they would go to dances + dances in the same sets with Pres Brigham Young, ^{Kimble} Bro. ~~Kimble~~ and other early settlers.

In Lucinda's early life her parents were very strict + did not allow her to attend many dances but she later learned the square dances.

Andrew owned some freight wagons + teams + would freight to Montana hauling supplies or in Idaho with supplies, hauling both ways.

He met with an accident and was kicked by a mule which later caused a growth on the back of his neck, he suffered for a year, his ~~last~~ health became so poor that he asked Pres. Young to release him of being Bp. he was released one week before his death. He died on Mar. 2, 1868.

Lucinda stayed in Salt Lake around two yrs. after her husband's death and took in borders for Paulina + Nellie + two others they were attending the university.

She was the mother of nine children. up to this time she had buried 4 children her husband + sent her husband and one son ~~over~~ missions.

She moved to Draper in 1870. to home stead land. she was there 11 mo. + was about to take up 40 acres of land. When her bro Harvey Paulina came to Salt Lake to file on his 160 in Lewiston. He asked her to come to Lewiston + see the ground before she ~~for~~ did anything in Draper. She returned to Cache Valley with him + was so pleased, she returned to Salt Lake + filed on the quarter section where John Wiser, King + Cummings now live.

She came with her 2 sons Hyrum + Joseph + 2 daughters Eustacia. who is my mother. They came in Sept. 1871. ~~They came~~

Lucinda's 2 sons went with her Bro. Harvey R. up High Creek Canyon to get the lumber for her home, which had 2 rooms. The frame work was put up that fall. In Dec. they moved to Richmond for the winter & rented a house from Isaac Bright, they stayed until the following April when they came back to Lewiston & finished the house. It was built where my father (John Wisers) home now stands.

Her land was the first to be fenced with a lumber fence. They called it a "winnie edged boards." It was built three boards high. Every one else had brush fences. She planted this Box Elder tree behind my mother's home & still is standing.

The posts were purchased from Joe Sharp & John Kemp dug the holes, he was going to dig for 15¢ a post but decided the price was too high, so he worked for \$1.50 a day. The first yr. they fenced 20 acres & finished the rest the next yr.

When they moved here she had a team of horses, one cow, a plough & ~~no~~ other wagon ~~not~~ other equipment but a drag made of Hawthorne made by her son Hyrum. She made & sold butter 10¢ a lb.

About 4 yrs. before her death her oldest son Alma built her the four room brick house which is the west part of my mother's home, one of the nicest homes here at the time. (Describe it).

She would milk her cow on one knee & hold a large cup in 1 hand when filled would empty ⁱⁿ the pail ~~out~~ on one side.

She always had a good lively hood & provided for her family ^{well} considering her conditions as a widow. She would carry a large bucket of eggs to town just before her death.

She also raised an orphan boy whose name was ^{Cherry} Levi ~~Levi~~ ^{Levi} Perry.

When she was 75 yrs. old she used to walk to her son's home, which was up ~~by~~ where the sugar

7.

factory now stand

She took Pneumonia and only was ill one week + died on Sept. 7, 1902 at Lewiston + was buried Sept. 9th in Salt Lake City. She was always very active in the Church.

Describe her last home Uncle Alma built

Lucinda + Andrew were well acquainted ^{with} the Prophet Joseph Smith + had many meals ^{together}.

While Andrew was sick he had a hired man running his freight wagons, some one got away with a lot of his supplies + wagons. His son Alma got back what he could for his mother, ~~but~~ ^{but} they lost a lot.

had supplies stolen after grandpa's ^{illness} supplies after Alma did what he could to save ^{him} by mill, his money was made in fighting his accident? 1 yr.

Alma C. while bp. Pres. of church were his friends + he was a good donation.

Picked on chin + cause a swelling on back of neck

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