

A Sketch of a Choice Midwife of Early Cedar- Emma Smith Daugherty
mostly of her Work, by her Daughter - Emma D Smith, of Milford.

Come with me said grandmother Ann Sidebottom Smith, and let me introduce my children-Mary Ann-born on the plains Aug, 1853.

At 20 she married Wm Haslam, in the St George Temple 25 July 1871, lived at VI. They had 5 children-Wm, Elizabeth Ann, Joseph, John, and a child that drowned.

Next is Emma, born in Old Fort at Cedar, Feb 25 1855. Tall, slender, love as a young woman, she married Wm Bess at 17 years- Jan 8 1874, lost her first child-Laura, others were William, Clara, Lawrence and Joseph (Dode). Marriage was unsuccessful, and ended when she went to Virgin to stay with her sister till load was born. Then she had to assume the care of her children alone. Her mother-in-law gave her \$300.00 Laura Ann Bess.

Thru the LDS Church Nursing set-up, she took advantage of the Obstericks' school with the money that had been given her, and became the very proficient midwife that delivered in and around Cedar, 700 babies, with a loss of only one.

Added to the obstetric work she helped out the family income with sewing. Her button-holes were a work of art, most of the extra fancy buttonholes of the town were made by her needle.

When she went out to nurse, she always gave the family a good breakfast, then took Lawrence with her, laughingly telling folks that this boy was so busy and mischievous, he had to be where she could a watchful eye on him.

There never was snow too deep, or cold too intense, to prevent her heeding a call for help.

In 1891, her friend Lizzie Stewart invited her to dinner especially to meet Wm. Bess. Bess was acquainted with William Dougherty, who had come to town with a mining man named Surd Stewart. This meeting ended in marriage on Feb 15 1892.

To this union were born twin daughters-Anna and Ella. Ella died, Anna survived to become the friendly, sweet school friend of girls of her age in Cedar.

On Sept 14 1913, at the age of 58, Anna Dougherty left her nursing to others after a long period of illness, leaving behind her a host of friends, and an unrivaled, conscientious, record of honest achievement.

The next son born to Ann Sidebottom Smith was Benjamin Jr. born Sept 21 1858. Ben married his childhood sweetheart-Margaret Alice Klingensmith at age 24. Eleven children came to them-Julia, Margaret, Violet, John, Roy, Franklin, Raymond James Lawrence, Ray, Conrad, Lily. He died Feb 1, 1906.

No date is given for Josephs birth, he married Annis Cox. His children were-Mary Ann, Edwin, Florence, Clara, Fanetta, Lella. Annis was killed in an accident on the old mountain dugway, when a load of poles ran over her, after she and others were thrown from the loaded wagon, when a brake-block gave way. With the help of Elizabeth Ann Spendlove and husband John, Josephs family were well cared for. He died Dec 23, 1914.

The next child was Stephen born April 1873. Loved all the girls, married none. Died June 27, 1916, age 43.

Benjamin Smith, father of this family was born in the City of Bradford, Yorkshire Eng. 19 July 1827, was educated and learned trade of shoe-making; was converted and sailed for America Jan 1853 on the ship Ellen Maria, in 51st Company with 532 Saints, under the leadership of Moses Clawson, arriving after 47 days from Liverpool, at New-Orleans. On the 13th of Mar., at St Louis, then to Keokuk from which place the Plains journey began in Cyrus Wheelocks Company. After a month in Salt Lake, to Cedar, arriving Dec. 25 1853 at Old Fort. The lot he drew, in the new city was where Ellen Apt, now stands-lot 18 block 25. He farmed, carried, loaned sizable amounts of grain to neighbors, paid tithing, helped to divide Coal Creek Waters into turns, lost one seasons crop of grain when grandchildren set a fire in his grainery, ordained High Priest Sept 20, 1891.

He died Jan 12 1893 at age 64.

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