



David Bowman Bybee
1832-1893



Adelia Higley
1836-1921

Adelia Higley was born June 23, 1836 in Leeds, Canada. She was the fifth child of eleven children born to her parents, Myron Spencer Higley and Pricilla Ebberson. Myron was the son of Job Higley and Dorcus Eggleston.

The family resided in Canada where they joined the Church. They later moved south to New England and eventually to Nauvoo, Illinois, arriving there sometime in the early 1840's. It was in Nauvoo that Adelia first attended school at about nine years of age. The family was living in Nauvoo in 1845 and migrated to Utah before 1854, locating in Weber County where Adelia met David Bowman Bybee who had come to Utah from the State of Kentucky.

The were married in 1854. In 1856 they were sealed in the endowment house in Salt Lake City. Adelia and David made their home in the little town of Uintah, Weber, Utah, where 5 of their 13 children were born. About 1864 they moved to Mountain Green, Morgan, Utah where David had work on the railroad. Here were born the remaining 8 children. Six of the thirteen died in infancy or early childhood.

Life in those days was full of hard work and hardships. They raised their own food, had a cow and churned their own butter. They gathered wild berries, made their own soap and gathered corn husks to fill the bed ticks. Clothes were homemade and stockings knitted. Floors of rough wood had to be scrubbed clean and clothes had to be washed by hand.

There was little opportunity for school--perhaps three months in the year, when the children would walk to the small one-room building over frozen crested snow. The mothers worked and struggled to give their families what they could of comfort and happiness.

Adelia was only five feet tall, eyes blue and hair brown. She did not look strong, but she raised a large family under very trying conditions. She taught them to be thrifty and honorable. She told her daughters that if they could not do everything, they could slight the ironing and still be clean.

Adelia was loyal to her husband and her church. She was respected by the other wife and though each family lived by themselves, the children felt happy in either home. They moved to Hooper, Utah, where David died in 1893. Adelia spent most of her time with her children and died at the age of 85 years on March 17, 1921 at her daughter's home in Basalt, Idaho. She was buried in Firth, Idaho. Her grave went unmarked for many years. In July of 1980 a small group of relatives gathered there, where they had a marker placed and had a short memorial service.