

History of Hatch, Utah
and Associated Towns
Asay and Hillsdale
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SAMUEL BARNHURST and ANNA MARIE JENSEN BARNHURST



SAMUEL BARNHURST
Born August 24, 1827
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Died March 30, 1890
Hatch, Utah
Father: Joseph Barnhurst
Mother: Priscilla Underhill



**ANNA MARIE
JENSEN**
Born September 23,
1833
Rydbjerg, Viborg,
Denmark
Died July 23, 1906

Samuel Barnhurst was converted to the LDS faith despite the opposition of his family. He left friends, home, and family for the sake of his testimony of the gospel. He helped drive a team of oxen across the plains to Utah.

Anna Marie Jensen joined the Latter-day Saint Church in Denmark and crossed the ocean for the sake of the gospel. She came across the plains with a handcart company, giving her pre-paid transportation to a sick woman in the company. Her father declared her a well-accomplished young lady.

Both were converts to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Fate brought them together from far distant lands. The couple arrived in Salt Lake City at about the same time. Neither had any family connections. By the advice of the General Authorities, they were married on October 8, 1857. (1) They were sealed November 29, 1857. (2)

Someone asked her how they got along not understanding what the other said. She replied, "Oh, we just pointed and grunted and nodded or shook our heads. We got along."

The couple first settled in Fillmore, Utah. While here, their twins, Anna Mary and **Mary Ann**, were born. From there, they moved to Ephraim, Sanpete, Utah. Here Samuel James and Priscilla Sophie were born. During the time he lived here, he built a home, planted an orchard, and taught school. They were then called to Circleville, Piute, Utah, to help settle there. While here, their son, Jens Christenson, was born. They went through the Black Hawk War and were finally driven out, leaving their crops unharvested. They then moved to Cedar City, Iron, Utah. Here they lived for twenty years. **Samuel** entered a homestead on Cedar Mountain. (3) During their stay in Cedar City, four other children were born. Two died in infancy; the other two, Julia Anna Marie and Joseph E., later were citizens of our community. (4)

In 1889, the family moved to Mammoth Old Hatch Town, where he died only a few months later.

Annie Marie was a midwife. She was appointed Postmistress of the Asay Post Office from April 1891 to February 1898. (5) She was the first ward Relief Society President in the Mammoth Ward. This position she held for six years. From reading early Relief Society minutes, one can get a vision of her faith and devotion to the gospel plan. Those who remember her testify to her faith and loyalty, even in small things. She always went a half hour early to sacrament meeting. Once Sameul and Anna Marie Barnhurst cont. -2-
asked why, she answered "I want to come early so as to feel the spirit. You don't get the spirit when you come late. (6)

Both she and her husband are buried in the Hatch Cemetery. (7)

This poem was composed by Estella Riggs, a granddaughter-in-law (wife of J. Orlas Riggs). It was used f

- (1) Extracts from the life story of this couple, written by their youngest daughter, Julia Anna Marie Clove Huntington.
- (2) Temple Index Card (reproduction)
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- (4) Genealogical Family Group Sheet
- (5) United States Postal Records
- (6) History. Hatch Ward Relief Society, compiled 1965 by Effel Riggs
- (7) Hatch Cemetery Records.

GRANDMA BARNHURST

Tune - Viennese Refrain

*Grandma was born across the deep blue sea
And lived through childhood with her family
Doing her share to help from day to day
She grew to girlhood fair through work and play.
Then learned a trade to help her through her life,
Developed means to ward off want and strife
A seamstress she became of fair renown
Sewing for her neighbors in her own home town.*

Refrain—

*O, may we not forget the time she spent
Relieving want and pain where e're she went
And may her life's example ever be
Retained within our hearts in memory.
One evening she was asked to kneel and pray
With a family of Saints she had helped that day.
And God 's great gospel plan entered her heart
Gave her the light of truth, set her apart.
She left her friends and all her family
Set sail for Zion far across the sea.
She crossed the plains with the handcart company*

*Experienced pains of want and misery.
In Utah she helped pioneer our state,
Accepting calls that came to her dear mate.
'Twas here she spent her time of widowed years
Relieving pain of suffering and tears.
A love of service to her fellow man
And service to her God in his great plan.
And now in heaven above, she serves him still
Accepting as her own her Father's will*