

Sarah Sophronia Perry

From *Stories of Theron Smith Hall, His Parents and Grandparents*
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For her grandchildren in 1977

Sarah Sophronia was such a big name for such a little girl that her family called her “Fron” instead (pronounced like “own” with Fr in front of it).

She was born in her grandfather Thorn’s big home in Three Mile Creek. That was a little town in northeastern Utah and is now called Perry in honor of Fron’s father’s people.

When she was just a little girl, her mother brought her to Springville to live. Her mother married again when Fron was six years old.

She liked the mountains and often went along the foothills with her step-father after their cows. As she grew older, she often hiked on the mountains with her friends.

Fron worked hard, even as a child. She gleaned wheat and gathered ground cherries which she scalded and fried and sold, to earn money for clothes. She churned butter for her aunt in exchange for the buttermilk to sell.

When she was eight years old, she started to school. It was held in the teacher’s home.

At Sunday School she took her turn reading from the Bible. The children were given small pictures for attendance and learning Bible verses. When four were received they could be exchanged for a larger one.

When she was fifteen, she quit school to earn money doing housework. She worked from early morning until late at night with none of our modern conveniences to make it easier.

Kettles had to be scoured with wood ashes, and clothes washed by rubbing on a corrugated wash board. At some places she even had to knit and do outside chores. For this she was given \$1.25—not for an hour or even a day but for a whole week!

She did her work well and was always wanted back when help was needed in a home again.

When she was nineteen, she married her step-father’s youngest brother Joseph. She loved her home and took good care of it. She kept on working hard. She made her own soap and candles. She also knitted her children’s stockings and made their clothes, at first by hand. She dried fruit to use and to sell and tended her garden and the flowers she loved.

She also loved music and often sang at her work. She was always uncomplaining, cheerful and kind.

She loved her home and family very much. She was a quiet, gentle and modest, lovely person.

Her full name was Sarah Sophronia Perry Hall. Her husband was the Joseph of the bear story [Joseph Smith Hall]. She was the mother of eleven children, among them were Owen and Theron.

Sarah Sophronia Perry (born 1859, died 1936).