

SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF JAMES ALBERT WORTHEN (My Grandfather)  
(Written by Lena W. Miller)

James Albert Worthen, son of Samuel and Mariah Louise Grow Worthen was born Nov. 27, 1857 at Salt Lake City Utah. During his early childhood the family moved to New Harmony, Washington County, Utah. While yet in his teens they moved to Panguitch, Utah, coming here in the early 70's. Here he met and married Mary Ann Lee, they continued to reside in Panguitch the remainder of their lives. Their first home was on the lot where Neils Ipson now lives, later he built the home owned by Earl Pendleton. He was the possessor of two trade that of mason and shoemaker, both of which he excelled in as a shoemaker he worked in connection with Riley G. Clark in shop just back of the old Hancock place, now owned by Hout Clark, later he built a shop on his own lot and worked there for many years. As a mason, he built many homes in Panguitch. He also helped to build the old Tabernacle, the District School building. The High School building, which burned down, the Presbyterian Church and the South Ward Church. Also the Manti and St. George Temples.

He filled many positions of trust, he was Tithing Clerk in the Church for years, he served as County Recorder in Territorial days, was a member of the District School Board for several years, also County Suprintendent of schools.

It was during this administration that the District School building was erected and the children of the City all gathered under one roof, instead of being scattered in different buildings which were unfit to house them.

As a farmer and livestock man he was a success. He was also a merchant, worked in the Old Panguitch Coop Store, and at one time was cashier of the State Bank of Garfield. He was manager of the dances during the greater part of his life and they were conducted in a very respectable manner he also called for all of the Quadrilles. As a director in different water boards upon which he served, they were developed and extended to become better utilized.

Few individuals in this community have contributed more to the growth and welfare of this city than he has done. The best measure of anyones worth to a community is the fruits of his labors. The quality of work is also to be considered when weighing the value of men. All about us his handiwork may be seen, the quality of the work speaks for itself. his work was well done, he was thorough painstaking and efficient, he prided himself in tasks well accompalished. He was highly intelligent and applied his talents and abilities to good advantage. His advice and council was greatly appreciated by those to whom it was given. He was able to see far into intricate and difficult situations and to offer satisfactory solutions.

He was cheerful, courageous and fearless, did not gossip or meddle with the affairs of others, he not only provided well for his own family but gave freely of his own life and substance for the happiness and welfare of others who came directly under his influence and care, his deeds of kindness and helpfulness will live on forever in the lives of many of his friends and associates who will long remember the warmth of his companionship. "He was a Wonderful father."

He died in the L.D.S. Hospital at Salt City November 17, 1928.

His ~~Funeral~~ <sup>Funeral</sup> was conducted by Bishop Fred G. Gardiner as follows Joint ward choirs, under the direction of William T. Owens Sr., furnished the music.

Singing, "Oh My Father".

Prayer, by Bishop Hans P. Ipson.

Singing, "Sometimes We'll Understand."

Speakers were Elder J. T. Partridge, Bishop James B. Heywood, John S. Crosby and Bishop Fred G. Gardiner.

Male Quartette, "The End of a Perfect Day," by Messrs James M.

Sargent James M. Sargent Jr., Ned Sargent and George M. Shield  
Choir Sang, "Shall We Meet Beyond the River."

Benediction, by President William T. Owens Jr.

The house was filled to capacity with relatives and friends who gathered to pay their last respects to their beloved freind and neighbor.

The casket was heaped with beautiful floral offerings.

A long procession of cars followed the deceased to the city cemetary were

he was laid in the family burial lot. The Grave was Dedicated by Elder J. Worthen.

## SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF MARY ANNE (LEE) WORTHEN My Grandmother

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Mother's father John Alma Lee was born at Nauvoo, Hancock Co. Illinois, 25. Aug. 1840, her mother Mary Ann Williams was born at Springfield Illinois II. Sep. 1844 Her mother crossed the plains when she was five years old, landing at Provo on Oct. 1849. Later moving to Old Harmony, while there she (Marcy Lucas Williams) moulded bullets at night to help men who were fighting the Indians.

Mary Ann (Lee) Worthen was born at Old Harmony 27 March 1861. When she was about eleven years old the family came to Panguitch and moved into the Old Fort and went through scenes incident to pioneer life. Being among the first to settle here she attended school in the first building constructed for that purpose, There being no walls in the Fort they carried water from a creek where Maggie Foy's old home now stands, (it is now owned by Clarence Foy) In the winter the water would freeze and run over, they would fill their buckets with water and slide them along on the ice to their home. Grandmother's home and Sarah LeFevre (Houston's) home were close enough together that they would sit upon the "lean to" roof and knit, they would measure their yarn and then try to see which could knit it up the quickest.

Grandmother Worthen, Annie Houston and Maggie Darrow were Counsellors to Mary Ann Marshall who was President of the first Mutual Association organized in Panguitch it was then called the Retrenchment Association, she was also a teacher in Sunday School in the Upper Ward, in a little log school-house, which was just across the street East from where Hout. Clark's home now stands.

She was married to James A. Worthen by Bishop George W. Sevy, when they had but two children her father became ill at Panguitch Lake and was brought to her home where he remained until the time of his death Sep. II, 1881. Her Mother Mary Ann Williams feeling like she could not go home to live, continued to reside with grandmother where at the end of five months she died Feb. 8, 1882. Mary Ann Williams Lee Family which consisted of four sons and two daughters remained with grandmother, one of her brothers (Willard Lee) who was ill at the time of his mother's death died the following August, 1882. She reared and cared for the remaining brothers and sisters until they were married and left for homes of their own.

She was very industrious and when her family no longer needed her, worked side by side with her husband in his business of merchandising. She was a member of the L. D. S. Church and was an active church worker, she was supervisor of the first Religion Classes organized here, when they were held in connection with the District School. Grandmother was a Relief Society teacher practically all her life. She worked in the St. George Temple after grandfather died and did sealings for 500 souls. She was a kind and loving mother, friend and neighbor, she did much to help the sick and needy and never failed to extend her help when needed.

Grandmother had a cheerful, hopeful, disposition, although she had few advantages for an education, she was always ready and willing to take part in social gatherings, she had a wonderful memory and could give readings to suit every occasion and never refused to contribute her part of entertainment.

She told of many of the hardships and meager pleasures the early settlers experienced while endeavoring to build a metropolis in the wilderness that surrounded the site of what is now the City of Panguitch. She died May I, 1938.