

EDWARD CYRENIUS BAGLEY

In Old Hartford, Connecticut on the 15th of February 1815 was born to Richard Bagley and Esther Puffer a baby boy who given the name of Edward Cyrenius Bagley. As far as we know he was the only child. His father Richard was born in the year of 1792 at Amesbury, Essex, Mass. His father was a sea captain. His mother Esther Puffer was born the 24th of April at Jamaica, Windsor County, Vermont. She was the daughter of Amos Puffer, born the 30th March 1757 at Wrentham, Norfolk, Mass., and Esther Holbrook, born 17 April .

Edward's grandfather was Issac Bagley, born 6 November, 1756 at Amesbury, and his grandmother was Mehitable Bartlet, born the 10th of December 1756 also of Amesbury, Mass. All of his great grandparents were born at Amesbury, Mass. Great grandfather Timothy Bagley was born the 12th of October 1719, and his great grandmother Mary Thompson was born the 26th of March 1724. Then came John Bagley, born the 21st of January 1685, his wife Hannah Fowler born the 4th of April 1692. Next in line is Orlando Bagley, his 3rd great grandfather, who was born in Boston, Sufforth County, Mass., on the 29th of February, 1658. His wife Sarah Sargent was born the 29th of February 1652. Sarah was born at Salisbury, Essex County, Mass. Edward 4th great grandfather was also named Orlando, he was born in England in the year 1630 and his wife Sarah Colby, was born in 1637.

Very little is known about Edward Cyrenius Bagley while he lived in Old Hartford, except that he was a shipbuilder and that the timber was not as large and as good quality as he would

have desired. Accordingly he went to Canada where the timber was larger and better for his occupation.

* Edward, married Julia Ann Grant. Some say she is a cousin of Ulysses S. Grant. Julia Ann was born the 3rd of August 1815 at Northampton, New Brunswick, Canada. Her father was William Grant who also was born there at Northampton. He was born about 1770. While her mother Ann Maidstone Hillman was born at Bishopsgate, Berks, England. She came from a family of sixteen children. (Juliann).

Edward and Julia Ann were the parents of fourteen children 2 girls and 12 boys. They had heard the gospel of Jesus Christ in New Brunswick, and accepted it and wished to be identified with the people of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. They joined in 1850. We find this information about the Church there in New Brunswick taken from the Diary of Geroge Mathew Dow Phillips.

Jesse W. Crosby and Benjamin Brown were the first two missionaries ever to preach in our part of the county. They were mobbed and beaten and Brown was left for dead. They were even required to go before rulers and magistrates to give account of the strange doctrine. At last they were brought before the governor and council and were required to leave. They had organized a branch in the parish of Queensbury and ordained William Cameron presiding Elder. I believe that branch numbered about twenty. They also organized another

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branch in the parish of Southampton and I was ordained, presiding Elder on the 5th of October, 1844 this branch numbered twenty-eight. In a few days the Elders were off for home or the gathering place of the Saints. From that time on we were left with very little knowledge concerning the Church until the first week in November 1852, when we were again visited by Elder Jessie W. Crosby, who remained with us only a few days on account of the repeated threats of violence upon his person by the enemies of the Lord, yet he baptized three, John Bagley, David Jacques and Susannah Jacques, the 6th of November 1852 and ordained to the office beside myself, Thomas Jacques, Edward Bagley, was set apart as Teacher and on that same day he left on board the steamer, "Reindeer," for home via Fredrickton, St. John and New York. Your meetings were held regularly on Sunday and Wednesday in spite of all the opposing friends as many as there were. On the 25th of December I baptized and confirmed, Charles Shelton, George W. Jacques, George Bagley, George and Hannah E. Phillips.

On the 10th of May 1854 the branch left New Brunswick with the exception of my family and Edward Bagley's family from going. (Phillip and Bagley's were in the lumber business together.) On the 27th of February 1855 my wife died and on the 21st of May 1855, brother Bagley's family and mine started for Great Salt Lake via, Fredrikton, St. John and Boston.

HISTORY

In grandfathers history it states that John, the second boy came to Utah with a company of Saints before his family did. It may have been with this company who came in 54.

The children that **started** out with the family would be Charles Steward, born 30th of January 1835, George Ford, born 26th of April 1838, David, born the 12th of November 1839, William Henry, born the 8th of October 1842, Cyrenius, born the 6th of October 1843, Joseph Smith, born the 13 of May 1849 and Hyrum Alvin B. 2nd of February, 1854. An the eldest child born the 23rd of December 1833 died in 1843. John, born the 30th of April 1846 had already left. One of the grandparents took Francis Mortener, who was born the 14th of April, 1851 and hid him. This was a great hardship for them. Not long after they left, Francis drowned.

Phillips Diary

The families went to Boston, then to Buffalo, crossed Lake Erie, to Toledo, then to Chicago, to Alto, and St. Louis arriving there Saturday 2nd of June, 1855. The 4th of June, on to the Missouri River and on board the Ben Bolt steamer to the famed city of Atchinson, thence about six miles from the river the rendezous called Mormon Grove, a place for fitting out this year. The 18th of June we left for a journey on the plains my family and brother Bagley's family in one wagon, two yoke of oxen, fifteen in number. On the 20th of June, 1855, sisten Julianna Bagley and one of my daughters, Francis Helen died.

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Grandfather Alma, used to tell about his mother's death, he was only a little over seven years of age. He said she got up one morning, cooked breakfast for her family and before sundown she had died and was buried. Seventy-five years later when he was 82 years old, he described her death. He said the wolves howled and the Mornin doves mourned, and then he cried just like he had when he was seven years old.

Phillips Diary- Julia Ann, and Francis were buried about 20 mile from the Grove. The 22nd of June, my sone Hugh Fordon Phillips died a 23rd of June, Cyrenius Bagley died and was buried. (According to record and history Edward Bagley had another sone, George Ford, who died and was buried along the way).

We were traveling in S. M. Blavis Company and we arrived at the Big Minasaw the 23rd of June, on Saturday. Sunday the company proceeded and we remained to clean our wagon, our selves, clothing and recruit until the next Friday, thirteen days later. Elder Richard Balantine drove up with his company and camped that night in sight of Minahaw. On the morning of the 7th of July we again started was came on with brother Balantine's Co.

With no more accidents or sickness we arrived in Great Salt Lake Valley on the 25th of September 1855. We were all in good health and proceeded to Provo City, the place of our destiny on the 28th of September 1855. The next week we were all rebaptized by Thomas Jacque in Dry Creek under the sanction of the Bishop of the first ward. Bishop Bud presided, Charles Shelton was the clerk.

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Material taken from Phillips Diary and
Edward Alma's histories.

x Grandfather Alma told how John, had stayed in Utah working in Salt Lake Valley, waiting for his parents and family to arrive. The day that the company of Pioneers, which included his parents, were to arrive he rode on a horse out to meet them. Imagine his grief when he found his mother was not there also his three brothers. His mother had left a young babe. The father spent the winter in Provo with his large family. All he owned was one ox and half a tent. He traded the ox for a little cabin and torn up the old tent to made diapers for the baby. The boys slept on a pile of straw in the corner the only bed they had.

x Edward had brought his wife many pretty dresses to wear when they arrived in Utah but after her death they were more poverty stricken than ever and he had to sell the treasured dresses one by one to get food for the children. Each time a dress was sold, Edward would sit and cry.

The family was too large for Edward to take care of them properly so some of the children were taken by others. Alma, lived with McClellans, Hyrum was given to the Lant family for rearing.

Edward Cyrenius Bagley, died the 16th of June 1868 at Payson and was buried there. He had been a man that had been given a heavy load to carry. It must have been very lonely for him without his beloved wife. All we have about him is from this diary and parts of histories.