

HISTORY

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NAME OF PIONEER Edward Cyrenius Bagley  
(Give the complete name including all married names of women)

DATE PIONEER ARRIVED/BORN 25 Sep. 1859 COMPANY Ballantynes co.

BIRTH DATE 18 Feb. 1815 PLACE Old Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut

DEATH DATE 10 Jun. 1868 PLACE Charleston, Wasatch, Utah

WIVES (1) Julia Ann Grant (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS Richard Bagley Father Ester Puffer Mother

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## EDWARD CYRENIUS BAGLEY

b.18 Feb. 1815, Old Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut  
d. 10 Jun. 1868, Charleston, Wasatch, Utah  
F. Richard Bagley, b.1792, d.6 Jul. 1832  
M. Ester Puffer, b.24 Apr. 1796, d.6 Oct. 1863  
Md. Julia Ann Grant, b.3 Aug. 1812, d.4 Jun. 1855, md. 8 Mar. 1833

### Brothers and Sisters:

1. (see above)
2. (half brother) Richard Bagley b.1830, d.1 May 1877

### Children:

1. Ann M. Bagley, b.23 Dec. 1833, d. 1843
2. Charles Stewart Bagley, b.30 Jan. 1835, d.11 Jan. 1913
3. John Grant Bagley, b.30 Apr. 1836, d. 10 Feb. 1923
4. George Ford Bagley, b.26 Apr. 1838, d. Jun. 1855
5. David B. Bagley, b.12 Nov. 1839, d.4 May 1865
6. William Henry Bagley, b.8 Oct. 1841, d.25 Jan. 1923
7. Cyrenus Bagley, b.6 Oct. 1843, d.23 Jun. 1855
8. Joseph Smith Bagley, b.9 Apr. 1845, d.10 Apr 1897
9. Edward Alma Bagley, b.10 Apr. 1847, d.28 May 1929
10. Cynthia Ann Eliza Bagley Ferris, b.13 May 1849, d. 1925
11. Frank or Francis Mortemor Bagley, b.14 Apr. 1851, d.26 Aug. 1867
12. Hyrum Alvin Bagley, b.2 Feb.1854, d.4 Apr. 1932

Edward Bagley's ancestors go back to Plymouth Rock, the first Bagley men were living in Massachusetts, sailing out of Boston and Ames as seamen and captains of sailing vessels. They were adventurers, seeking new lands and braving the perils of the sea to take cargoes to distant ports. This same spirit took Edward from Connecticut, where he was born and worked in the ship-building business with his brother Richard and father, to seek a new life in New Brunswick, Canada.

This part of Canada is a region of beautiful rolling, fertile farm land and the Valley of St. John is the garden to the province. Edward was seeking virgin timber for ship building and it was plentiful in the wooded hills, which roll into the sea along the coast of New Brunswick. The indented shores make many safe harbors for fishing and boating. Here he met and married Julia Ann Grant, a daughter of English settlers. It was here there twelve children were born. Their first child, Ann, lived only a few months.

Edward was working in the lumber business, when two Mormon Missionaries, Jesse W. Crosby and Benjamin Brown came to Canada in 1844, and organized a branch of twenty-four people in the parish of South Hampton. Reaction to their arrival was swift and violent. The elders were persecuted by authorities and received threats of harm.

Elder Brown was set upon by a mob and severely beaten. He recovered and prophesied that the people would lose their crops, and they would rot in the fields, and the leader of the mob would repent and join the church. Both prophecies came true.

Most of the branch except for the Bagley family and the George Phillips family left for Utah in May, 1854. Julia was expecting a new baby, so they did not go. John their eldest son was anxious to go with the first group and pleaded with his father and mother to let him go. They resisted at first, because Edward was ill and needed his help, but since John was eighteen and had such a strong desire to go west, they finally consented and left with the first group. George Phillip's wife died in February, 1855, and on May 21, 1855, the Phillips family, and all the Bagley's except David Bagley, a boy of fifteen, who remained with his grandparents and later died at age twenty-six.

Starting their long journey to Zion they arrived in St. Johns, took a boat to Boston, from there Buffalo, crossed Lake Erie to Chicago, Alton and St. Lewis, arriving there on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, 1855. On the fourth of June, they were on the Mississippi River, on board the Ben Bolt Steamer, going to Atchinson, Kansas, then six miles to Mormon Grove, where the trains were being outfitted that year. The two families obtained a team of oxen and a wagon and joined the Seth M. Blair company of 89 people and 39 wagons and started across the plains on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, 1855. In Kansas Territory, on June 20<sup>th</sup> 1855 Julia who was the only mother and adult woman in the group got up and prepared breakfast for the family. By nightfall she and one of the Phillip's girls had succumbed from the dread disease cholera. The family was stunned by the loss. Edward Alma, when he was over eighty years old, could still recall that dreadful night when he, a boy of eight, heard the wolves howl and the morning doves cry as his mother was buried along the trail.

Surely now, Edward must have questioned if his decision to join the Mormon migration to Utah had been a wise one. Surely he must have longed for the beautiful wooded hills of Canada in this barren setting of flat open land and the seemingly endless trek down the dusty trail. But the strong determination and the courage of all the pioneers, he went on, impelled by a deep belief in his new religion. Within a week, three members of the family died. George Ford, age seventeen, and Cyrenius age eleven, were stricken with the same disease, and were buried along the trail.

Despite their sorrow and loss, they continued on their way and reached the Salt Lake Valley on September 11, 1855. John the eldest who had gone on a head met the group in Salt Lake City, with a cow and food he had obtained. John was devastated to learn about the death of his mother and brothers. They went on to Provo on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September.

The first winter was very hard. All Edward owned was one ox and a half-a-tent. He traded the ox for a little cabin and tore up the old tent to make diapers for his baby. The boys and his one daughter, six year old Cynthia, slept on a pile of straw in the corner. Edward's wife, Julia, had bought some new dresses for the trip, and one by one Edward had to sell them to get food for the children. Each time he sold a dress he cried bitterly for his loss and the plight of his motherless children.

Edward had taught his children well. They all became industrious men and prominent figures in their communities and the state.

It is said that Edward died in Charleston, June 10<sup>th</sup> 1868, and was buried in Payson. But no cemetery records exist of his burial in Payson. A fire destroyed some of the early records and there is no marker.