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NAME OF PIONEER Julia Ann Grant Bagley Knolls
(COMPLETE NAME, WITH ALL MARRIAGES)

BIRTH DATE & PLACE 3 Aug. 1815 Northampton, New Brunswick, Canada

DEATH DATE & PLACE 20 June 1855 Kansas Territory

SPOUSES (1) Edward Bagley (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____

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JULIA ANN GRANT BAGLEY

My name is Julia Ann Grant Bagley, I was born on 3rd of August 1815 in the town of Northampton, New Brunswick, Canada. I was the eleventh child of William and Ann Maidstone Hillman Grant, I had seventeen brothers and sisters. My grand father and grand mother were born in England. My grand father Hillman being loyal to the crown was a given a grant of land in a new province of New Brunswick, Canada. On the First of July 1792 they left England with their family and arrived in Canada on 14 Oct 1782.

My father William Grant received a grant of land at Nothampton, he and my mother Ann Maidstone Hillman were married 4 November 1795, I can't tell you much about my younger days growing up, as I was one of the younger children in a large family I had more advantages than my older brothers and sisters.

On the 8th day of October 1833 at the age of 18 years I married Edward Bagley who was 18 years old, having been born 18 Feb 1815 in New York State. We were married in St John Anglican Church New Brunswick, Canada. My husband ran a lumber business on the St. Johns river, at Southampton, All of our children ten sons and two daughters were born there.

In August of 1844 two Mormon missionaries came to Southampton to tell of the new church. While there missionaries got the sad news informing them of the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother patriarch Hyrum Smith. They organized a branch there, me and Edward were baptized into the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. In November 1852 Elder Jesse W. Crosby visited with us again. On 6 November my husband Edward, was set apart as a teacher, my son John was also baptized on 6 Nov. 1852.

Our family worked very hard to get the means to go to Utah. On the 10th of May 1854 the branch left New Brunswick except my family and the George Matthew Dow Phillips family, due to the illness of sister Phillips, and the birth of my new baby. We were not able to leave until later. After his baptism my son John felt he should go with the saints, my husband and I were against him leaving, but after he knelt down by my knee and prayed to the Lord for deliverance and that his parents might know it was right for him to go to Zion. When He was through with his prayers his father said the Lord had heard and answered John's prayers and he was given permission to go with the Saints. This gave us faith in the Lord that he would look after our son whom we had intrusted to the Lord. He left with a company of saints a few days later This was the last time John would ever pray at my knee.

On 21 May 1855 my family and the Phillips family left New Brunswick. My baby Hyrum Alvin was just past a year old. We started out to Salt lake City, Utah by way of Fredrickson, St. john and Boston. Then from there to Buffalo, crossed Lake Erie, to Toledo to Chicago to Alton and to St. Louis arriving there 2 June 1855. On June 4 we were on the Missouri river on board the

Ben Bolt steamer going to the famed City of Atchinson, then about six miles down the river to a the rendezvous called Mormon Grove, a place of fitting out that year. On the 18 June 1855 our two families consisting of 15 people, including children left in one wagon with two yokes of oxen for journey on the plains. Sister Phillips died before we left, so I cared for and mothered both families. We joined the Seth M. Blair Company of 89 people and 39 wagons and stated our journey across the plains.

We were now in Kansas Territory, the few days on the trail had been very hard and with so many to care for, traveling was not easy. I got up and prepared breakfast for the two families, I came down with the dreaded cholera, I was very ill. By sundown on 20 June 1855 at the age of forty Julia had died and was buried along the Mormon trail. One of the Phillips girls also succumbed to the dreaded disease. Edward Alma (son) when he was eighty years old could still recall that dreadful night when he was a boy of eight, heard the wolves howl and the morning doves cry as his mother was buried along the trail.

Julia's dreams of joining the Saints in Utah lived on in the hearts of her husband and children, her influence and teachings continued with them as they traveled along the weary miles to find a new home in the West. Within a short time two more members of Julia's family were stricken with the same disease and died, George Ford age seventeen, and Cyrenius age 11. So they were detained for a few days and later joined the Richard Ballentine Company. Despite their sorrow and the loss of Julia and 2 sons Edward still kept on going, impelled by a strong determination and belief in their new religion they continued their trek across the plains.

The family reached Salt Lake Valley on 25 September 1855, then continued on to Provo, Utah on 28 September 1855 their son John who came earlier met the group in Salt Lake City with a cow, flour and meat for the winter. He was bitterly disappointed and saddened to learn of the death of his mother Julia and his brothers. The first winter was very hard. All Edward owned was one ox and a half of a tent. He traded the ox for a little cabin and tore up the tent to make diapers for the baby. the others slept on a pile of straw in the corner. Edward had bought some new dresses for Julia to wear on the trip and when they reached the valley. Now one by one he had to sell them to get food for the family. Each time he sold a dress he cried bitterly for the loss of his wife and the plight of the motherless children.

Of the 12 children Julia Ann had only 7 lived to become adults, her first child Anna M. died at the age of 10, there is little known about the other daughter Cynthia Ann who came across the plains to Utah with the family, she would have been 6 years old at the time. It is known that she married a John Ferris and Died in 1925. Her sons were all sent by the LDS church to settle parts of Utah and Idaho. Two were sent to Big Cottonwood, Utah. One to Salt Lake City, 2 settled in Charleston, Wasatch County, Utah. John was called to go to Bear Lake County, Idaho, Edward Alma to Utah County but later to go to Grass Valley, Sevier-Piute County, Utah

Julia Ann Grant left a large family but she would have been very proud of her children. Her sons all married and raised large families and were very active in building up the church and their communities. Julia Ann's noble traits and characteristics live in the lives of her posterity. Many great and good things have been accomplished by her descendants and in their work in building up the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in this land of Zion, her dreams have been fulfilled.

By Betty S. Taylor

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