

When nature has a work of unusual magnitude or importance to perform she provides the means for its accomplishment.

If a crisis in history presents itself which ~~requires~~ requires a master hand to deal with it, when the hour is right, the man is ready, where there exists conditions which will not yield to individual effort, but require the united force of a race of men especially prepared for the work she brings forth the necessary brood and places it in the environment which will give it the proper preparation for what it is to do, when the great Rocky Mountain section of America was to be reduced to peaceful submission to the will of man, she called forth from every section and every land, the race of hardy pioneers who patiently endured the inevitable hardships and privations, and have worked out the desired results, among the number thus brought into successful activity was John Bagley who is now passing the evening of a very eventful and conspicuous life of stirring events at his home in the environs of the progressive little city of Montpelier Bear Lake County, Idaho. Mr Bagley was born on April 30, 1836, at South Hampton New Brunswick a son of Edward and (Julia Grant) Bagley, the mother being a near kinswoman of General and President U.S. Grant. The father having his birth in the state of New York while the mother was a native of North Hampton, N.B.

In 1855, Impelled by strong religious zeal all of the family, except one son, who remained with his grandparents, and John who preceded them to Utah by one year, made the long and wearisome journey across the continent that they might obtain in the "Promised Land" of Utah full rest, contentment and happiness, Through an unrestricted enjoyment of their religious faith, the surviving members of the family reached their destination in 1855.

The mother and two children, worn out by the hazardous journey across the plains, died on the way and were buried by the side of the emigrant trail,

The father thereafter made his ~~own~~ home in Payson Utah, until his death in 1865, at the age of sixty-five years. The subject of this review was the third in the family of twelve children, and in the primitive section of New Brunswick where his early life was passed, he received the very limited educational advantages of two short school terms of sixty days each while from his eighteenth year, his principal tutors have been observation and experience, which however have well done their work, as ~~Mr~~ Bagley is in possession of a practical knowledge of far greater worth in the rough regions of the west than all the culture of the schools,

Leaving New Brunswick on May 10, 1854, he arrived at Salt Lake City in October 4th the following year, and at once engaged in lumbering in Big Cotton Wood Canyon, at which he was consecutively employed for a period of seven years in the production of building material.

Serving also as a special policeman in Salt Lake City in the winter of 1858 and 59, one of the earliest pioneers of Bear Lake Valley, Idaho. he made his home in 1865 locating at Paris which consisted then of a little collection of eight or ten cabins, here he engaged in agricultural operations for about seven years, being one of the leading factors in building up of that enterprising town, thereafter in 1872 moving to Montpelier, where he maintains his home.

Mr Bagley has taken an active part in many vital importance to the welfare of the community, having assisted with the connecting of the East and the west by railroad and by telegraph, and he was also ~~and~~ active and influential in getting the daily mail route established, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, while in the development of the industries that produce so much of the wealth of this section of the state, farming and stockraising he has been an unceasing and productive factor. He has been intimately connected with public affairs, doing Yeoman service in support of the principles, first of the Democratic and latter of the Republican party, with which ~~the~~ latter organization he is now in full accord, serving also as a peace officer and a deputy sheriff for the long term of fourteen years, his guiding hand being also seen in ~~the~~ the conducting of all important matters that tend to build up the prosperity of the community.

On August 3, 1857, he was one of the number called to arms to contest against the invasion Utah by the army of General Johnson and during the thirty-two weeks of his service as a soldier he experienced many hardships, even standing on guard during the winter with uncovered head and hands with only socks as a covering for his feet during the greatest severity of that cold winter, On March 27, 1861, at Draper City, Utah, John Bagley and Miss Margaret Mary Jane Allen were legally pronounced man and wife, Mrs Bagley was a native of Kentucky and a daughter of Andrew J. and Delilah (Andrus) Allen both of the parents descending from the best families of the south, the father being born in Kentucky and the mother in France, both emigrating to Utah as first pioneers of its settlement, coming with the first Mormon company in the first year of the Mormon hegira. The family here became connected with agriculture and stockraising

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oper. ns, the father also taking prominent part in the building of the state and being one of the founders of the educational trusts of Utah.

The Allen family to which Mrs Bagley is allied was originally a prominent English one that early became domiciled on American soil, Samuel Allen being the London merchant who purchased the Mason Grant of what latter became the state of New Hampshire, The New England branch was in Revolutionary days in part represented by those historic men Ira and Ethan Allen of Vermont and Ticonderoga, who were kinsmen of their North Carolina contemporary, Samuel Allen, a native and typical planter of that providence, whose life was passed in his native commonwealth.

He had sons John, Frank, Rial, David, and Samuel all of whom were born between 1782 and 1799. Rial born in 1791 went to Kentucky as a member of one of the pioneer bands of settlers, brought from his native state by Boone and Calloway, Marring Margaret Evins, from Tennessee, he made the family home in Somerset, Pulaski County, Kentucky here on Sept 5 1818 was born their son Andrew J. Allen who received the name of a friend of the family, the Famous Andrew Jackson Allen.

Andrew J. Allen married a Miss Delilah Andrus, of Illinois on April 29, 1841, ~~xxxxxxx~~ and settled at Wadesboro where their three children Fernecy, William, and Mary M. J. now Mrs Bagley were born. Mr Allen removed with his family in 1846 to ~~xxxxxx~~ Nauvoo Illinois, thence going in the Mormon Exodus to Winter Quarters, where in 1847, he joined Captian Smoots party of one hundred, soon thereafter being enrolled in Capt George B. Wallis company of fifty who became the pioneers in the great movement to Salt Lake City where they arrived in September 1847.

In 1848 Mr Allen made his family home at Mill Creek, Utah. in a little log cabin he there erected, later becoming one of the earliest pioneers of Draper Utah.

There after he was called to strengthen a new settlement in Arizona then returned to Draper, where on July 18, 1884, he was gored to death by a vicious bull. He was head Trustee of Draper for over thirty years, and the first tree planted on the Draper school grounds was set in his honor. On the long and dangerous journey across the plains, Mrs Allen was in charge of an ox team which she drove the entire journey, and her daughter remembers many thrilling adventures of Indian attacks upon the early Mormon settlements near Salt Lake City which have stored her mind with valuable reminence, she was one of a family of eleven children, seven of whom attained maturity and five of whom are now living. Ensign Pearson who was with Admiral Dewey on his flag ship Olympia at the battle of Manila is a nephew of Mrs Bagley,

Mrs Bagley has been a constant and very active member of the Relief Society of the Bear Lake ~~xxxxxx~~ Stake since 1863, and she has done much more than ordinary share of benevolent work of the organization, devoting all the ardor of a strong nature year after year to the relief of the poor and destitute. The children of these honored and venerated pioneers are thirteen ~~in~~ in number, of whom we peticularly note the Hon. John A. Bagley, Attorney General of Idaho. (see Pioneers of Utah and Idaho) Martha Ann died at the age of four years at Paris Idaho, Cyrenus Jackson a prominent stockman of Star Valley, Wyoming, Edward A. died at the age of twenty-two years, William H. Died in Montpelier at the age of twenty years of age, Parley died at Montpelier at the age of eighteen years, David now a leading merchant of Granger Wyoming. Fernecy M. Mary Delilah wife of Oron Quayle of Bingle Idaho, Charles a civil engineer now residing in Montpelier, George Hugh, Thomas C. and Arley U. of Montpelier. In their hospitable home in the mouth of the canyon in Montpelier the lives of this worthy couple are passing quietly and uneventfully, they are surrounded by all the care which filial reverence can give, and standing high in the esteem of the entire community who honor them for their deep religious principles and their sterling worth. In conclusion we will state an experience in farming operations of Mr Bagley in his early life in Montpelier, which illustrates the religious fortitude and patience, endurance of the early Mormon pioneers for fourteen years he planted a field of potatoes only to have the ground killed by frost year after year, not until the fifteenth year of planting did the elements vouchsafe a crop.

This information was copied from the book (early Utah and Idaho Pioneers in 1948) for information on ~~xxxxxxx~~ John A. Bagley see same book, Elaine Q. Keetch.

Mother and father were married (John Allen Bagley and Nina Valve Furrow). Mother asked father if he were going to take a plural wife. He said he did not want more than mother. Several months later at quarterly conference when the apostle was there from Salt Lake, father's name (John Allen Bagley) was called with others to attend a special Priesthood Meeting. Returning home he told mother that he had been called to take another wife, and did she approve. The first wife was supposed to give her consent so mother said "Have you anyone in mind" and father said he did not have anyone. Mother said she had a very dear friend whom she had met at summer school that lived at Liberty, Idaho, so she wrote to Lydia Austin telling her she would like her to meet her husband and she wrote back and asked mother and father over to dinner. They went and liked each other and whenever father went to see Aunt Lydia, mother rode over with him and visited with Bishop Auntin and Aunt Nora and Aunt Emma, his two wives, while my father and Aunt Lydia went for a buggy ride. They were married and Aunt Lydia did not live very many years. I can remember mother and Aunt Lydia standing with each others arms around each other crying and saying "forgive me I was wrong". I also remember the morning mother received the telegram saying Aunt Lydia was dead. I was at the door with mother and mother never did get over missing her.

Several times when Grandfather Furrow was going from the east to California or returning east, he was going through Montpelier but never stopped after I (Aunty Van) was born. He did stop there at the time I was born though, or was there at that time, but seemed to be very bitter about mother joining the Church. However, when I (Aunty Van) was eight years old we went to California and mother (Nina Valve Furrow Bagley), Almorean 9 monts old (my brother), your mother (Moretta Bagley Stone) about 2 years old, were at his place at Colony Heights about twenty miles east of Riverside for six weeks, then father (John Allen Bagley) came later and we returned to San Francisco and then Montpelier. On the way to California we stopped at the Hotel in Ogden all night. We did not have electric lights or telephones in Idaho at that time. I will never forget mother was called to the telephone and I was so proud. I followed her down and watched her talk over the phone. Anyway, later Grandfather (John Furrow) was on his way to San Francisco and the ship was wrecked and they drifted up to Portland or Seattle. His money and clothes were all gone. He could not get money, so he had to telephone father (John Allen Bagley) and he sent him money and a ticket to Montpelier and he came and stayed several weeks or all summer. Mother always said it was the only way Grandfather (John Furrow) would ever come to our place and she was very happy about it. He said he had a testimony of the Gospel while he was there, but he could not admit to his friends that he was going to leave the Baptist Church and join the Mormon.

Mother was promised a blessing that she would get her hearing back and after she was married and had two children, she did get her hearing back. This is some of the things I remember about mother (Nina Valve Furrow Bagley).

Letter was signed by "Aunty Van" Horn (Bagley) Whitely

John Allen Bagley
B. 16 May 1862
D . 9 Oct 1941

Married 2 Aug 1883 (1) Sarah Ellen Lawson b 1860 d 1885
" 5 Aug 1888 (2) Nina Valve Furrow b 1863 d 1905
" 1890 (3) Lydia Estella Austin b 1865 d 1894
" 1903 (4) Mary Matilda Peterson b1887 d 1918