

Gustavus Adolphus Perry

Gustavus Adolphus Perry was born 4 Jan. 1797 in Wilton, Hillsboro, Mass. He was the son of Abijah Perry Jr. and Elizabeth Tippetts, and a grandson of Abijah Perry Sr., a Revolutionary War soldier in Capt. William Barron's company. (He served five months at Fort Ticonderoga.

Abijah Jr. and Elizabeth were married by Rev. Jibel Fiske, a minister of the Congregational Church of Wilton. Rev. Fiske was born in Pepperell, Mass. in 1752, graduated at Harvard College in 1774, was ordained in Wilton Nov. 18, 1778 and remained pastor of the church until his death on Apr. 21, 1802.

It was customary in the provision made by the original grantors of New England to establish a town church. "This town church, the support of which all contributed by annual taxes, and on whose services almost all the inhabitants regularly attended, was for many years the only church in town." The church was a large two story building with two rows of large windows extended round the building. In the early days the attic was the powder arsenal of the town.

In 1801 the father and grandfather of Gustavus sold the farm in Wilton and moved to Elizabethtown, New York. Abijah Jr. died in Elizabethtown in Nov. 1804, family tradition says he died from homesickness. Elizabethtown was formed from Crown Point Feb. 12, 1798

It is situated in the beautiful Boquet Valley. In the summer of 1791 Eliphalet Lamb and a Mr. Goszard, two small traders greatly excited by the beautiful appearance of the valley of Boquet reported "they had seen the handsomest tract of land in the world; the garden of Eden could not be higher extoled than they extoled the valley of Boquet; the timber was principally butternut and sugar maple, and a sprinkling of other timber, and many large pines; -----and the beautiful river with its gravel bottom, and pure water as clear as crystal and abounding with trout.-----They went immediately to Capt. Rogers and bargained for lots of land in the valley for one dollar and twenty five cents an acre, and agreed to get on as many settlers as they could."

After the death of Abijah Jr. Elizabeth married Jeremiah Emery, and Gustavus left home because he did not like his stepfather.

In 1816 Gustavus married Eunice Wing, a daughter of Elisha Wing and Anna Boardman. They lived on a farm in Lewis, Essex County, New York. Seven children were born to them three sons and four daughters.

The following story about his conversion to the Church was written by Laura Peters Fifield:

"Close to the year 1830 one dark, stormy evening the family were all gathered in the kitchen, the latch strings drawn in for the night. The front door opened and they heard someone coming through the house toward the kitchen where the family was assembled when he entered the kitchen they saw that it was an old man with a white flowing beard. Although it was a stormy night there were no signs of raindrops on his clothes. He said "God Bless You" and asked for food, and if he could spend night with them. Although they were poor and had little bread they gave him food and shelter. When he came in he had a knapsack on his back with a little pup which he gave to the children to play with. During the evening he took from his pocket, a book from which he read telling them it was soon to come forth and telling them to get one at their first opportunity. As he was leaving the next morning he promised them that they would never want for bread, which promise was literally fulfilled. That very next day a man who owed them some money asked if they would take wheat for the debt. Although it was broad daylight when the stranger left none of neighbors saw him leave.

Sometime after the visit of the old gentleman, two elders with a *Book of Mormon* came to their door. The family obtained one and in reading the book they recognized passages of scriptures the stranger had read to them on the night of his visit. In the year 1832 the family joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints."

Gustavus Adolphus Perry was ordained a High Priest in Bolton, New York in 1834 by J. F. Boyington and J. Carter. He received a Patriarchal Blessing Feb. 1844 at Macedonia, Iowa by John Smith. He is listed with High Priest residing in Pottawattamie County, Iowa in the Lake Branch (1848-1851).

In Lewis County of Essex New York on Oct. 20, 1834 Gustavus Adolphus Perry signed, with a number of other men, the following document:

"The members of a branch of the Church of Latter-Day-Saints agreeable to the requirements of heaven have striven to unite their hearts and views in order to be found spotless before the blazing throne of the Great Jehovah when He comes to make up His jewels, and do for this end do send property by the hands of wise men appointed by the voice of the Church, agreeable to the revelation concerning the redemption of Zion for the purpose of purchasing land in Jackson County or counties round about for the inheritance of the Church. Agreeable to this we give our names with the affixed sums annexed. The sum mentioned for Gustavus was 6.00 in property value no cash.

From the Journal History p. 12 for 20 Jan. 1848 the document was also signed by Gustavus Adolphus along with signatures of Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimbal, and others:

TO THE HONORABLE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

Sir: There are many thousand inhabitants in the vicinity of Log Tabernacle which is situated on the government purchase of the Pottocattmies in the State of Iowa whose interests is material injured, and whose journey business and improvements are retarded

or destroyed by non-intercourse; there being no Post Office within 40 or So miles of said Tabernacle and the public good requires a convenient office. Therefore we your petitioners citizens of the United States and residents of said vicinage pray your Honor to cause such an office to be located at or near said Tabernacle without delay to be called Tabernacle Post office, to appoint Evan M. Green Postmaster and to cause the semi-weekly mail of Austin or Linden to be continued to said office and your Petitioners etc. Very respectfully,

From the Index to Salt Lake City and Nauvoo ordinances an entry is found on page 753 which shows the following sealing ordinance:

Gustavus Adolphus Perry born 4 Jan 1797 in Wilton, Hillsborough, New Hampshire solemnized by Pres. Brigham Young at Winter Quarters on March 22, 1847.
Eunice Wing born 8 July 1797 in Hinsdale, Berkshire, Mass. by Pres. Brigham Young at now Florence on March 22, 1847.
Sally Jenkins born 29 Jul 1811 Bodin, Lincoln, Maine by Pres. Brigham Young in Nebraska on March 22, 1847. This sealing was witnessed by Wilford Woodruff, Willard Richards, and T. Bullock.

In the patron record in the archives a child named Silas is listed as born about 1847 to Gustavus Adolphus Perry and Sally or Sarah Jenkins. Of this part of Gustavus' life nothing more is known at the present time we do know the Perry's left their home in Northern New York and followed the trek of the Saints into western Missouri. They tarried awhile in Farley, Platte, Missouri and in Pottawattamie County Iowa. Following the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1844, Brigham Young organized the saints into companies. The Perry family crossed the plains in the Shadrack Roundy Hundred in 1848.

Copy of information from card from Crossing the Plains Index

Gustavius Perry Ch. Em.
Henry
Lorenzo
Eunice (49)
Lucy Ann (7)

1848 Crossed plains in Shadrack Roundy Hundred

The information from this card is not completely accurate as the 1850 Census of Pottawattamie County, Iowa gives this information:

Names of persons	age	sex	Birthplace
Perry, Gustavus	60	H	New York
Perry, Polly	65	F	New York
Perry, Sarah	40	F	New York
Perry, Lucy	12	F	New York

Perry, Mary	6	F	Ill.	.
Perry, Gustavus	1	M	Iowa	

The family records states that six years after the saints started the trek across the plains Gustavus and his family joined an independent company of saints and followed the path of the saints across the plains, arriving in Utah in 1853. They settled in Three Mile Creek later known as Perry. Gustavus and his three sons took up a farm adjoining each other and pioneered in building up this part of Utah. The family were all loyal and true to the Gospel all of their days. They had a cooperative cow pasture and a cooperative store. When a post office was established in the town, the name was changed from Three Mile Creek to Perry in honor of the Perry family.

Eunice died prior to 1863 and is buried in Brigham Cemetery in Brigham City, Utah. Gustavus died 2 May 1868 and is also buried in the Brigham City Cemetery.

Gustavus also married Elizabeth Wray Walker. She had a number of children when he married her. Her husband had left her. One of Mrs. Walkers daughters, Hay or Nary married Lorenzo Perry, son of Gustavus and Eunice.

Note: The patron record in the archives shows a cancellation of sealing of Gustavus and Sally Jenkins. This is not correct. I have a signed statement from the Office of the First Presidency stating that no cancellation of a sealing appears on their records for either Gustavus Adolphus Perry or Sarah or Sally Jenkins.

The Census Records of Gustavus Adolphus Perry 1820 of Lewis, Essex, New York

1 male under 10 1 male 16 to 26 1 Female under 10 3 Females 16 to 26

1830 Census of Lewis, Essex, New York

1 Male under 5 1 male 5 to 10 1 male 10 to 15 1 male 40 to 50
1 Female 5 to 10 1 Female 10 to 15 1 Female 40 to 50

1840 Census of Quincy City, Adams County Illinois

1 male 10 to 15 1 male 15 to 20 2 males 20 to 30 1 male 40 to 50
1 Female under 5 1 female 5 to 10 1 female 15 to 20 1 female 40 to 50

Referencos:

1. Wilton Vital Records (NH W4a p. 42)
2. Rev. War Service Record
3. History of Wilton, N.H. by Livermore & Putman (NH w4)
4. John Perry of London by Bertram Adams
5. History of Elizabothtown by George Levi Brown (N.Y. E8)

6. Land records of N.H. (GS sor # 3697 pt. 55) Vol. 75 p. 310

Written by Gay Perry Kawallis

Added Information about Gustavus Adolphus Perry and family added by Virginia Fifee
Origin of the name Gustavus Adolphus:

“Gustav II Adolph, called Gustavus Adolphus (1594-1632), king of Sweden (1611-1632), who, for his brilliant leadership of the Protestant forces in the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648), became known as the Lion of the North.”

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History of Perry, Utah from the Perry City Homepage

http://www.vii.com/~perrycty/complete_history.htm

PERRY

Perry, located in eastern Box Elder County, directly south of Brigham City, Utah. The Bear River Valley, in which Perry is located, is one of the prime agricultural areas of Northern Utah. Perry is bordered on the east by the Wasatch Mountains and on the west by the shoreline of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. It was an area of about 9 square miles with a population of 1,550 in 1992.

In 1851, the same year that Box Elder (now Brigham City) was being settled, Orrin Porter Rockwell and his brother, Merrell, laid claim to some land lying about 2 1/2 miles southwest of the center of Box Elder. It was adjacent to a large spring known to this day as Porter Spring. The Rockwell's made no improvements on their land, although they claimed it for a number of years. The reason they never occupied the land may have been the danger of Indian raids. Porter Spring was a great camping place for both emigrants and Indians in those early days.

Early in the spring of 1853, Mormon pioneers began to settle on the land in the area. William Plummer Tippetts and his family, Lorenzo and May Wray Perry, along with Gustavus Perry and his family set claim to land in which became the center of town.

Three Mile Creek was the name given to early day Perry as it was just three miles from the center of Box Elder to the small stream which furnished water for the settlers.

While surrounding communities were building forts to protect themselves from the Indians, the residents of Three Mile Creek made friends with them. The Indians would bring wild game and trade it for what was called "white face bread" and they taught the settlers to cure and tan deer hides to make covers for their feet.

There was a small settlement of Welsh people midway between Three Mile Creek and Box Elder. Among the first settlers were Benjamin Jones, Kidwalendar Owens, David Peters, Thomas Mathias, and John Roberts. They chose to meet with those living in Box Elder in 1868 when the two communities joined together and organized a Sunday School.

Thomas C. Young Sr., Robert Henderson and Alexander Perry, known as "The Scotch Boys," settled to the north of the Tippetts and Perrys.

The first brick school building in Box Elder county was built in Three Mile Creek in 1874. It was erected ostensibly for a meeting house, but was used for school purposes also.

In 1899 a new meeting house was erected, a two story building 32 X 60 feet with a tower and large double doors on the west. The building was constructed under the direction of Bishop James Nelson at a cost of \$5,000.

This building has seen several additions and when a new LDS meeting house was built in 1874-1975, it was sold to a theatrical group and is now home to the Heritage Theater. Live productions delight people throughout northern Utah each month.

From the beginning, lack of water kept back the growth of Three Mile Creek, as there was much more land than water. In the fall of 1894 a reservoir was partially completed at the head of Three Mile Creek Canyon. Before the project was completed, frost stopped the work and winter set in. The next year no work was done to finish the dam, but being a low water year, nothing happened.

In June 1896, a rain storm before the snow was all gone, caused a heavy flow of water into the reservoir which resulted in a terrible flood. Homes were lost and farms were covered with mud, gravel and trash, but no lives were lost. In 1923 a series of cloud bursts caused a second flood out of this same canyon. Damage was not quite as great this time.

When the railroad passed through the western part of Three Mile Creek in 1868-1869, it brought much needed revenue to the residents, who hauled timber and telegraph poles from the canyon. Some men made as much as \$30 a day. The railroad also paid high prices for goods. Hay sold for \$50 a ton. Grain, eggs, and butter were also very much in demand.

In May 1898 the name of Three Mile Creek was changed to "Perry" in honor of O.A.Perry who had served as an LDS Bishop for almost 20 years.

Population at the turn of the century was 261 souls, (50 families).

In the spring of 1905, residents of Perry built their own electric company with Vinson F. Davis as president, at a cost of \$2,399. They erected their own lines and strung their

own wires. The company was purchased by the town in 1912. In the winter of 1950 it was sold to Utah Power and Light.

Water, or lack of it, continued to be a major problem. In 1902 the Three Mile Creek Irrigation Company decided to pipe water from the mouth of the canyon to the settlement for irrigation purposes. When the Pine View Canal was built from Ogden to Brigham, farmers could increase their orchards and plant row crops. Hundreds of acres of arid land was then reclaimed.

Agriculture consisting of family dairies and fruit orchards was the leading industry in Perry City. A creamery was built at the Barnard White farm and 1910 a cannery was established to take care of the counties summer harvest, peas, tomatoes, carrots, beets, etc. Facilities were also set up for shipping the excellent fruit grown in this region to all parts of the United States. This improvement gave work to those in the community and surrounding areas.

In 1909 the Inter-Mountain Nursery was established on 40 acres of the Brigham Nelson Property. Growing and grafting to make a better variety of fruit trees: pears, peaches, and apple, the number of trees reached a half million, supplying trees for many orchards in the area. F.T. Troxell was president with Brigham Nelson and M.J. Thorne as vice presidents, E.M. Tyson, secretary-treasurer, and E.F. Whaley as superintendent.

A culinary water system, providing water to each home was put into operation in 1911. The water came from mountain springs and later from wells.

Population in 1958 was 500. At that time Perry City's growth began, orchards giving way to housing areas, and dairy farms becoming fewer in number. The character of the town changed from a rural community to a suburban community whose residents commuted to Ogden, Brigham City, Thiokol, Morton International, and other areas of employment.

With this growth, the small three-room school house built in about 1910 was enlarged. In 1961 six classrooms, along with a multi-purpose room and kitchen made it a modern school.

The modern day Perry City is a progressive community, looking to the future in it's development. In 1973, a sewage disposal plant was begun and in 1981 an addition was made to accommodate the growth.

The city has three parks, one with ball diamond and a bowery, one with a children's play area and small bars and the third is a nature park with a horse riding arena and in the winter an ice skating rink.

Andrew Jenson, Encyclopedic History of the Church...

“That part of Box Elder County now included in the Perry Ward was first settled by Orrin Porter Rockwell in 1852. He laid claim to some land lying 2 1/2 miles southwest from the center of Brigham City, but made no improvements. Hence the real settlement of the locality did not take place until the spring of 1853, when William Plummer Tippets with his family arrived and built a small log house. Other settlers arrived later, and the place first became known as the Welsh settlement, but later as Three Mile Creek. The early inhabitants belonged to the Box Elder (later Brigham City) Ward for a number of years. In the spring of 1854 Gustavus A. Perry was appointed president of the branch; he was subsequently succeeded by Asahel Thorne, who in turn was succeeded by David Osborn, who was succeeded by Henry E. Perry, who died May 19, 1875, after which Orrin Alonzo Perry took charge of the little settlement until Aug. 19, 1877, when the saints at Three Mile Creek were organized as a ward, with Orrin Alonzo Perry as Bishop. He was succeeded in 1896 by James Nielsen, who in 1905 was succeeded by Morris R. Peters, who in 1914 was succeeded by Heber W. Perry, who in 1924 was succeeded by Leroy D. White, who presided Dec. 31, 1930. The Church membership of the Perry Ward on that date was 282, including 48 children; the total population of the Three Mile Precinct was 341 in 1930. On March 5, 1901, the name of Three Mile Creek Ward was changed to Perry Ward.”

Nancy N. Tracy, Autobiography, Byu Special Collections, Writings of Early Latter-day Saints, p.22

“As I said, we took tip our march towards the rising sun. It stormed continually. Our outfit for the journey was a meager one. It consisted of one horse attached to the two wheels of a wagon with bed sheets for a cover. The box was seven feet long; so sometimes at night we could make a bed in the cart by taking things out. But we would make our bed outside when the weather would permit. It was tedious traveling. When we got on the Mississippi bottom, it was terrible. It was 9 miles across and took two days to cross. At last we landed in Quincy, Illinois, and found the people very hospitable. They seemed willing to do all they could to alleviate the condition of the Saints. We traveled on up the river about 40 miles and stopped to see what we should do. This was in Adams County. There, five families of us, 3 families named Tippets and Gustavus Perry and ourselves stopped. We found some empty cabins which the owner let us go into. The place was sparsely settled, but we were glad to get shelter. It was 7 miles to the little town where there was a store and other public buildings. The Saints in general traveled on up the river, but we stayed here one year and raised corn, turnips, and other garden stuffs. Brother John Tippet's wife died here in child birth. Her babe also died, which cast a gloom over us. She was a good woman, and we sadly missed her. I suppose her grave is still alone and unmarked to this day.”

From Susan Easton Black Compilation of Saints prior to 1847

Perry, Gustavus Adolphus (Male)

Birth: Perry, Gustavus Adolphus (Male) Date: January 4, 1797 Place: Wilton, Hillsboro, NH, USA

Parents: Perry, Gustavus Adolphus (Male) Father: Perry, Abijah Mother: Tippets, Elizabeth

Death: Perry, Gustavus Adolphus (Male) Date: May 28, 1868 Place: Three Mile Creek (now

Perry), Box Elder, UT, USA

Marriage Information: Perry, Gustavus Adolphus (Male) Spouse: Wing, Eunice Date: 1816

Children: Perry, Gustavus Adolphus (Male)

Name: Birthdate: Place:

1. Perry, Orrin Alonzo September 11, 1817 Lewis, Essex, NY, USA
 2. Perry, Rosalie Alvira November 1819 Lewis, Essex, NY, USA
 3. Perry, Melvina Amanda September 11, 1822 Lewis, Essex, NY, USA
 4. Perry, Lorenzo May 8, 1824 Lewis, Essex, NY, USA
 5. Perry, Henry Elisha August 24, 1827 Lewis, Essex, NY, USA
 6. Perry, Lucy Ann May 20, 1839 Hancock Co., IL, USA
 7. Perry, Cornelia
 Marriage Number 2 Perry, Gustavus Adolphus (Male) Spouse: Jenkins, Sally
 Marriage Number 3 Perry, Gustavus Adolphus (Male) Spouse: Wray, Elizabeth
 Church Ordinance Data: Perry, Gustavus Adolphus (Male) Baptism Date: 1832
 Ordained High Priest Date: 1834 Place: NY, USA Officiator: J. F. Boynton
 Temple Ordinance Data: Perry, Gustavus Adolphus (Male) Endowment Date: January 28, 1846
 Temple: Nauvoo, Hancock, IL, USA
 Endowment Date: January 20, 1846
 Endowment Date: March 14, 1960
 Sealed to Parents Date: November 15, 1933

1860 Census Box Elder Utah

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Place of Birth
Augustus Perry	6?	M	Farmer	N.Y.
Elizabeth	56	F		England
Thomas	26	M		England
William	25	M		Michigan
Sarah	25	F		Michigan
Elizabeth	20	F		Illinois
David	17	M		Illinois

Some Web pages with info.

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~ryoung/Perry/16.htm>

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~ryoung/Wing/17.htm>

Invitation to 200 birthday reunion for Gustavus and Eunice

You are invited to attend a reunion of the descendants of Gustavus Adolphus Perry in commemoration of his 200th birthday and the 200th birthday of his wife Eunice Wing to be held at

IPERRY CITY PARK, PERRY, UTAH Friday July 11, 1997 5:00 p.m. picnic Lunch- bring your own- and get acquainted 7:00 p.m. Meeting at which Elder L. Tom Perry will be the featured speaker

A record has been compiled containing over 9800 descendants of Gustavus Adolphus Perry and with spouses the number totals over 13000. Your family appears as indicated on the attached family group sheet. If there are any corrections, please advise Ted S. Perry 1032 North 200 East Logan, UT 84341

Perry City Park is located one block west of the old Perry Church now a theatre at about 2500 South on Highway 89 in Perry. Orrin Alonzo Perry's old homestead is located just west of the Park and Henry Elisha Perry homestead is just south of the Orrin Alonzo Perry homestead. Gustavus Adolphus Perry homestead is about one and one half blocks west of the Park on the North side of the road.

Lorenzo Perry homestead is over near the old canning factory south of Gustavus Adolphus Perry homestead and directly west from Perry Canyon. Porter Rockwell Springs are about one block north of Gustavus Adolphus Perry homestead on the east side of the old street car right of way. Gustavus Adolphus Perry is buried in the Brigham City Cemetery.

