

Emily Louise “Lulu” Perkel Stewart Feely

Emily Louise “Lulu” Perkel (also spelled Pirkle/Purkle) was born 8 November 1849 in Linden, Iowa,¹ Wisconsin. She was the youngest of three children of John Barnett Hancock Perkel and Desire Fancher. Her mother died when Emily was four years old.

Emily married Urban Jacob Stewart in 1866 near Big Reservoir, El Dorado, California.² They had three children. Both Urban and Lulu were baptized as members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1867 (his "license was taken" on 18 October 1879).³ Urban was registered to vote in Murray Township, Alameda, California, in 1871.⁴

On the 1880 census, Emily was keeping house, living with her three children in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory. She was listed as married, but Urban was listed as a miner living in Minersville, Beaver, Utah Territory.⁵ He remarried in 1882, so they may have been divorced by then.⁶ Urban struck and accidentally killed a man during a drunken spree near Cassidy’s Saloon in Silver Reef in 1887.⁷

Sometime before 1900, Emily married a Mr. Feeley. On the 1900 census, she was a widowed dressmaker, living with her son in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.⁸ She was selling milk, living with her granddaughter in Belvedere, Los Angeles, California, in 1910.⁹ She lived in Belvedere and then Santa Ana¹⁰, and died 11 April 1936 in Orange, California. She was buried in Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana.¹¹



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¹ United States Census, 1850.

² California County Marriages, 1850-1952; *San Francisco Evening Bulletin*, 5 November 1866.

³ Early Members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

⁴ California Voter Registrations, 1866-1898.

⁵ United States Census, 1880.

⁶ *Familysearch.org*

⁷ *Salt Lake Herald*, 16 November 1887, p. 5; 6 December 1887, p. 8; 8 December 1887, p. 8.

⁸ United States Census, 1900.

⁹ United States Census, 1910.

¹⁰ United States Census, 1920., 1930.

¹¹ California Death Index, 1905-1939; *Findagrave.com*