

Mary Meredith Cook Dilley Lynch Bryant

Mary Meredith was born 25 August 1846 in Nant ddu, Glamorganshire, Wales. She was the daughter of James Meredith and Mary Owens. The family immigrated to America, sailing on the ship "Hartley" and arriving in New Orleans on 28 April 1849. Mary's father died on the steamboat going upriver from New Orleans in May 1849. She was living with her mother and siblings in Pottawatomie, Pottawatomie, Iowa, in 1850.¹ Her mother died the next year, and the orphaned children left Iowa and crossed the plains to Utah Territory.²

The orphaned children settled Palmyra (now Spanish Fork), Utah, Utah Territory in the spring of 1853.³ They lived in Payson 1856⁴ and then Washington County in 1857.⁵ On the 1860 census, Mary was living in the home of her half-sister Ann Pearce in Washington City, Washington, Utah Territory.⁶ She married Thomas Cook in 1865 in Utah Territory. They had one daughter who was born in Logan, Cache, Utah Territory, and then they divorced.⁷ She married Fisher Stuart Dilley about 1869 in Utah Territory. They had four children, some of whom were born in Kanarraville, Utah.

By 1880, Mary was living with four children in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.⁸ She filed for divorce from Stuart in 1881.⁹ She then married Dennis Lynch, a miner in Silver Reef, about 1881. They had one son. Mary married Joseph Samuel Bryant about 1885 in Silver City, Juab, Utah Territory. They had one daughter. On the 1990 census, Mary was living with three of her children in Mercur, Tooele, Utah.¹⁰ In 1910, she was living alone in Mercur¹¹ and in 1920 she was living in Ophir, Tooele, Utah.¹² She certainly had a preference for living in mining camps!

Mary died of influenza on 6 December 1926 in Eureka, Juab, Utah, and was buried there.¹³ All of her seven children by four fathers spent some of their childhood in Silver Reef. Their stories follow:

- 1. Eustacia Amelia Cook** was born 13 November 1865 in Logan, Cache, Utah Territory. She was the daughter of Thomas Cook and Mary Meredith. She was living with her mother in Silver Reef in 1880.¹⁴ She married Edward Couch in 1886 in Silver Reef; they had three children. Edward died in 1895 and Eustacia married Calvin R Johnson in 1899 in Utah. They had one son and were living in Salt Lake City in 1900.¹⁵ Calvin died in 1902 and Eustacia continued living in Salt Lake City with various children¹⁶ until she died there on 18 December 1955. She was buried in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.¹⁷

¹ Iowa Pottawattamie County Annotated Record of US Census, 1850.

² Pioneer Immigrants to Utah Territory.

³ Pioneer Immigrants to Utah Territory.

⁴ Pioneer Immigrants to Utah Territory.

⁵ Pioneer Immigrants to Utah Territory.

⁶ United States Census, 1860.

⁷ Pioneer Immigrants to Utah Territory.

⁸ United States Census, 1880.

⁹ Salt Lake County, Utah Civil and Criminal Case Files, 1852-1887.

¹⁰ United States Census, 1900.

¹¹ United States Census, 1910.

¹² United States Census, 1920.

¹³ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

¹⁴ United States Census, 1880.

¹⁵ United States Census, 1900.

¹⁶ United States Census, 1910, 1920.

¹⁷ Utah Death and Military Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

2. **Samuel Dorial (or Derial) John Dilley** was born 15 September 1870 in Utah Territory. He was living with his mother in Silver Reef in 1880.¹⁸ By 1900, he was living with his mother in Mercur, Tooele, Utah.¹⁹ In October 1904, he was moved to the Utah State Mental Hospital (for epilepsy?). He was living in the hospital in 1910²⁰ and until he died on 10 February 1913 in Provo, Utah, Utah, and was buried in the Provo City Cemetery.²¹
3. **Almira Ann “Annie” Dilley** was born 12 July 1872 in Kanarra, Kane, Utah Territory. She was the daughter of Fisher Stuart Dilley and Mary Meredith. She was not listed with her mother and siblings in Silver Reef in 1880, perhaps she was visiting elsewhere at the time.²² She married four times; the first was a Silver Reef miner named Alfred Grant, in 1892.²³ She did not have any children. In 1900, she lived in Chloride, Mohave, Arizona.²⁴ One the 1910 census, they were living in Peck Mining District, Yavapai, Arizona.²⁵ By 1930, they were in Prescott, Yavapai, Arizona²⁶, where Annie died 7 January 1939 and was buried.²⁷
4. **James Daniel Dilley** was born in September 1874 in Kanarra, Kane, Utah Territory. He was the son of Fisher Stuart Dilley and Mary Meredith. He was living with his mother in Silver Reef in 1880.²⁸ He served at Fort Douglas in 1898.²⁹ By 1900, he was living with his mother and siblings in Mercur, Tooele, Utah.³⁰ He was registered as a voter in Jerome, Yavapai, Arizona, in 1904; in Gila, Mohave, Arizona, in 1910; and in Golconda, Mohave, Arizona, in 1912. He was described as Scotch-Irish, five feet six inches tall, 150 pounds, with blue eyes, brown hair, and a fair complexion.³¹ He died January 1913, probably in Arizona.
5. **Mary Elizabeth “Mamie” Dilley** was born 24 June 1878 in Kanarraville, Iron, Utah Territory. She was the daughter of Fisher Stuart Dilley and Mary Meredith. She was living with her mother in Silver Reef in 1880.³² She married Henry William Long in 1899 in Tooele, Tooele, Utah.³³ They had eight children. On the 1900 census, they were living in Park City, Summit, Utah.³⁴ By 1910, they had moved to Elkol, Uinta, Wyoming.³⁵ In 1920 and 1930 they were living in Kemmerer, Lincoln, Wyoming.³⁶ She died 20 May 1941 in Prescott, Yavapai, Arizona and was buried there.

¹⁸ United States Census, 1880.

¹⁹ United States Census, 1900.

²⁰ United States Census, 1910.

²¹ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964; Utah Death Registers, 1847-1966; Utah Cemetery Inventory, 1847-2000.

²² United States Census, 1880.

²³ Utah Marriages, 1887-1935; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940; Utah Select County Marriages, 1887-1937.

²⁴ United States Census, 1900.

²⁵ United States Census, 1910.

²⁶ United States Census, 1930.

²⁷ Arizona Deaths, 1870-1951.

²⁸ United States Census, 1880.

²⁹ US Registers of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914.

³⁰ United States Census, 1900.

³¹ Arizona Voter Registrations, 1866-1955.

³² United States Census, 1880.

³³ Utah Marriages, 1887-1966; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1937.

³⁴ United States Census, 1900.

³⁵ United States Census, 1910.

³⁶ United States Census, 1920, 1930.

6. **Dennis Edward Owen Lynch** was born 26 October 1882 in Silver Reef. He was the son of Dennis Lynch and Mary Meredith. On the 1900 census, he was living with his oldest half-sister in Salt Lake City.³⁷ He married Lula Katherine McDochoerty in 1909 in Arizona. The next year they were living in Winkelman, Gila, Arizona.³⁸ He died 7 January 1913 in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona, and was buried in the Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery.³⁹
7. **Frances Margaret Bryant** was born 5 April 1886 in Silver Reef. She was the daughter of Joseph Samuel Bryant and Mary Meredith. On the 1900 census, she was living with her mother and siblings in Mercur, Tooele, Utah.⁴⁰ She married Reuben Landrum Ball in 1906 in Tooele, Tooele, Utah.⁴¹ They had four children. By 1910 and 1920, they had moved to Ophir, Tooele, Utah.⁴² In 1930 and 1940 they lived in Eureka, Juab, Utah.⁴³ Frances died 22 July 1981 in Provo, Utah, Utah, and was buried there.⁴⁴

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³⁷ United States Census, 1900.

³⁸ United States Census, 1910.

³⁹ Arizona Deaths, 1870-1951; *Findagrave.com*

⁴⁰ United States Census, 1900.

⁴¹ Utah Marriages, 1887-1935; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940.

⁴² United States Census, 1910, 1920.

⁴³ United States Census, 1930, 1940.

⁴⁴ US Social Security Death Index; *Findagrave.com*