

A history of James Anderson Loveless written by Clara Loveless the wife of James Loveless the eldest son of James A. Loveless.

James A. Loveless Sr. was born in Provo, July 18, 1853, the son of Bishop James W. and Matilda E. McClellan Loveless at 485 South 5th West. He received his education in the Provo School and B Y Academy. His father had 3 wives and Jim (as he was always called) was the oldest son of the first family. He delighted in telling his children how he took their team and wagon at the age of 12 years and hauled wood from the canyon to supply the 3 families with fuel with the help of Uncle Jessie Knight.

When he was _____ years of age he married Julia Ekins. The next day they homesteaded on Provo Bench which at that time was mostly sage brush, rocks and rattlesnakes. Their relatives and friends thought they were making a mistake to settle in such a desolate place but with the help of a wonderful wife (who was a school teacher) hard work and team work they made a success. They lived in Provo till they cleared part of their ground. Their first building was a two room frame shack that served them as a home for several years. Two or three of their eight children being born there.

With hard work, privation, and perseverance they got their land in shape. They sold some and got orchards and berries bearing and soon were able to build themselves a brick home.

Money was scarce and they had to have things to work with so they sold 40 acres for a wagon which was later owned by Jorgen Hansen and Alex Cordner.

James A. Loveless was first concelor to Bishop Peter M. Wentz for longer than 23 years. During that time the ward chapel was built. He was a member of the school board for 10 years and Superintendent and President of the Provo Bench Canal & Irrigation Co. for a number of years. From 1900 to 1902 he served a mission to the Eastern States. He was President of the MIA for a number of years. A member of the State Legislation from 1913 - 1914. He was a director of the Farmers & Merchants Bank for a number of years.

In 1918 they sold their place to their son George and moved back to Provo. After many changes and remodeling they moved back into the home that was his birthplace. His health soon failed and he died on Feb 7, 1924.

Julia Ekins Loveless was born Aug 21, 1856 in Goshen. She came to Provo with her parents when a child. She recieved her education in the Provo City schools and taught school several after her marriage to James A Loveless. Whe was a real help mate on their farm and support him in every labor or position he undertook to do. She was Relief Society for 15 years she has charge of the R..S. grain in the days when they gathered and stored grain in a grainery that was built in their yaad and kept full until the church took it over.

They were both members of the Old Folks committe for over 20 years after the death of her husband she still maintained her hom in Provo. She spent several years working ~~kw~~ in the S.L. Temple and Geneological Society. Her last years were spent visitng among her children. She died at the home of her oldest son James A. Loveless Jr. on Jan 9; 1933. They reared a family of 8 children. Annie Stubbs prededing her in death. Surviving at the time of her death were Ellen Matilda Kartchner, James A. Loveless Js., Una Vilate Farley, Hazel Kearl, George W. Loveless, John W. Loveless, and Ray Ekins Loveless.

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