

“History of Ann Pugh” by a grandchild, as posted on familysearch memories:

Grandmother Annie was born September 2, 1832, in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England, and died April 29, 1906, at Paradise, Utah. She was the daughter of William Pugh and Sarah Simmons. Her father was born September 29, 1810, in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England and died April 14, 1885. Her mother was born 1822 in Newport, Shropshir'e, England, and died in 1880.

Annie was married May 28, 1856 aboard the ship Horizon to Joseph Akers. President Edward Martin performed the marriage. Brother Akers passed away September 6, 1856, of diarrhea, in the state [Territory] of Nebraska enroute to Salt Lake. There were no children from this marriage, however, Joseph Akers and Annie Pugh Akers James were sealed June 13, 1895 in the Logan Temple.

She crossed the plains with the Martin Handcart company. They came in the winter and it was a difficult journey. They had to ford all of the rivers and streams, and the water was so cold that she froze her toes.

She married David James April 25, 1860, and they had one daughter and four sons. Sarah Ann James b. 22 September 1858 Joseph James b. 5 November 1860 John Pugh James b. 11 September 1862 Samuel Pugh James b. 28 June 1864 Robert William James b. 18 November 1866 She was a faithful member of the Church and worked in the Primary and Relief Society. Her son, John Pugh James, was very good to her because his diaries make accounts of "chopped wood for mother, or hauled wood for mother" long after he was married. After John Pugh James was married her husband was living in Salt Lake City, having been sent there by Brigham Young. He came to Paradise and moved her a block west of the town square so that his son John could live in her house and better take care of his grain etc. She wasn't happy about this move. She raised a granddaughter, Janie Smith, whose mother had died when she was a baby. (Sarah Ann James) and then when the

granddaughter married Danford Bickmore they lived with her for awhile. When she was older a grand daughter stayed at night with her.

In David James history, he makes mention about his old friend and companion Joseph Akers. First when they were hearing the missionaries speak, and again when Joseph was baptized. In a family history written by David Wilmer, James he says, "Upon arriving in Salt Lake City, the emigrants reported at the emigrant depot. David James and Wilford Woodruff were at the depot when two young women emigrants arrived, they being without the necessities of life and needed help. Wilford Woodruff took one of the women and David James took the other woman and made her welcome in his home. This good woman's name was Anne Pugh Akers. On her deathbed Anne asked Sarah Jane Thomas James that if the church's policy of having a woman sealed to another man was ever changed to please have her sealed to David James, who was the father of her children. Sarah Jane in turn told Verna McMurdie Call. In compliance with this request this work will now be done in the Oakland Temple, where Brother Call is a sealer.