

BENJAMIN NOBLE—1849

Benjamin Noble, son of Joseph Bates Noble and Mary Adeline Beman, was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, 31 July, 1849. As a young man he herded sheep and worked on his father's farm about 10 miles north of the city. His mother died when he was one and one-half years old. He was raised by his stepmother, Mary Ann Washburn until he was seven, and later by another stepmother, Loretta S. Mecham.

On May 6th, 1872, he married Rachel Lee in the Endowment House at Salt Lake City. She was the daughter of Andrew Lee and Charlotte Dinwoodey and was born December 25, 1853, in Grantsville, Utah. They lived with Benjamin's father for the next two years at Bountiful, Utah. It was here that their first child and daughter, Mary Adeline, was born. On the 18th of March, 1875, their second daughter, Charlotte Lenora, was born. She died on 1 November, 1875, and was buried at Bountiful.

Benjamin made his living by working land on shares and teaching school. In the fall of 1879, he sold his property in Utah and went to St. Johns, Arizona. He lived there for over two years, farming and hauling freight from Albuquerque, New Mexico. In the late fall of 1882 he received a call from the Church to go to a new settlement called Nutrioso, as bishop. He moved there and bought a small farm. The town was east and north of St. Johns, Arizona. The high altitude there made farming unpredictable and not very profitable, and Benjamin was often hard pressed to make a living for his family.

While living at Nutrioso, their daughter, Eliza Rachel, who had been born a cripple, died on March 10, 1886. Then their son, Benjamin Noble Jr., died that same year on September 28. The parents' hearts were indeed heavy with grief. They had experienced only trouble and hard times in pioneering this area and attempting to establish some semblance of community life with their associates.

In July, 1889, the family returned to Utah, not having been able to sell the farm in Nutrioso because of bad times, and they settled at what was known as Lake Point, in Tooele County. After four years of struggling to make ends meet and after accumulating a house and 120 head of cattle and horses, Benjamin was forced to sell all his property at a sheriff's sale to pay for his indiscretions in signing his friends' personal notes. In 1894 he moved to Mesa, Arizona, where his oldest daughter, Mary Adeline and her husband, Joseph W. Clark, lived. He established a home and lived there the remainder of his life.

On November 18, 1903, Benjamin had a serious accident from which he never fully recovered. He was driving a single rig and was kicked by the horse, smashing the bones and cutting the cords of his left leg. He died in the home of his daughter, Mary, on 17 January, 1921.

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Children of Benjamin and Rachel Lee Noble

Name	Born	Place	Died
Mary Adeline	15 Feb 1873	Bountiful, Ut	2 Mar 1943
Charlotte Lenora	8 Mar 1875	“	1 Nov 1875
Luella	4 Jan 1877	“	3 Aug 1952
Benjamin Jr.	20 Jul 1879	“	28 Sep 1886
Eliza Rachel	20 Sep 1881	St. Johns, Az	10 Mar 1886
Joseph Edward.	20 Feb 1884	Nutrioso, Az	
Alice V.	3 Oct 1886	“	
Lottie Ethel	15 Aug 1889	Milton,Ut	
Irene	2 Feb 1892	“	21 Sep 1962
Myrtle	17 Feb 1894	Mona, Ut	