Patience Smith & James Smith

Adams

Parents of:

Hazel Adams

Alice Adams Berg

Patience Bernice Adams Kolster

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A Bibliography by Granddaughter

Francine Kolster Medrano
Patience Smith & James Smith Adams

1886-1973

1883-1945
Patience Smith & James Smith Adams

• Jim (1883) and Patience (1886) were born in Logan, Cache Valley, Utah to pioneer parents while Utah was still a U.S. Territory
• Isolated - Accessible only by foot, horse, and rail.
• No electricity – The first wooden structure was lighted in 1883, but electricity was in its infancy.
• They were the children of industrious parents.
James (Jim) Smith Adams  
1883-1945

- 5 foot 10 inches tall with medium brown hair and eyes.
Alice Smith, Hugh Adams, Mary Horlacher

Jim was the 9th of 10 children of Alice Smith, 3rd wife to Hugh Adams.
Jim Adams

- Learned to work as a young boy.
- Lived on the block northeast of the Logan Temple.
- He worked in his mother’s garden.
- With his brothers, pulled a wagon door-to-door selling their produce.
- Completed the 8th grade in the Logan City schools.
Jim and Brothers

Walter, Jim, Thomas, Joseph

• After each married, Walter, Jim, and Thomas lived side-by-side on the lot owned by their parents (200 North and 300 East in Logan).

• Patience wrote that they all got along well and were helped by their cheerful and enthusiastic mother-in-law.
Patience Smith Adams

- 5 foot 3 to 4 inches tall with medium brown hair and eyes.
Patience was the 9th of 11 children of Annie Howe, 2nd wife of Thomas X Smith.
Siblings of Patience:

David, Eugene, Mabel, Francis, Patience, Marie, Jennie
Patience Smith

Raised and schooled in Logan City on ¼ block at 200 E. 8500 N.

Mother Annie Howe was a helpmeet for 40 years 6 ½ months.

Father Thomas X Smith was bishop.

Family was religiously devout.

Clean, work outside.

Girls taught to do handwork & cook,

Pigs, horses, wheat & hay fields.

Family had fruit trees, gardens, cows,

In service to Thomas X Smith.

Patience Smith
Graduated from 8th grade from the Benson School.

Worked for one year tending a small boy for $1.00 a week.

Worked at a downtown knitting mill making “union suits” (underwear), hosiery, sweaters, jackets & skirts.
Parents of Jim & Patience practiced polygamy.

- Polygamy announced by LDS Church in 1852.
- Edmunds-Tucker Act of 1887 crippled religious & political freedoms for LDS citizens & nearly bankrupted LDS Church.
- Manifesto published in September, 1890.
- Petitioners were granted amnesty from prosecution by President Benjamin Harrison in September 1892.
- Hugh Adams granted pardon. (Family has a copy).
- Utah granted statehood after the 7th application.
Married life

• Jim & Hugh Adams built a rock foundation for the two-room house he and Patience would live in and had a carpenter build the house.

The house at 363 E. 200 N. with the 1924 addition.
• Patience kept a tidy house & preserved garden produce, sewed family clothing, and served in her church & community while raising their 3 daughters.
• Hazel was born in 1907.
• Alice was born in 1917.
• Patience Bernice (Peggy) was born in 1922.
• Jim worked as a foreman to cement contractors Joseph Wilson & Olaf Nelson.
• Later was an independent contractor.
• Known as a good carpenter, machinist, and master mechanic.
• Built foundations, steps, sidewalks & roads.
• Weathered several depressions through sound business practices.
Family Life

• Kept a large garden with raspberry bushes & fruit trees.
• All worked together to do preserving.
• Girls taught to sew, crochet, cook, play the piano, be of service and to love learning.
Daughter – Hazel
1907-1988

- Attended USAC and graduated in 1940.
- Life of educational service.
- Helped her mother all of her life.
- Attended Brigham Young College, graduated 1926 and began teaching.
Daughter – Alice (Berg)
1917-2005

- Attended the USAC one year and married forestry student Jacob Berg.
- Moved to Montana.
- 3 children—Linda, Ronald, and Donald.
Daughter – Patience Bernice (Kolster)
1922-2002

- Attended USAC two years & moved to California with cousin Margaret Adams
- Met Jim Kolster and married.
- Moved all over.
- 5 children – Jim, Kristine, Francine, Robert, Matthew
Jim, Patience, Hazel, & Berg Grandchildren

• Jim died at the early age of 62 from an apparent heart attack.
• Found by his brother, Tom.
Widowhood

- Registrar for voting district.
- Active in the LDS Church.
- Visiting teacher for 55 years.
- Temple worker for 24 years.
- Loving Grandmother to 11 grandchildren. (Hazel helped her keep the image.)
- Osteoporosis and fall.
- Tribute by Clyde Smith. Patience was kindly, friendly, and undisturbed.