



**History of  
Lucy Evelyn Smith  
Bennion  
1866 – 1937**

# **Born in Farmington, Utah**

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- **In Farmington, Utah**
- **To George William and Catherine Wooten Smith**
- **Tenth of eleven children**
- **A sister and a brother died in infancy in England**

Lucy was born in Farmington, Utah to George and Catherine Smith who had settled there after coming as pioneers from England. She had five sisters and two brothers who lived to adulthood. A brother and sister died in infancy in England.

# Converts to LDS Church

- **Lucy's parents were the first in the Smith Family to be baptized members of the LDS Church**
- **Followed by George's younger brother Thomas**
- **Lucy's maternal grandfather William Wooten and three of his sons, Jesse, Fred, and Charles also joined the Church**
- **All of them emigrated to America and settled in Utah**

Lucy's father, George, was the first in the Smith family to join the Church in 1848 with her Mother, Catherine, joining shortly thereafter. Her uncle, Thomas Smith joined the following year. Lucy's father and three brothers also became members. There all came to Utah and initially settled in Farmington.

# Lucy's Education

- She was taught to read, write, and “cipher” at home
- Then began school in Cottonwood when she was eight or nine and attended for four or five years.
- She was an avid reader which broadened her mind throughout her life.
- Lucy's home always contained scriptures, Church and national magazines
- She read to her children from the weekly Youth's Companion magazine.

Lucy was mostly home schooled until the family bought a farm in the Cottonwood area south of Salt Lake when she went to school for a few years. She was mostly self taught as an avid reader of the scriptures and Church and national magazines. She also helped her children with their reading skills by reading to them and encouraging their reading from the weekly Youth's Companion magazine.

# Her Personal Description

- She was short – 5’ 2”
- Lucy had brown hair and green eyes
- She was slender with a calm and quiet nature but intense in her concern for her family
- Lucy lived a simple life with honor and integrity

Lucy was short as were her parents and most of her siblings. She was an attractive brown haired, green eyed, slender woman with a reserved personality who focused mainly on her home and family. Lucy’s life was guided by honesty and integrity.

# Lucy's Marriage

- Her mother died when Lucy was 16 years old
- She was the only unmarried daughter and she kept house for her father and younger brother
- Lucy lived in the Mary Turpin Bennion home and cared for Mary in her declining health
- She became acquainted with Mary's son, Marcus
- They were married December 27, 1988

Lucy was only 16 years old when her mother died and she took on the homemaking tasked of keeping house for her father and younger brother Alonzo Bray. She lived with Mary Turpin Bennion, third wife of John Bennion and cared for her with her heart trouble. Here she met Mary's son Marcus and they married in December 1988.

# Marcus Bennion

- Marcus was born June 10, 1865 in Rush Valley, Tooele County, Utah
- Marc was 6 ft. 2 in. and weighed 200 pounds with black curly hair
- He was quiet and shy and an avid reader
- He attended BYU two winters but was a stockman and farmer at heart
- Marc contributed to the Church but rarely attended
- Marcus and Lucy were sealed in 1911 two years before he died from diabetes at age 48

Marcus was a year older than Lucy and was a foot taller. He had a shy nature and was a sheepherder and cattle man and also an avid reader. He attended BYU briefly but wanted to be a farmer and studied developing farming methods and applied them in his work. He did not want to speak in Church and only attended on special occasions. Marcus and Lucy were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple after 28 years of marriage and two years before Marc died of diabetes.

# **Lucy as Homemaker**

- **Marc and Lucy bought a farm at 3965 South 3200 West where they raised their family of three sons and four daughters**
- **In order they were Hilda, twins Ivy and Marcus, Edna, Mildred, Roy, and Leo**
- **Farm life was hard and the four room house was crowded but always clean and tidy**
- **All of the family members worked hard in the home and on the farm where they raised lambs.**

After a year of marriage, Marc and Lucy bought a farm in Granger where they spent the rest of their lives raising their seven children Hilda, Ivy and Marcus who were twins, Edna, Mildred, Roy, and Leo. Their farm home was a four room house that was “homey” for a family of nine and Lucy saw to it that the home was clean and tidy and that it had an annual spring cleaning that included replacing the straw padding under the rag carpets. Everyone in the family learned to work hard in the home and on the farm. They raised lambs and each had a lamb of their own to raise.



# Site of Bennion Farm



# Entertainment

- **Music was an important part of family life**
- **The family bought a parlor organ**
- **All of the girls took lessons and played the organ**
- **Marc bought an Edison phonograph that provided music for the family**
- **The Church was the center of social life and provided regular dances, plays, and outings**

Music was a major part of the Bennion family's experience. They used the lamb money to buy an organ for the living room and the girls all took lessons and performed on the organ. They also had a phonograph player on which they played music for entertainment. The children participated in Church dances and plays and the family went on Church outings to celebrate holidays.

# Family Life

- **Lucy and Marc provided their family with a wonderful childhood and upbringing**
- **The children learned to play, work hard, take responsibility, appreciate good literature and learning**
- **Their children turned out to be successful adults who made positive contributions to society**

The children were raised in an atmosphere of love as they played and worked together and learned to take personal responsibility. Good literature was provided for the family to develop their minds and hearts. The children became successful contributors to the communities in which they lived and also raised successful families.

# Widowhood

- **Marc died in 1913 leaving Lucy a widow at age 47**
- **During her 24 years of widowhood she was active in the Church and served as a counselor in the Relief Society**
- **Ivy didn't marry and lived with and cared for Lucy until she died on April 23, 1937 at the age of 70**
- **Lucy was buried in the Taylorsville Cemetery**

Marc died at an early age and Lucy was single for 24 years. She became active in the Church and served in the Ward Relief Society. Her daughter, Ivy, never married and cared for Lucy until her death at age 70 and was buried in the Taylorsville Cemetery along with Marc. She is remembered by her posterity as having a great sense of humor and a positive influence on all who knew her.

# **Matron Lucy Smith Bennion**

