

# HISTORY HISTORY

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## HISTORY OF SUSAN STRONG MOWER

Born: 3 May 1825 in Strongtown, Indiana, Pennsylvania

Died: 17 July 1856 in Union, Salt Lake, Utah

Parents: Jacob Strong and Sarah Hill

Married: Henry Mower Jr. on 11 December 1845 in  
Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois

Arrived in Utah: 12 October 1849 in Silas Richards Company

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## DATE ARRIVED AND COMPANY

NAME OF PIONEER Susan Strong Mower

(Complete name, including all married names of women)

BIRTH DATE & PLACE May 3, 1825 Strongtown, Indiana Co. Penn.DEATH DATE & PLACE July 17, 1856 Fairview, UtahSPOUSES (1) Henry Mower (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS Jacob Strong

FATHER

Sarah Hill

MOTHER

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Susan Strong was born May 3, 1825 in Strongtown, Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

She was a bright, happy child quick to take responsibility.

On October 20, 1836. She was baptized with her family by Elder Erastus Snow. From that time on her testimony never wavered, even though she endured untold hard ships and persecutions for the Gospel's sake.

Her family gathered to Nauvoo, Susan was living close by when the Prophet Joseph and Hyrum were martyred. She married Henery Mower Jr., son of Henery Mower Sr. and Mary Mary Amick also a family of converts.

They were married Dec 11, 1845. The temple had been rushed to completion. It was February 3, 1846 when Susan and Henery received their endowments in the Nauvoo Temple.

In the Relief Society handbook published in 1931, both Susan and her mother Sarah are listed as members of the Nauvoo Relief Society,

Soon after this they crossed the ice clogged Mississippi River into Iowa where they lives a t Council Bluffs of Kanesville, in Pottawwattomie County ,Iowa. They stayed here for 2 years, On September 24, 1846 she gave birth to her first son William Henery. The conditions were so deplorable that the baby died the next day. By the time their second son, John Albert was born on August 3, 1847 conditions were much better.

Susan, Henery, and their 1 year old son along with her parents and other family members traveled in the Silas Richards' company. They Left Kanesville July 10, 1849 and arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on October 12, 1849. They spent their first winter in a home furnished by the fort for new arrivals.

Even though Susan's health was not good, she was over joyed when she presented her husband with a baby daughter October 10, 1851. They named her Sarah Elizabeth.

Susan's health grew steadily worse and On July 17, 1856 she died, at the age of 41, Her daughter Sarah was 5 years old and was taken by her maternal Grandparents, Jacob and Sarah Strong. Where she lived until she married.

Susan's 8 year old son John Albert, remained with his father, who soon had other wives to care for his needs.

John Albert Mower , Susan's son moved to Fairveiw, Sanpete county with his father, he was engaged in farming and carrying the mail. When John was 18 he made a trip from Fairveiw to the Missouri River with Ox teams to pick up emigrants there. He served as a guard in the Black Hawk was in Sanpete Valley in 1867.

On November 30, 1867 he married Matilda Brady in the endowment house in Salt Lake City. They had 11 children. In 1868 he worked on grading for the Union Pacific Railroad in Echo and Weber Canyons. On his way home he walked 50

miles in one day from Ogden to Fort Union to be with family.

On November 21, 1877, he married in polygamy Francis Ann Richards. They were blessed with 7 children the youngest was born one month after John Albert's death.

In 1883 he was called to serve in the Southern States mission. He severed in many Church callings.

He was persecuted as a polygamist and was sentenced to serve 2 years in the State penitentiary. He served one term of three months and one term of eleven days. During his first term he was permitted as a trustee to go out and work on a farm for a Mr. Chrism and allowed to keep his wages, which he saved and when he arrived back in Fairview he came home with a new team and wagon, the he had purchased.

Susan Mower my Great grandmother was a Daughter of John Albert and Matilda Brady. She Was married to Mahonri Titcomb son of Luke Titcomb who was baptized in England at one of the large group baptisms of President Wilford Woodruff. His family emigrated to America, and crossed the plains in 1849 with the Ezra T. Benson Company. His Mother was Lydia Jane Tanner who also crossed the plains with the same company with her family.

Mohonri and Susan had 7 children, one was my Grandmother Ada Bell.

They made their home in Oak creek , Sanpete county. In about 1914 Pioneering being in their hearts they moved to the Unitah Basin. They first settled an 80 acre farm about 5 miles west of Boneta, an area know as "across big hollow" They built a home there. At first they had to haul drinking water 3 miles from the Kuntz Spring in barrels on a wagon or from the Joseph Tidwell spring in a five gallon milk can from a strap to the saddle horn.

Later they bought a lot in Boneta and built a home there for Susan and the Children to live in during the deepest part of the winter. Mahonri would stay at the ranch and take care of the stock, he would haul wood for heat and cooking for both places and also haul hay for the cows.

Susan was Relief Society President for many years. She would drive the wagon to town early and prepare the town house for meetings. A few years later a Relief Society room was built on to the Church house.

In 1918 Leona their oldest Daughter died, leaving 2 small children Donald and Bessie Forbush, The Titcombs took these little ones into their home and raised them.

In 1922 Ada's husband died and they also took her son Raymond McMillan . They were kind and generous and treated these grand children as if they were their own and never complained about the extra burden, rather loved them and instilled in the traits of honor and kindness.

As the years passed their Only Son Ruben died leaving his wife with 7 children, their youngest daughter Fern. Husband also died leaving her with 2 small sons. Susan and Mahonri helped in raising all of these children many spent their summers on the farm where they raised a large garden, chickens, turkeys and milking cows. They took butter and eggs to Duchene to trade for other goods. They always kept a thriving colony of bees many times the Indians would stop and ask for honey, One time they traded a five gallon of honey for a little heifer calf, when it was grown she became one of their best milking cows.

Mahonri died in 1935. In 1938 she and Raymond moved back to the house in town, in Boneta where they had a couple of cows and raised a lovely garden. She was always busy making quilts, fancy bed spreads, rugs, and things to make homes attractive. She spent her last few winters in Salt Lake doing Temple Work. She died in 1943.