

mary ann turley cook

MARY ANN TURLEY was born in Toronto, Ontario on July 13, 1827 to Theodore and Francis Amelia Turley. She married JOHN J. COOK September 8, 1851.

MARY ANN's parents emigrated to Canada in 1825 with two children. They settled near Lake Ontario, having been given a plot of land and a blooded herd of cattle by the King of England for services rendered him. He continued preaching Methodism. In 1837 her father and mother were baptized and joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, sold their farm and moved to Far West, Missouri, arriving in July, 1838. They later moved to Nauvoo, Illinois in 1839 and in 1846 traveled by ox team to Winter Quarters, Nebraska where they stayed until 1849. During that time six members of the family died, including her mother. In 1849 they traveled by ox team to Salt Lake City, Utah and in 1850 went with about five hundred others to build a settlement in San Bernardino County, California, where a large tract of land was purchased. It was here that MARY ANN met and married JOHN JAMES COOK.

The following is taken from History of Ventura County California, Volume 2. Chicago: S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1926.

"Among the early settlers of Ventura County was the John J. Cook family. Their identification with this county dates back to 1869, which dates back ninety-nine years ago, which period practically embraces its development from a stretch of wild plain and barren wilderness to its present prosperous condition, and during these years the members of this family bore their full part in the upbuilding of the community.

John J. Cook, who was orphaned early in life, was of German descent, born in Mohawk County, New York, May 22, 1827, while Mary Ann (Turley) Cook was of English antecedents, her father coming to this country and serving in the Civil War with the rank of Captain. Mary Ann was born in Toronto, Canada, July 13, 1827 and died December 24, 1904, at the age of seventy-seven years.

In 1869 the family left San Bernardino County, locating near what is now Bardsdale, Ventura County, but which then was in Santa Barbara County. In 1872 the family moved to Santa Barbara and in 1873 to Ukiah, Mendocino County, where they lived until the spring of 1875, when they returned to Ventura County, for permanent residence, Santa Paula, California."

The following article was taken from the Santa Paula Daily Chronicle dated 12/26/1904, written by Etta L. Ricker upon the death of MARY ANN COOK:

On December 24, 1904, the gates of heaven rolled wide for this good woman and she passed away to eternal rest. Her passing calls for more than a casual notice. Mrs. Cook was one of the pioneers of this state, born in Toronto, Canada, July 13, 1827, she journeyed from there with her parents to California, making the entire trip across the continent with ox teams. Arriving in California in 1851 she soon after married John Cook, an honored pioneer of this state. It can never be said of Mrs. Cook that she lived in vain. In those early days of California her whole life was given to help those in need of help. She was mother, sister, doctor and nurse to all. None were too poor, too dirty, or too wicked to be comforted, nursed and cared for by her. Many a sad heart was comforted by her loving care, and she would share all she had with those in need, trusting with the faith that never faltered for her own poor needs.

In the early days of San Bernardino as well as of Ventura County she came at last to be a veritable Peter among the poor and needy. "If only her shadow might fall on them they felt comforted."

. . . Mrs. Cook has left a more beautiful monument than any chiseled from marble. It is her good works for others, her kindness to the poor and needy, and the help she gave to those that needed help. . .



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JOHN JAMES COOK, while travelling by train through Arizona, was murdered and no one seems to know where he was buried or any more of the details.



John James Cook

Children of MARY ANN TURLEY and JOHN JAMES COOK:

HENRY THEODORE COOK	1853-
JOHN EDWARD COOK	1855-1855
MARY EFFIE COOK HECTOR	1857-1942
ISABEL PRISCILLA COOK	1860-1862
SARAH ANN COOK HARRIS	1863-1934
CAROLINE OWENA COOK SMITH SILVEY	1865-1945
CHARLOTTE THANKFUL COOK	1867-1867
MARINDA MARIA COOK HALL	1869-1946
JONATHAN COOK	1868-1868

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HENRY THEODORE COOK

HENRY was born February 9, 1853 in San Bernardino, Cal. He was married on December 7, 1877 to SARAH ELLA WILKERSON, daughter of Jackery and Nancy Reeder Wilkerson. SARAH was born about July 19, 1861 in Springfield, Illinois. She died October 27, 1920 in Santa Anna, California.

Children of HENRY THEODORE and SARAH ELLA COOK:

Emma Laura Cook, 1879-1880
William Henry Cook, born in 1881 and married Winifred Huff December 20, 1905.
Walter Abram Cook, 1883-1965, married Irene Stockton on January 5, 1905.

HENRY COOK married (2) Olive Hunt; (3) Marian _____;
(4) Jennie Pifer. Each marriage ended in divorce.

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MARY EFFIE COOK HECTOR

MARY EFFIE COOK was born December 2, 1857, in San Bernardino, California. On September 8, 1871 she married ZACHARY HECTOR, who was born September 22, 1849 in Des Moines, Iowa, son of John Hector and Lavina Hammon. He died October 10, 1915, and was buried October 13, 1915 in Visalia, California. MARY died September 19, 1942 and was buried September 21, 1942 in Santa Paula, California.

Children of MARY EFFIE COOK and ZACHARY HECTOR:

Zachary Theodore Hector, 1871-1919.
George Washington Hector, 1874-1945.
Mabel Corintha Hector Crosby, 1878-1946, married Charles William Crosby on November 18, 1929.
Eva Maude Hector Holloway, 1882-1915, married Edward Clyde Holloway on May 6, 1902.

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MARINDA MARIA COOK HALL

MARINDA was born September 12, 1869 in Colton, California, the eighth child of JOHN and MARY ANN TURLEY COOK. On December 21, 1887 she married HERBERT HALL, born January 9, 1862 in Tonica, LaSalle, Illinois, son of Ruben R. Hall and Sarah Frances Stratton Hall. HERBERT died July 30, 1934 and was buried in Santa Paula, California. MARINDA died in May, 1946. They had no children.

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Mary Ann Turley Cook and her five children:
Standing, from left--Mary Effie Hector, Henry Theodore Cook, and Caroline Owena Silvey. Sitting, from left--Minnie Miranda Hall, Mary Cook, and Sarah Ann Harris.