

## EARLY HIGHLAND SETTLERS-ARZA ADAMS

Arza was born January 22, 1804 in Ontario, Canada to Josh and Elizabeth Chipman Adams. He married Sabrina Clark March 23, 1831 and they joined the LDS Church in 1836. He was ordained a Seventy on Jan 5, 1839 and on March 7 of that year he left Far West to go to Illinois. He was in Carthage at the martyrdom of the Prophet and carried the letter from John Taylor to Nauvoo announcing the event.

Arza was sealed to his wife December 31, 1845 in the Nauvoo temple. He migrated to Utah in 1848 and in 1850 was given permission by Brigham Young to settle American Fork, along with his brother Barnabas and five others. He married four other women: Editha Morgan Anderson on December 7, 1853; Marillah Olney and Catherine Cunningham on March 7, 1857 and Elizabeth Gaskill on August 11, 1857. Editha and Catherine were spiritual wives only. With the other three he had twenty-six children.

On February 24, 1856 he was called on a mission to Fort Supply (Green River, Wyoming) at a General Conference in the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City.

He apparently was very possessive of his property and in his journal tells of being mocked by his neighbors and was subject to their hatred and envy. He homesteaded 120 acres in the southeast area of Highland (#95) but, according to David Durfey, never lived there, although his was the earliest recorded Highland patent in 1875. His patent also included 40 acres in section 12 south of his Highland property, in American Fork.

His patent affidavit shows that he built his home and moved into it on September 1, 1869 and was still living there on September 10, 1875 when his patent was issued. He also built a "flouring mill" on the property. It's probable that the home and mill were on the American Fork portion of his homestead next to American Fork Creek. The 1870 census shows him living in American Fork.

Arza died April 15, 1889 in American Fork and was buried in the Pioneer cemetery, later transferred to the American Fork City Cemetery.