

HARRIET ANN ASTON



Harriet Ann Aston was born 22 September 1870 in Gainsborough, the daughter of Elias Aston and Eliza Fowlke. Harriet was the tenth child in the family. Elias worked as a blacksmith. The family were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and they saved their money to emigrate to Utah.

They were finally able to emigrate to the United States 8 July 1874, on the ship Minnesota. The ship's list showed Elias Aston, Eliza, Joseph, Orson, Eliza, John Frederick, Alfred, Elias Jr., Harriett and Harry. The transcontinental railroad, completed in 1869, carried the family to Utah. They set up a home in Pleasant Grove, Utah, where Eliza's parents had settled.

Elias bought a home, a little, old four-room adobe house in Lindon, where he settled down and farmed all his life. Elias's granddaughter, Irene Aston Shumway, remembered, "*Elias had quite a hard time raising all those children. I have heard Grandmother (Eliza Fowlke Aston) tell about pinning some of the little ones to her apron when she sat down to sew. I remember Elias as a little man with a long beard, walking with his hands clasped behind his back. Grandfather (Elias Aston) studied the Bible and could recite the scriptures by heart. He was very religious.*"

Above the family home was a large ditch, and in the summer all the boys would go to the ditch for their morning washing. The family worked and played hard together. They all enjoyed square dances. The family also had tragedies. Orson was killed at age 20, as they sat on a hillside eating their lunch. A large rock rolled down, striking him in the back, killing him instantly. Harriet was only eight years old when her brother died.

	Annie	W. 4 7	Daughter	/		
	Joseph	W. 4 7	Son	/		
	Malcolm	W. 4 2	Son	/		
10	Elias	W. 4 30		/	Learning	
	Eliza	W. 4 25	Wife	/	Keeping house	
	Jedediah	W. 4 23	Son	/	Servant	4
	Edwin	W. 4 17	Son	/	Servant	
	John	W. 4 14	Son	/	At home	
	Alfred	W. 4 13	Son	/	At home	
	Elias	W. 4 11	Son	/		
	Harriet	W. 4 9	Daughter	/		
	Harry	W. 4 5	Son	/		
	Joseph	W. 4 4	Daughter	/		
	Mary	W. 4 3	Son	/		
11	Gilman	W. 4 27		/	House Keeping	
	William	W. 4 20	Son	/	Laborer	
	Alice	W. 4 15	Daughter	/	Servant	
	James	W. 4 16	Son	/	At home	
	John	W. 4 11	Son	/		
	Mary	W. 4 8	Daughter	/		
	Lords	W. 4 25		/	Servant	4
	Charlotte	W. 4 19		/		

1880 census, Pleasant Grove, Utah

The Astons are found in the 1880 census in Pleasant Grove, Utah:

Elias Aston, age 50, born in England, occupation: Farming
Eliza F. Aston, age 48, born in England, keeping house
Joseph Aston, age 23, born in England, occupation: Laborer
Edwin Aston, age 17, born in England, occupation: Laborer
John Aston, age 14, born in England, at home
Alfred Aston, age 13, born in England, at home
Elias Aston, age 11, born in England, at home
Harret Aston, age 9, born in England, at home
Harry Aston, age 8, born in England
Sarah E. Aston, age 4, born in Utah
Mary M. Aston, age 1, born in Utah

Census place: Pleasant Grove, Utah, Utah
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Harriet married Charles Edward Green 11 December 1888 in Manti, San Pete, Utah. Charles and Harriett settled on a farm in Pleasant Grove. Ten children were born to Charles and Harriet, but only five lived to adulthood. Their first son, Vernice Samuel was born in 1889, but died when he was 16 months old. Eliza Pameloo was born in 1890, but died at two months old, on the same day as her older brother. Curtis Charles was born in 1892. Vera Harriet was born a year later, in 1893. Herman Elias was born in 1895. Mable Gertrude was born in 1898. Leo was born one year later, in 1899. Ella Lafern was born in 1901, and only lived to be four years old. Arvilla Nettie was born in 1903 and died the same day. Frank William was born in 1909 and died the day he was born.

Harriet, Charles and baby Curtis

The family lived on a farm on the east side of the Utah State Highway on the outskirts of Pleasant Grove. Charles worked as a farmer, and also hired out as teamster around Utah County. He was known for his great strength. Charles died when he was only 44 years old, of a heart attack. Harriet was left a widow at the age of 41. Her family was young. The children were all under twenty years of age, the youngest being twelve years old.

	Muriel	Daughter			7	21	5	5				
	Jennie	Daughter			9	21	17	2				
43	Richard, John A.	Head	0	4	7	21	59	7				
	Alma J.	Spouse			7	21	57	2				
	Alfred W.	Son			7	21	31	5				
	Rayne C.	Son			7	21	20	5				
	Wella	Daughter			9	21	18	5				White
	George	Spouse			7	21	19	5				Black
	Edna	Son			7	21	7	5				Black
33	Green, Harriet	Head	0	9	7	21	19	7		Mar. 22, 1890		
	Leo E.	Son			7	21	20	5				
	Myrel	Granddaughter			9	21	9	5				Black
	Aline	Granddaughter			7	21	7	5				Black
	Jack C.	Grandson			7	21	5	5				Black
34	Marriott, Albert	Head	0	4	7	21	47	7				
	Marion	Wife			7	21	44	7				
	Wella	Daughter			9	21	16	5				Black
	Florence	Daughter			9	21	14	5				Black

1920 census, Pleasant Grove

Harriet is found as a widow in the 1920 census for Pleasant Grove, Utah:

Green, Harriet, Head, age 49, occupation: None

Green, Leo E., son, age 20, occupation: Laborer

Green, Myrel, granddaughter, age 9

Green, Aline, granddaughter, age 7

Green, Jack C., grandson, age 5

Source: 1920 census, at www.ancestry.com.

Charles' death presented a serious problem for 41-year-old Harriet. She had to work hard to support her family. Her granddaughter, Beulah Green Carey, remembered, "My Grandma Green, when Grandpa died, through some not too wise financial dealings, lost the farm, and most of her money, so she moved to Salt Lake and ran a boarding house. She was a little, tiny, dark-haired woman."



(From www.familysearch.org)

MARRIAGE LICENSE License No. 44894

THE STATE OF UTAH, COUNTY OF SALT LAKE.

To All Persons Legally Qualified to Contract Marriage, Doating

You are hereby Authorized to join in Holy Matrimony

Mr. John Downes of the County of Salt Lake and State of Utah here the age of 24 years

and Mrs. Harriet Green of the County of Salt Lake and State of Utah here the age of 24 years

in the County of Salt Lake and State of Utah on the 4 day of April 1914

Witnessed by Charles Green County Clerk, Salt Lake County, Utah.

By Geo. Chalder Deputy Clerk.

STATE OF UTAH, I hereby certify that on the 4 day of April 1914 in the
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and 14 at Salt Lake City, in said County, I, the undersigned,
Geo. Chalder County Clerk, did join in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony
according to law John Downes of the County of Salt Lake
and Harriet Green of the County of Salt Lake
State of Utah. The nature of the ceremony was according to Law
and was a present mutual agreement of marriage between the parties
for all time.
We were married in accord to this Certificate, and are now husband and wife.

Signed: John Richard Green Green Geo. Chalder
Harriet Green Bride Geo. Chalder
in the presence of James Salmon Witness James Salmon
James Salmon Witness

NOTICE To parties performing marriages: It is the duty of the parties solemnizing the Marriage to fill out and sign the above Certificate and return the same, to the County Clerk within 30 days after the marriage is solemnized. For failing to make such return he is guilty of misdemeanor.

Marriage license for Harriet Green and John Downes in Salt Lake City

No. 41812

STATE OF UTAH
THIRD DISTRICT COURT
SALT LAKE COUNTY

PAPERS IN CASE OF

Harriet Downes
VS.
John R. Downes

Filed Apr. 17 1928

RELAY CO., BUREAU, SALT LAKE 1928

No file shall be taken from the Clerk's office except to be used in one of the six courts, and when taken there must be delivered to the Deputy Clerk of said Court after each adjournment. No person shall take a file out of the Clerk's office without leaving a receipt therefor.

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY, HARRIET DOWNES , Plaintiff , --- JOHN R. DOWNES Defendant . STATE OF UTAH COMPLAINT Plaintiff complains of defendant and for cause of action alleges:

1. That plaintiff and defendant intermarried at Salt Lake City, Utah on June 4, 1924 and ever since said marriage have been and are now husband and wife.

2. That both plaintiff and defendant are now and for more than one year immediately preceding the commencement of this action have been actual and bona fide residents of Salt Lake County, Utah.

3. That no children were born as the issue of said marriage.

4. That the defendant ever since said marriage has treated plaintiff in a cruel and inhuman manner to such an extent as to cause her great mental anguish, suffering, and distress,

rendering it impossible for plaintiff longer to live with defendant and in particular as follows;

5. That ever since said marriage defendant has repeatedly cursed and sworn at plaintiff and called her vile and profane names and threatened to kill her and among other things about week prior to the commerce of this action he said to her "Damn you take your furniture and go," and on several occasions about three weeks prior to the commencement of this action he said to defendant "If you ever try to leave me, I will kill you before you get away." That on April 7, 1928, the defendant, without provocation or excuse , became enraged at plaintiff and threatened to kill her and ran after plaintiff in a threatening manner and would have injured her if she had not run from the house; and that when plaintiff later in the day returned to the home of the plaintiff and defendant with her daughter to get some necessary clothing and personal belongings, defendant again cursed and swore at her in a loud and boisterous manner and continued to swear at her in a loud and angry tone after she had left the house. That defendant has constantly nagged at plaintiff and found fault with her about everything she did and particularly about money matters, and although, defendant has refused to give plaintiff sufficient money with which to maintain their household, he has constantly and falsely accused her of giving away and lending money. That the aforesaid acts and conduct of said defendant have been without reason, justification or excuse and have caused plaintiff great mental anguish, as well as bodily pain and suffering.

6. The defendant, ever since said marriage, has failed, neglected, and refused to provide for plaintiff the common necessities of life, and has refused to pay doctor bills which were necessarily incurred by plaintiff during her married life.

7. That plaintiff has no money or property of her own, except a one - half interest in the home in which plaintiff and defendant are living and the furniture therein. That plaintiff has no trade or money or property sufficient for her support and and no home except the interest in said house above mentioned, and that she is wholly dependent upon defendant for her support, and that she is in ill health and unable to work for her support.

8. That the plaintiff and defendant are each the owner of a one - half interest in the dwelling house and premises in which they are living situated at the rear of 856 South Third East Street , Salt Lake City, Utah, which particularly described as follows : Commencing 105 feet west of the Southeast corner of Lot 8, Block 1 , Plat " A " , Salt Lake City Survey, and running thence West 60 feet, thence North 414 feet, thence East 60 feet, thence south 41 ½ feet to the place of beginning. Subject to and together with a right of way commencing 36 ½ feet North of the Southeast corner of said Lot 8, and running thence West 132 feet, thence North 10 feet, thence East 132 feet, thence South 10 feet to the place of beginning.

9. That the said defendant has declared that he will not care for plaintiff or provide for her support, and that he has voluntarily quit his work so as not to be required to support her.

10. That defendant has money which he has left in the custody and care of D. H. Livingston, a friend of his, and that unless he be restrained from so doing, he will dispose of said money and will sell his interest in said home and place the proceeds thereof beyond the reach of plaintiff or this Court, and plaintiff will be unable to collect any judgment for all money or otherwise which may be rendered in her favor against said defendant and will be left destitute and suffer irreparable injury. That defendant should be restrained from living in or coming to the home of plaintiff.

11. That plaintiff has no money or means with which to pay court costs or attorney 's fees, and no means of livelihood for her support during the pendency of this action, and that \$150.00 is a reasonable amount to be awarded her as attorney 's fees for her attorney herein, and that \$30.00 per month is a reasonable sum to be allowed her as temporary alimony pending the trial of this action. That the former name of plaintiff was Harriet Green and she desires said name be restored to her.

12. That it is necessary that plaintiff be awarded the interest of said defendant in the home and furniture of said parties above described as permanent alimony for her support.

The divorce was granted and decreed by the judge.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN AND FOR
SALT LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

HARRIET DOWNES, Plaintiff,	:	
	:	No. 41,912
-vs-	:	
	:	D E C R E E
JOHN R. DOWNES, Defendant.	:	
	:	

This cause coming on regularly for hearing in open Court this 25th day of June, 1928 upon the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint of the plaintiff and Answer of the defendant and the Court, having heard the proofs and made its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law whereby it appears that plaintiff is entitled to a decree in her favor;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of D. B. Hempstead, attorney for the plaintiff, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the plaintiff is entitled to a decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony.

WHEREFORE plaintiff prays judgment against said defendant:

- 1. That the marriage and bonds of matrimony between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and that said parties be freed and released from the obligations thereof.*
- 2. That plaintiff's former name of Harriet Green be restored to her and that defendant be restrained from coming to the home of plaintiff or annoying her, and from encumbering or disposing of any of his property during the pendency of this action. That plaintiff be awarded the dwelling house and premises and furniture therein and all interest of said defendant in the same as permanent alimony for her support, and that she be awarded \$30.00 per month, and the right to live in said house temporarily pending the trial of this action, and that she be awarded a temporary attorney's fee, and that defendant be required to show cause why he should not be compelled to pay temporary alimony, and attorney's fee pending this action; and that she be awarded \$150.00 as attorney's fees for her attorney herein and costs of suit, and such other and further relief as may be proper.*

STATE OF UTAH COUNTY OF SALT LAKE Walter C. Hurd Attorney for Plaintiff Harriet Downs, being first duly sworn deposes and says: That she is the plaintiff in the above entitled action, that she has read the foregoing complaint, knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of her own knowledge, except as to matters stated therein upon information and belief as to which matters she believes to be true. Hart Daniel - Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April, 1928. - Walter C. Hurd Residing at Salt Lake City, Utah My Commission Expires November 18, 1929.

*IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN AND FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY,
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In the 1930 census, Harriet was in Salt Lake City, and is listed with a boarder. Her marital status is widowed.

Household	Name	Relationship	Age	Sex	Marital Status	Birth Date	Birth Place	Current Residence
1	Gennings, Robert G.	head	41	M	W	59	Mo	Utah
	Wife	W	45	F	W	1/5	Mo	West Virginia
	Child, Samuel	son	13	M	S		Mo	North Carolina
	Child, Mary G.	daughter	3	F	S		Mo	Utah
	Child, Kelly	daughter	2	F	S		Mo	Utah
5	Mason, Ole	head	41	M	W	45	Mo	North Dakota
	Wife	W	40	F	W	1/1	Mo	North Dakota
	Child, Nina	daughter	6	F	W		Mo	Utah
	Child, Richard	son	3	M	W		Mo	Utah
2	Backsmally, James	head	45	M	W	32	Mo	Utah
	Wife	W	17	F	W		Mo	Colorado
	Child, George G.	son	7	M	W	1/1	Mo	Utah
	Child, Paul W.	son	4	M	W		Mo	Utah
	Child, Fred G.	son	6	M	W		Mo	New York
	Child, Eliza G.	daughter	1	F	W		Mo	Utah
	Child, Ernest	son	1	M	W		Mo	Colorado
	Child, Opie E.	son	4	M	W		Mo	Pennsylvania
	Child, Charles E.	son	2	M	W		Mo	United States
	Child, Ed.	son	5	M	W		Mo	Utah
6	Harrison, Charles	head	45	M	W	88	Mo	Iowa
	Wife, Ann	wife	41	F	W	1/16	Mo	Wisconsin
	Child, Bernadette	daughter	16	F	W		Mo	Germany
	Child, Vera	daughter	19	F	W		Mo	Utah
	Child, Eva	daughter	21	F	W		Mo	Utah
4	Weldon, Lorraine	daughter	19	F	W		Mo	Utah
	Child, Wallace	son	18	M	W	1/15	Mo	Utah
	Child, Dorothy	daughter	18	F	W		Mo	Utah
8	Anderson, Charles	head	45	M	W	28	Mo	Utah

1920 census, Salt Lake City

The 1930 census for Salt Lake City shows:

208 East Third South St.

Green, Harriet Head Age 59, occupation: Proprietor Rooming House

Walker, Ed. Roomer Age 50, occupation Wireman

Source: 1930 federal census, Roll: T626_2420, Page 1A, ED 89, image 0713, at www.ancestry.com.



Like her brothers, Harriet suffered from asthma all of her life. Her granddaughter, Beulah, remembered her having a large cupboard full of medicine, in an effort to find relief from the asthma. She died of asthma on 20 April 1931 in Salt Lake City, at the age of 60. She was buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery next to Charles.

An obituary for Harriet stated: *"Harriet Aston Green Dies in Salt Lake - Mrs. Harriet Aston Green, widow of Charles Green, died at her residence, 208 East Broadway, Salt Lake City, Monday morning from kidney trouble. Her son, Herman E. Green is chief dispatcher for the Salt Lake & Utah Railroad. Mrs. Green was a resident of Pleasant Grove most of her life but moved to Salt Lake about five years ago. She was born in England, March 19, 1871. Surviving are five children, Mrs. Vera Baldwin, Mrs Mabel Shelby, Herman E. Green and Leo Green, all of Salt Lake and Curtis C. Green of Murray. Sixteen grand children and five brothers also survive, Jack and Alfred Aston, Lindon; Harry Aston, Salt Lake; Joseph Aston, Orem and Elias Aston, Idaho; are the brothers. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. in the Timpanogos Stake Tabernacle. Counselor H.W. Jacobs of the First Ward bishopric conducted the services."*

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