

# Aunt Pliny

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My Aunt Pliny is really my grate grate grate grate grandma on my mom's family. Her real name is Paulina Phelps Lyman. She lived in Parowan. She was also a doctor in Parowan. She became a doctor by reading everyday for an hour. She never went to school because she took care of the kids after her mom died. They moved alot. They joined the Mormon pioneers and she married an apostle in Nauvoo. When the Mormons were kicked out she took care of the babies. She also took care of orphans on the trek west. When they got to Salt Lake City she took classes from doctors.

Paulina raised a big family of eight, but only some of the kids were her own. Some of her kids died and she still worked hard to take care of everyone in Parowan as the only nurse or doctor. Really nice was that she did not charge people, she usually just accepted anything people could pay. She would find food and things on her front porch from people she helped. It was hard to her because her husband Amasa Lyman would leave to start other towns and cities so she did a lot on her own.

The kids had stories of Aunt Pliny. Everyone new Aunt Pliny brought babies. No one has heard of storks, because Aunt Pliny showed up with her black bag and she "delivered" the babies. She would come in the night and by morning they had a new sibling. Aunt Pliny helped take care of all the sick people in the entire City of Parowan, not only the babies. She was basically the town doctor. It was very rare for a woman to do what Aunt Pliny did. What Aunt Pliny did was so amazing for the City of Parowan, that they created a statue in her honor, that still stands today in one of the Parowan City parks.

A special story about my family is that Aunt Pliny's husband wrote a letter to ask my step-mom's family to help him settle a new town where my Dad's family is from. Amasa Lyman and Daniel Stark created San Bernardino California together. That is where my Dad grew up. Then Lyman brought Stark here to settle Iron County together. So it is possible all my family were friends back then.