

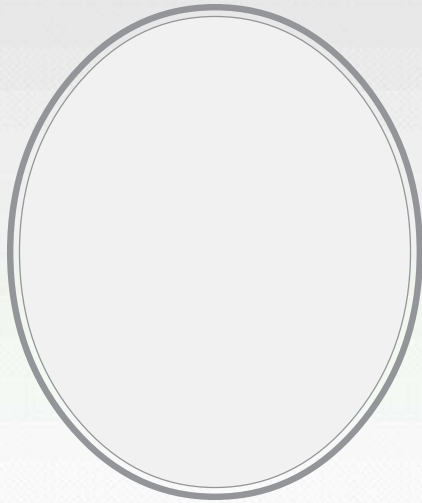
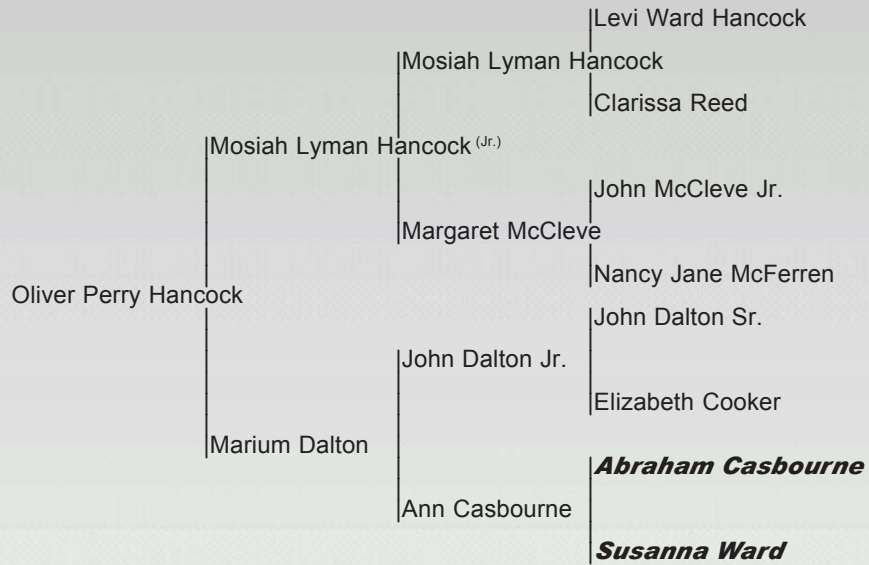
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# Fourth Generation Ancestors



Abraham Casbourne  
Born: 1802 England



Susanna Ward  
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# Abraham Casbourne & Susanna Ward

**Abraham Casbourne**, son of Thomas Casbourne and Mrs. Sarah Robinson, was born on 11 Apr 1802 in Southery, Norfolk, England. He died in Aug 1851 in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri.

Abraham married **Susanna Ward**, daughter of John Ward and Sarah Feaks, on 4 Jul 1823 in Southery, Norfolk, England. Susanna was born on 24 Jun 1803 in Southery, Norfolk, England. She died on 10 Oct 1876 in Montrose, Lee, Iowa.

They had the following children...

Henry Casbourne	9 Apr 1824	Southery, Norfolk, England
John Ward Casbourne	1 Jan 1826	Southery, Norfolk, England
John Ward Casbourne	19 Mar 1828	Southery, Norfolk, England
Abraham Casbourne	17 Apr 1831	Southery, Norfolk, England
Ann Casbourne	27 Dec 1832	Southery, Norfolk, England
Sarah Casbourne	18 Jul 1835	Southery, Norfolk, England
Abraham Casbourne	12 Feb 1837	Southery, Norfolk, England
Susanna Casbourne	29 Apr 1839	Southery, Norfolk, England
Essa Susanna Casbourne	11 Apr 1842	Southery, Norfolk, England
Abraham Casbourne	19 Apr 1844	Southery, Norfolk, England
Thomas Casbourne	30 Apr 1846	Southery, Norfolk, England
Sarah Casbourne	21 Sep 1847	Southery, Norfolk, England

There are various spelling of Casbourne: Casebone, Casbourn, Casborn, Casebourn, etc. Neither Abraham Casbourne nor his wife Susanna knew how to read or write which may have contributed to the number of different spellings. Casbourne is the spelling used in this book.



# Life Sketch of Abraham & Susanna

**Abraham Casbourne**  
1802 England - 1851 Missouri

**Susanna Ward**  
1803 England - 1876 Iowa

## Abraham's childhood...

Early in the nineteenth century, Abraham Casbourne was born in Southery, England, on April 11, 1802, to Thomas Casbourne and Mrs. Sarah Robinson, a widow. He was christened two weeks later on April 25, 1802, in Denver, England. His father had been married previously and had a large family before becoming a widower. Consequently, Abraham had many brothers and sisters. His name, Abraham, was a prevalent given-name in the Casbourne family.

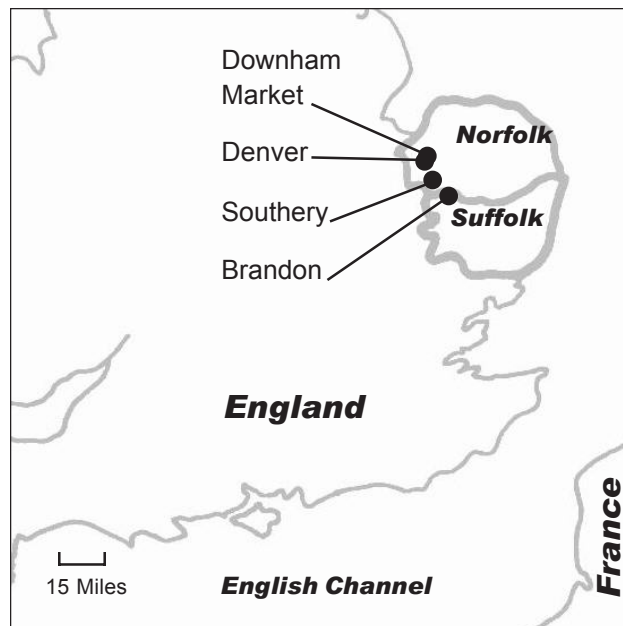
## Susanna's childhood...

Susanna Ward was born on June 24, 1803, to John Ward and Sarah Feaks in Southery, England, where her ancestors had been for generations. Her parents had her christened on April 4, 1804, in Brandon, England.

## Marriage and family life...

Abraham and Susanna married on July 4, 1823, in Southery, England. Of the twelve children that came to bless their home, only five grew to adulthood. The other seven died young and were sorrowfully buried in England, the land of their forefathers.

Abraham and Susanna raised their family in Southery where Abraham was a farm laborer, then worked as an innkeeper.



Early homes of Abraham Casbourne and Susanna Ward and Downham Market where Abraham's parents were married.

## A new land...

Abraham and Susanna were among the tired, the poor, the wretched refuge longing to be free. They bid farewell to their two eldest sons, Henry and John, who immigrated to America, then waited for their sons to send the funds for the rest of the family to follow.

A few years later in 1851, their youngest child died from whooping cough—at three and a half. That same year, Abraham and Susanna with their three remaining children Ann, Essa, and Abraham, left their native England and sailed to America on the ship *Hibarnium*. While at sea, they encountered a terrifying storm which lasted twenty-four hours. The *Hibarnium* became badly disabled when it was rammed by a merchant ship that tore a hole in her. The merchant ship went down with all on board. But through the courageous efforts of the captain and crew, the *Hibarnium* was saved.

After landing in New York, Abraham and Susanna took their family to St. Louis, the residence of their two eldest sons.

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Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act,							
Registration District Downham							
I declare that the contents of this Certificate are true and correct.							
Death in the Sub-district of Downham in the County of Norfolk							
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description, and residence of informant
213	Thirti-first May 1846 at Downham	John WARD	Male	75 years	Waterman	Remorseful	Thomas Swann, Master of Union Workhouse Downham
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	Downham						

Certified copy of death of John Ward, father of Susanna Ward. He died May 31, 1846, in Downham.

### **A brush with the Gospel...**

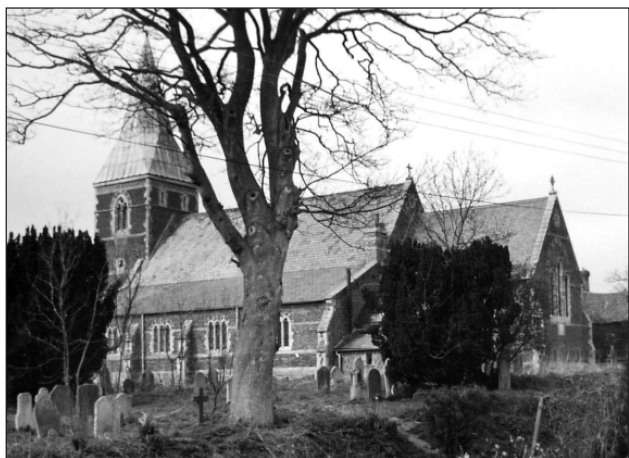
Shortly after their arrival in St. Louis, Abraham became very ill from working in excessive heat at a brickyard. As he was dying, he asked a religious man to pray for him. The Casbourne family did not profess any religion, but were good honest people. Abraham told his daughter Ann that this man believed in the true Church of Christ. The man was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Abraham exhorted his daughter Ann to live an honest and upright life for there was a great work for her to do.

Abraham died in August 1851. He was forty-nine years old. Susanna was grief stricken at the loss of her baby four months before and now her beloved husband. She was left a widow in a strange land with a young family to raise.

The family moved to the outskirts of the city and rented some rooms from a lady who was also a member of the Church. It wasn't long before they were acquainted with several others as well who were members of the Church.

One Sabbath Susanna attended one of their meetings with her daughter Ann and listened to a sermon by Orson Pratt, but never joined the Church. However, she was willing for her daughter Ann to join. A few years later in 1854, Susanna bid farewell to this dear daughter who went west with the members of her new faith.

Susanna remained in Missouri with her growing children until about 1866 when her daughter Essa and family moved to Montrose, Iowa. Susanna went with them. She was about sixty-three. They undoubtedly traveled up the Mississippi River by steamboat as Essa's husband was a river steamboat pilot. They



Susanna Ward was christened in Brandon, England. Photo taken of a Brandon church in 1977.



Sign that marks the entrance of Montrose, Iowa, the death place of Susanna Ward.

settled in sight of Nauvoo, Illinois, which was just across the river.

Susanna died on October 10, 1876, in Montrose, Iowa. She was seventy-three years old and had been a widow for twenty-five years.

### **Tribute to Abraham...**

Abraham was a courageous man willing to leave all that was home to him to travel to a new country so that his children could have a better life and enjoy the freedoms found in America. He never stopped providing for his family and gave his life in doing so.

### **Tribute to Susanna...**

Susanna was very supportive when her daughter Ann chose to be baptized. Although it was hard, she allowed this daughter to go west with the Saints. This decision gave Susanna a great posterity in the Church and blessed their lives with the Gospel.

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