

Chapter V
Josiah Lewis Telle & Rachael Chapman Families

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| | Amelia Anne Telle md. 1870 Charles V. Tate md. 1896 Lewis Chandler | | |
| Josiah Lewis Telle md. 1848 Rachael Chapman | | Annie Lilian Gilson | |
| | | Phoebe Rachel Gilson md. 1898 John Ellsworth Bae | Violet Frances Bae |
| Elizer Gilson Elmyra Webster | Frances Jane Telly md. 1876 James Alden Gilson | | Truman Alden Bae |
| | | md. 1908 Charles Augustus Shanley | Dorothy Shanley |
| | | | Donald Louis Shanley |
| | | Irene Gilson | |
| | | Richard Kerman Gilson | |

Time line for **Josiah Lewis Telle** 1806 - 1856
*Known as **Lewis Telle** during his lifetime.*
Son of **Ambrose Telle / Ann Espy***

Born 3 May **1806** Luzerne County, Pennsylvania
Guardian appointed 10 April **1820** Luzerne, PA.
Married Tabitha Oakley abt **1827** in New York.
Daughter Sarah Ann born 13 Oct **1829** in New York.
Son George E. born Jan **1832** in New York.
Daughter Tabitha born 18 Nov **1837** in New York City.
Wife Tabitha died 2 Aug **1840** in Nauvoo.
Winter **1840-41** Made a trip to New York and returned.
Married Amelia Rogers 1 Sep **1841** in Nauvoo.
Received Patriarchal Blessing Nov **1841** in Nauvoo.
Son Edwin born 18 Oct **1843** in Nauvoo.
Son Lewis born 19 Apr **1844** in Nauvoo.
Daughter Martha born 28 May **1846** in St. Louis.
Wife Amelia died 29 Nov **1847** in Nauvoo.
April **1848**, daughter Martha given to relatives to adopt.
Married Rachael Chapman 5 Aug **1848** in Hancock Co.
Daughter Amelia Anne born 4 Mar **1849** in Carthage.
Daughter Frances born 17 Apr **1853** in Carthage.
Died 1 Jan **1856** in Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois.

First wife: **Tabitha Oakley** ~1803 - 1840
Second wife: **Amelia Rogers** 1818 - 1847
Third wife: **Rachael Chapman** 1811 - 1888

Sources:

1810 Census: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Kingston Township. Ambrose Telle is named. A woman and three young boys were living with him. Lewis would have been one of them.

Orphan's Court, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, 10 April 1820: Colonel Edward Inman was appointed Guardian of Josiah Lewis and his brother Edward Tracy resulting from a petition by Ann Telle. Colonel Inman was a military hero in that area of Pennsylvania and was their Uncle John Espy's father-in-law.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Membership of the Church, Vol. 42. Lewis Tally (sic) is listed in the Book of Patriarchal Blessings Index, Vol. 4, page 114 as having been born in 1806, in Pa. and received a Pat. Blessing in Nov 1841.

1850 Census: Carthage, Hancock, Illinois, Carthage. Lewis Telly age 44 male carpenter bp: PA
Rachael Telly age 38 female bp: PA
Edwin Telly age 9 male bp: MA (sic)
Lewis Telly age 7 male bp: MA (sic)
Amelia Telly age 1 female bp: ILL.
Lewis' net worth was reported to be \$300.

Howell Q. Cannon wrote that his Uncle Espy Cannon told him Lewis Telle died on New Year's Day 1856 during a snow storm while hunting. Nauvoo card catalog data says he died of "apoplexy" [a stroke] in 1856 at age 50 and was buried in Nauvoo Cem. #1.

Bae Family History named Josiah Lewis Telle gave his birth as 3 May 1806. This history is included on the page with Rachael Chapman's family. He was known as Lewis throughout his life.

Nauvoo Indexed card catalog show Lewis Telle bought property in Nauvoo in the late 1840's and early 1850's.

In an 1882 letter from Sarah Ann to Martha, she wrote, "Our father learned the carpenter's trade and went to New York where he established himself as a builder. There he married my mother, Tabitha Oakley, a daughter of a Westchester County farmer. They were enterprising and thrifty, and in a few years had amassed quite a little competency; but in an evil hour my father fell in with the Mormons and became a disciple to their faith . . . he was persuaded by their leaders to sell out his business and property and buy western lands of them, and immigrate to 'Nauvoo.'" His children by Tabitha Oakley were born in New York, but no records have been found yet for him there. Daughters Sarah Ann, Frances and Amelia Anne reported on the 1880 census that Lewis was born in New York. Daughters Martha, Tabitha, sons Edwin and George told the enumerator correctly that he was born in Pennsylvania. Since Tabitha Oakley was raised in Westchester County, that is likely where he met and married her, although the IGI says nearby Putnam County. Son George was born in New York in 1832. An 1830 NYC Census shows Lewis Telly as the head of a household, but does not show his age. A son between 1-5 and a woman between 20-30 also live at home. As Sarah would have been a toddler in 1830, and George wasn't born until 1832, this doesn't quite fit. I have not found records that tell when Lewis and Tabitha joined the Mormons in Illinois. He was not in Kirtland during the 1830's, nor can I find evidence that he was with the Saints in Missouri. Amelia Rogers' family joined the Church in New York City in 1837 and arrived in Missouri in late 1838 with other converts as the Mormons were being evicted from Missouri. A similar time line would fit for Lewis and Tabitha, as daughter Tabitha was born in New York City in 1837 and his wife Tabitha and an infant son died in Nauvoo in 1840.

Josiah Lewis Telle / Rachael Chapman

Josiah Lewis Telle*

Son of **Ambrose Telle / Ann Espy***

Birth: 3 May 1806 Kingston, Luzerne, Pennsylvania
Death: 1 Jan 1856 Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois
Burial: Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois
Marriage: 5 Aug 1848 Hancock County, Illinois

Rachael Chapman

Birth: 4 December 1811 Pittsburg, Allegheny, PA
Death: 10 Jul 1888 Monmouth, Warren, Illinois
Burial: Monmouth, Warren, Illinois

Children

Amelia Anne Telle

Birth: 5 Mar 1849 Carthage, Hancock, Illinois
Death: 26 May 1923 Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California
Spouse: **Charles V. Tate**
Marriage: 6 Oct 1870 Warren County, Illinois
Spouse: **Lewis Chandler**
Marriage: 1896

Frances Jane Telly*

Birth: 17 Apr 1853 Carthage, Hancock, Illinois
Death: 30 Jun 1926 Los Angeles, Orange, California
Marriage: 11 Oct 1876 Monmouth, Warren, Illinois
Spouse: **James Alden Gilson*** 1837 - 1909

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Edwin Telly age 9 male bp: MA (sic)
Lewis Telly age 7 male bp: MA (sic)
Amelia Telly age 1 female bp: ILL.

1860 Census: Pilot Grove Town, Hancock, Illinois.
Rachael Telly age 48 bp: PA
Amelia Telly age 11 bp: ILL
Frances Telly age 8 bp: IL
[living with John Tremain family from England.]

1870 Census: Warren County, Illinois, Monmouth.
Rachael Telly age 48 widow bp: PA
[Rachel is living with two other women.]

1880 Census: Warren County, Illinois, Monmouth.
Rachel Telly housekeeping widow age 73 PA ENG PA
Anna Telly dau f widow age 30 IL NY PA

1920 Census: San Jose, Santa Clara, California
Gillson Frances J. head 67 widow ILL NY PA
Gillson Richard R. son 27 single CA MI ILL
Bae Phoebe R. dau f w 40 married CA MI ILL
Bae Violet granddaughter 20 CA Canada CA single
Bae Truman grandson 14 CA Canada CA
Shanley Dorothy granddaughter 10 CA CA CA
Shanley Donald grandson 8 CA CA CA

Family Record by Violet Frances Bae written June 27, 1918:
"The Record of the Family compiled to the best of my knowledge and ability. To be added to as important events occur. Josiah Lewis Telle, born May 3, 1806. Father of two daughters and three sons George, Edwin and Lewis. Lewis killed in emigrant train coming West. Married Rachael Chapman in 1848, father of Amelia Anne and Frances Jane. Building contractor. Died Dec. 30, 1856. Scotch. Born in New York or Penn. Rachael Chapman, born Dec. 4, 1811, in Pittsburg, Penn. Sister of Catherine, Anne, Mary, Robert, John. Mother of Amelia Anne and Frances Jane Telle (Later changed to Telly). Died a natural death July 10, 1888. English, Scotch and Dutch. Amelia Anne Telle. Born March 5, 1849 at Carthage, Illinois. Married Charles V. Tate in 1870. Bugler in the Army. Married to Lewis Chandler in 1896. English, Scotch, Dutch. Pensioned after the death of Lewis Chandler. Blue eyes, brown hair. Frances Jane Telly. Born April 17, 1853 at Carthage, Illinois. Sister of Amelia Anne. Married James Alden Gillson October 11, 1876. Mother of Anna Lillian, Phoebe Rachael, Richard Kerman Gillson. Brown eyes, dark brown hair. James Alden Gillson, husband of the preceding was born Nov. 4, 1837, son of Eleazer and Elmira Gillson, brother of Mary MacAllister, Phoebe Vance and John Garrison Gillson. Mother's maiden name Webster, closely related to Daniel and Noah Webster. J. Alden was railroad baggageman and farmer, died May 20, 1909 in East San Jose, California, Scotch, English."

Indexed card catalog, Nauvoo Records, indicates Lewis Telle [sometimes shown as Luie Tiller] bought several properties in and around Nauvoo after the Mormon exodus in 1846, and that Rachael Telly sold them after his death.

Hancock County Marriage Index 1829-1849, License #1316:
Telle Lewis / Rachel A. Chapman 5 Aug 1848.

Warren County, Illinois, Death Records, 1876 - 1915, FHL # 6087522. "Rachel Telle Aug 10, 1888."

James Alden Gilson / Frances Jane Telly

James Alden Gilson

Son of **Elizer Gillson / Elmyra Webster**

Birth: 4 Nov 1837 Canada

Death: 20 May 1909 East San Jose, Santa Clara, CA

Marriage: 11 Oct 1876 Monmouth, Warren, Illinois

Frances Jane Telly^{1*}

Daughter of **J. Lewis Telle / Rachael Chapman**

Birth: 17 Apr 1853 Carthage, Hancock, Illinois

Death: 30 Jun 1926 Los Angeles, Orange, California

Children:

Anna Lillian Gilson

Birth: 16 Jul 1877 Ono, Shasta, California

Death: 5 Sep 1886

Phoebe Rachel Gilson [see families below]

Birth: 7 Mar 1879 Ono, Shasta, California

Death: 21 Mar 1946

Irene Gilson

Birth: 29 Nov 1880 Ono, Shasta, California

Death: 29 Nov 1880

Richard Kerman Gilson

Birth: 7 Jul 1893 Pomona, Los Angeles, California

Death: 19 Apr 1969

Families of **Phoebe Rachel Gilson**

Birth: 7 Mar 1879 Ono, Shasta, California

Death: 21 Mar 1946 California

Spouse: **John Ellsworth Bae**

Birth: 14 Feb 1863 Illinois

Death: 8 Dec 1907 Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, California

Marriage: 13 Dec 1898 Pomona, Los Angeles, California

Children:

Violet Frances Bae

Birth: 30 Mar 1899 Pomona, Los Angeles, CA

Death: 30 Mar 1922

Spouse: **Edward Stockburger**

Marriage: 20 Oct 1920 Pomona

Birth: ~ 1895 of Argos, Marshall, IN

Death: Feb 1922

Truman Alden Bae

Birth: 1906 of San Jose, Santa Clara, California

Spouse: **Lela Esther Allen** 1908 - 1996

Spouse: **Charles Augustus Shanley**

Marriage: 16 Apr 1908 San Jose, Santa Clara, CA

Birth: 1 May 1879 San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Death: Aug 1926 San Pedro, Los Angeles, California

Children:

Dorothy Shanley b. 1910

Donald Louis Shanley b. 1912

Sources:

1880 Census: South Fork Clear Creek, Shasta, California

J.A. Gillson (sic) farmer age 42 CAN CA (sic) CA (sic)

Francis J. Gillson wife age: 27 IL NY PA

Annie L. Gillson dau age 2 CA CA IL

Phebe (sic) R. Gillson dau age: 1 CA CA IL

1920 US Census: San Jose, Santa Clara, California

Gillson Frances J. head 67 widow ILL NY PA

Gillson Richard R. son 27 single CA MI ILL

Bae Phoebe R. dau f w 40 married CA MI ILL

Bae Violet granddaughter 20 CA Canada CA single works in cannery

Bae Truman grandson 14 CA Canada CA

Shanley Dorothy granddaughter 10 CA CA CA

Shanley Donald grandson 8 CA CA CA

Excerpt from the History of Violet Frances Bae, "Frances Jane Telly. Born April 17, 1853 at Carthage, Illinois. Sister of Amelia Anne. Married James Alden Gillson October 11, 1876. Mother of Anna Lillian, Phoebe Rachael, Richard Kerman Gillson. Brown eyes, dark brown hair. James Alden Gillson, husband of the preceding was born Nov. 4, 1837, son of Eleazer and Elmira Gillson, brother of Mary MacAllister, Phoebe Vance and John Garrison Gillson. Mother's maiden name Webster, closely related to Daniel and Noah Webster. J. Alden was railroad baggageman and farmer, died May 20, 1909 in East San Jose, California, Scotch, English."

Lela Esther Allen Bae, a life long Mormon, met and married Truman Alden Bae, who joined the LDS Church as an adult. Neither of them knew that his ancestor, Josiah Lewis Telle, had been a Mormon. They submitted the temple ordinances for Frances Jane Telly, and thirty years later I came across that submission record. Fortunately, the Bae's had not moved during that time and my letter reached Lela, who sent me the history that Violet Frances Bae wrote in 1918. Another descendant of Lewis Telle, Francis Elaine Chamberlin Stewart, found Lela the same way I had; Lela put her in contact with me. She had some of the Martha Telle Cannon letters. Both have since died.

¹Francis spelled her maiden name Telly.