

“Azer” and “Sadie” Southwick
Eleazer and Sarah Geneva Broadbent Southwick
1850-1950 Lehi Centennial Biography

Thus far in life, this couple has been known by abbreviated forms of their real names, Eleazer and Sarah Geneva Broadbent Southwick. Both born in Lehi, they are second generation descendants of Lehi pioneers.

Eleazer, son of George Franklin and Juliana Zimmerman Southwick, was born November 4, 1893. He attended the public schools and graduated from “the college of hard knocks.” He spent much time as a youngster clearing brush, cedars, and rocks from land in West Lehi, Cedar Valley, and west of Utah Lake preparing for sowing dry grain. A lover of good livestock, he still keeps them on the farm.

He took pride in matching teams for the Lehi Silver Band Wagon, which he drove in many memorable celebrations. A successful farmer and stock raiser, he has been prominent in dairying, distributing milk in Salt Lake City and Lehi.

Sarah Geneva was born December 26, 1832, daughter of Joseph Samuel and Amanda Tweede Broadbent. Sarah attended the public schools, and for ten years conducted a prosperous millinery department in Broadbent and Sons store. She trimmed many beautiful hats, and for past time took delight in styling hair and otherwise grooming her friends for special occasions. When she was twelve, great sorrow came into her life by the death of her affectionate mother.

The couple were married May 17, 1916, and since then they have been occupied in rearing a family and helping promote advancement of the community and church.

Sarah has been a Primary teacher, and in the presidency of the Mutual, and since 1933 has served with her husband on the Old Folks committee. He has been

ward chairman for years. She is a member of Camp Snow Springs, Daughter of the Utah Pioneers, serving eight years as First Lieutenant. Her life was saddened with the loss of a son and a daughter whom she had nursed through eight years of illness.

Eleazer has been a successful Sunday School worker, serving as teacher, assistant and superintendent in the Fifth Ward, and a stake superintendent from February 1938 to June 1945. He has advanced through all offices in the Priesthood from Deacon to High Priest. He was secretary of the 68th Quorum of Seventy until becoming junior president in 1930 and was advanced to senior president in 1945. He was ordained a High Priest and was set apart as a member of the stake high council in 1947, by Elder Spencer W. Kimball.

The couple was members of the Lehi Tabernacle Choir when Isaac Fox was leader.

The new home of the family is on Center and First South Street where Azer's grandfather John Zimmerman lived. The old house built in 1866 is still in use and fair condition.

Ralph (deceased), Dorothy Amendo (deceased), Nevn Ray, and Joyce. They have three grandsons.