

A History by Anne Johanne (Gilbert) Christensen

The Descendants of Timothy & Joahanne Gilbert

Father, Timothy Gilbert was born Aug. 27, 1834, Great Chival Wilts Shire Englang, and died at Manassa 13 May 1914. Missiinaries of the Gosple were there. Father heard the Gosple studied it and accepted the same. his Parents turned him from home, and his friends would not recognise him only in redicule. he worked untill he made Money enough to make the trip to America, his aim was Utah and he worked his way thru, untill he landed in Utah. Money scar[c]e, but he was honest in his work Physical and, Spiritual and was blessed, and in two years [sic] returned to England on a Mission for two years where he labored, his hopes had been that he could bring other [?] to his Parents Bro. & Sisters & friends, the light of the Gosple as he understood and enjoyed it, but it wasn't to be so at that time, nor during his life. he did Ordinance work for a number of them, and his Parents sealed, so they may have the Previlage of accepting the same, when they have the chance again.

Mother, Johanne Margret Stoutz Born 27 Dec. 1852, Edgaard [sic] Hyllested, Denmark, died 4 [sic] Feb. 1828, Manassa Colo. came to America under near the same conditions as, Father. Missionaries of the Gosple came to her home Town. she heard their teachings studied and accepted the same, but was turned from her home by her parents, and friends, at 18 years of age. [sic] but determination was her name, and she went to work earned the money for a fare to Utah. arrived in Salt Lake with 25 c and couldn't speake English, but again determaind she learned the Languash and worked for her support, and a little nest started, but thankfull and Happy for her knolage of the Gosple which she cherished all her life. Later a younger Bro. accepted the Gosple, and she helped him to get to America. Uncle John Stoutz, a good man, never married, all can't accept the rough's as well as the smooth. he died a none Member of the Church. Father and Mother married 20 Nove 1879. lived at Riverton Utah where I was born 19, Apr. 1882. Sister Mary Georgeina, Born 9 Apr 1885 Riverton, Salt Lake Co, Utah, died 5 Aug 1930, at Manassa, Colo. Harriet Josephine, was born 17 Apr 1887 at Riverton, died 4 Sept 1887 at Riverton U. John Timothy Gilbert born 20 Aug 1888, Manassa Colo. Buried at Manassa died 23 Mar 1930. Louvinna Rasminna born 8 Feb 1890 at San Rafael, Conejos Co, Colo. we came to Colo. in the Spring of 1889 [sic], the train stoped at Romeo for a number of passengers to get off the train we were unloaded in the Brush and Wind a large wagon meet the Passenger are [or] as many as could get in but the crowd was to large and the number devided, and just waited for the wagon to return. they left a quilt for the children to huddle under, but it was more fun to hold to the corners and see the wind fan it. There were a number of Familys came in at the same time all from Utah.

the men all went out to Sunflower. tried to homested land. The men all built fenceses and tried some farming. there were 5 familys in the group. 2 family's Nell's 2 family of Draper's. Bro. Staker and family & ourselves. Brother Joseph Draper's house was the largest room, so we always meet there for Sunday School which they had every Sunday. The childre was busy helpfull to to hunt all the boards or blocks or any thing that could make a seat for us. the little folks had Sunday school first then went out to play then the parents could have theirs meeting. I remember Father taking charge. Later in the fall Father arranged to buy a home up the river near a Spanish town. they had a Public school there 4 months in the year, taught by an Americian teacher. then there were a Chispertian [?] Mission

school one mile from there, which we attended for 2 years for 6 weeks each year after the Public school was out. we had a 2 wheel cart and a very trusty horse, so we could drive. we paid \$1.00 a month, to the teacher. there was a stream of water which ran thru Fathers field some places deep. Father Baptised me there a lovely day and when I went out of the water I ran home. we lived there for several years a good home, and plenty of work, and I was a good strong girl and could help in many ways. I could help Father haul hay and stack it and plenty of weeds to be cleared away then the Milking to be done I was a good cow Milker, and then churn butter. Mother always moulded it. she sold it in Conejos & Antinato to her customers. she also had fresh vedtgebles for Market, also fresh eggs and chickens young or old which ever was wanted. all helped to provid the things of life. I went to work in Antonito in the Summer after I was 13 years. they didnt pay to much for help in those days, and the washings all had to be done on a wash Board. I am sure I was pretty slow about it, as mother had taken charge of that at home. I had helped her some, but when I had to take charge of it myself, I found it different, but that is the way we learn, here a little and there a little the next year my Parents & family move to Manassa. I was still at work, and didnt get in on that, so when I went home I went to Manassa but I hadent learned to dance and ascoiate with our American boys yet, so I had to venture out and Learn which I did at home when on my vacations. I had never went out to anything when not at home. I never did untill after I was 18 years. I then went further from home to work. I got acquainted with other working girls and we went out to the dances some times shows then.