

170 N Main – Chantilly Mansion

Located on the corner of Church and Main Street in Layton, this property has stood as one of Layton's most beloved landmarks. It was built in 1890 (6 years before Utah became a state) by Rufus Adams and his wife Sarah Hill and remained in a family blood will until it was purchased in 1995 by Debra Darrington.

At the time of Rufus' death his daughter Alta inherited the home and continued to live in the home until her death March 22, 1986. Alta married Wallace William Cowley in May 1910 thus informally identifying the property as the Adams-Cowley Mansion. Hal Cowley inherited the home at the death of his mother but the home was greatly in need of modernization and so the property moved on and off the market for a decade until it was purchased by Debra in December of 1995. Finding innovative ways to work around the century old construction, the building was completely renovated to include central air, new plumbing and electrical, and an automatic irrigation system replaced the flood irrigation. It was opened to the public as a wedding venue, Chantilly Mansion in May 1996. The North Solarium was added in 1998 and the South Conservatory and East commercial kitchen was added in 2008.

The Life Summary of Rufus

When Rufus Adams was born on 23 April 1861, in Layton, Davis, Utah, United States, his father, George Washington Adams, was 25 and his mother, Mary Ann Pilling, was 25. He married Sarah Ann Hill on 13 November 1881, in Uintah, Weber, Utah, United States. They were the parents of at least 3 sons and 4 daughters. He lived in Kaysville, Davis, Utah, United States in 1880 and Layton Election Precinct, Davis, Utah, United States in 1900. He died on 24 February 1939, in Layton, Davis, Utah, United States, at the age of 77, and was buried in Kaysville City Cemetery, Kaysville, Davis, Utah, United States.

The Life Summary of Alta Louisa

When Alta Louisa Adams was born on 11 May 1890, in Layton, Davis, Utah, United States, her father, Rufus Adams, was 29 and her mother, Sarah Ann Hill, was 24. She married William Wallace Cowley on 14 May 1910, in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States. They were the parents of at least 5 sons. She lived in Rigby, Jefferson, Idaho, United States in 1920 and Layton Election Precinct, Davis, Utah, United States in 1940. She died on 22 March 1986, in Layton, Davis, Utah, United States, at the age of 95, and was buried in Kaysville, Davis, Utah, United States.

The Life Summary of Hal Adams

When Hal Adams Cowley was born on 31 December 1925, in Layton, Davis, Utah, United States, his father, William Wallace Cowley, was 39 and his mother, Alta Louisa Adams, was 35. He married Mary Louise (Mary Lou) Jones on 23 August 1948, in Elko, Elko, Nevada, United States. He lived in Layton Election Precinct, Davis, Utah, United States in 1940. He died on 28 August 2014, in Murray, Salt Lake, Utah, United States, at the age of 88, and was buried in Kaysville City Cemetery, Kaysville, Davis, Utah, United States.