Lucy Ann Woolf was born 31 March 1860 at Nephi, Juab County, Utah, to Absalom Woolf and Lucy Ann Hambleton. She was the 2nd child in the family and was to have 11 brothers and sisters (3 of whom died in childhood).

Lucy Ann was married to Warren Edmiston on her 18th birthday (1878) at Manti, Sanpete, Utah. The children of this couple were as follows:
John Absalom born there 7 March 1879
Pheobe born 12 July 1885 at Riverdale, Utah.
Zina born 3 Sep. At Treasureton, Utah
David Elias born 12 June 1890 at Smithfield, Utah.
Luella Dora born 23 Jan. 1892 at Smithfield, Utah.
Martha May born 4 Jan. 1895 at Smithfield, Utah.

In the spring of 1896, they left Utah with their 8 children and all their belongings in covered wagons. The oldest boy, John, was 17: the baby, Martha was a year old. They traveled through the northern part of Utah and Southern Idaho, along with their horses and cows, taking over a month as they camped out along the road.

They arrived at Victor, Idaho, in early summer and spent a few weeks there before traveling over Teton Pass into Jackson Hole, which they had heard so much about. They liked it so well, they filed on 160 acres of land in Wilson, Wy.

Warren was a blacksmith and built his shop close to Fish Creek. He built a long log house nearby with a barn and outbuildings. There he made a very good living in his trade as an expert blacksmith and horseshoer. Helping his business was the travel to Jackson Hole and Yellowstone Park, which passed through Wilson.

Lucy was very busy caring for her family—cooking huge meals, making all of their clothes, knitting socks, making soap, and working in a large garden. Harvesting vegetables and storing them for winter use was a big part of her work. They had a herd of 6 or 8 milk coes, so she could make and sell butter (the best in all the world, her children thought). The hills were full of wild berried, which she and the children picked and canned for winter. The country was full of game, fowl, and fish. There was always plenty of meat to eat. They also raised chickens and hogs. There was always fresh pork to go with the game. They had a large flock of geese. Lucy would pluck them once a year and make huge feather ticks for all the beds. No matter what time a visitor came, Lucy would get busy and feed them. There was always plenty for everyone.

Lucy was a midwife, as her mother before her, and helped deliver many babies. She was called out often in case of sickness; regardless of the weather, she always went when she was needed. She didn’t ever charge a cent for delivering babies or caring for the sick.

There was no school in Wilson when they arrived, so Warren donated land and helped build the first school. He also donated land for the first Mormon Church there. They were true pioneers and are still remembered for their part in building the community. All the kids loved them and called them Grandma and Grandpa.

In the fall, they would take 2 four-horse outfits and go to St. Anthony, Idaho, to buy
supplies to last a year. They would get 30 sacks of flour, 4 or 5 sacks of sugar, all kinds of dried fruit, beans, rice, etc. Lucy would also buy cloth to make clothes for a year. It would take over a week to make this trip. Maggie, the oldest girl, would take care of the family while they were gone.

The boys grew up to be expert horsemen. They married and filed on land where they each raised a family and had livestock.

Warren and Lucy raised a family of which to be proud.

Warren died 31 March 1923, after a lingering illness. Lucy was at his side constantly. After he was gone it was too lonely for her to live alone, so she sold the ranch and lived awhile with each child. She had just arrived at Luella’s when she had a stroke and died 3 Sep. 1926, at the age of 66. She is buried at the Elliot Cemetery in Wilson, next to her beloved Warren.

Maud Fleming and Vilate Morris, Granddaughters
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