

**ARMINDA ALICE  
HENDRICKS  
ASAY  
MCGRATH**



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Arminda Alice Hendricks & William Pedrick Asay



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### Wedding to William Pedrick Asay

This picture was taken on their wedding day, August 28th, 1886 in Thatcher, Graham, Arizona. She had just turned 16.

She was later sealed to him in the Saint George Temple in St. George, Utah on March 21st, 1889 just 18 days after he married polygamist wife, 18 year old Hildagarde Chlarson.

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# The James Alonzo McGrath Family



Alice



Family Home in Keuka, Florida;

l to r: Rose, James Alonzo, Richard, William, Arminda and Alonzo Lester  
From Joe McGrath: The girl standing in front of Grandfather is Rose. The tall boy in the middle is Richard Oliver. The smallest boy on Grandma's right is William Allen. The boy in overalls on Grandma's left is Alonzo Lester.



## **Arminda Alice Hendricks Asay McGrath**



Circa 1946

Alice McGrath on the beach in Florida?

Arminda Alice was born on August 2nd, 1870 in Clifty, Todd County, Kentucky to James William and Lucy Susan Stinson Hendricks. She was baptized & confirmed by Jacob G. Bigler Jr. on April 17th 1882 into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After leaving Kentucky and moving west with her family she married William Pedrich Asay, a widower when she was barely sixteen years old. [28 August 1886] He died on April 20th 1898. She later married James Alonzo McGrath, twice a widower on the 29th of July 1901. Sometime around 1912 they moved to Florida. She died just a couple months shy of her 105th birthday in Florahome, Putnam County, Florida and is buried in the Paran Cemetery in Grandin.

Note: birthplace discrepancy between family records and patriarchal blessing...

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Alice  
Hendricks  
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# Hendricks Sisters



**Written in Arminda Alice's handwriting on portrait folder; from left to right:  
Alice McGrath age 75, Amanda Price age 74, Susie Merrill age 68, Anna Smith  
age 69 and Nancy Smith age 78**





**Grandma  
McGrath in  
her yard in  
Florahome,  
Florida**



## FLORIDA'S YOUTHFUL OLDSTERS

# She Still Remembers Traveling By Covered Wagon in Old West

By PHILL WRIGHT  
Times-Union Staff Writer

FLORAHOME—A Florahome woman who bears the title of the community's oldest resident is, at 88, the area's happiest and most enthusiastic gardener.

Mrs. J. A. McGrath, in her small, picturesque home here, has carved for herself a place in the hearts of all who know her. She has surrounded herself with plant life from her old home in Arizona and, in the 36 years she has been a resident of Florahome, has acquired many species of flowers of her adopted Florida.

When Mrs. McGrath was about 10 years old her parents moved from their home in Kentucky to Arizona. The family went by train but Mrs. McGrath can recall trips the family made across state in the old West by wagon. She has lasting impressions of the cacti, growing as "tall as these oak trees; some of them a hundred years old or older."

It is perhaps this impression which causes the cactus to be among Mrs. McGrath's favorite plants today, even after half a century. She lists also among her favorites the rose and now the lily. The rose, she says, does not thrive here like it did in Arizona, but the lily does better. "I guess you might say my favorite flower here is the lily."

Mrs. McGrath says her husband died many years ago, "but I have seven children living." One of her sons is Sgt. A. L. McGrath of the Palatka City Police Department. The other son is W. A. McGrath, a carpenter who lives nearby. A daughter, Mrs. Raymond Gornto, resides in East Palatka and another, Mrs. Millie Tyre, resides at Florahome, next door to her mother.

W. A., the youngest son, recently returned from a visit to Arizona, where he collected more than 100 cactus plants and brought them to his mother with a thick, illustrated guide to cactus-growing procedure. Mrs. McGrath now has about 100 different kinds of cacti, collected over the years.

In addition to her full day of gardening Mrs. McGrath still keeps house, cooks all her meals, plays host to the grandchildren, friends and neighbors who stop by. She rises never later than 7:30 and she's usually out in the garden 30 minutes later, never naps in the daytime.

Mrs. McGrath eats when she likes and as many times per day as she likes. But her whole waking day is devoted to chats with relatives or friends, housekeeping and gardening. No hoes are permitted in her half-acre floral paradise. "I'd be afraid a hoe might cut down something valuable that's come up there."

Twice daily she takes time out to read the newspapers, and without glasses. She likes to listen to the radio but doesn't bother with television. She works the crossword puzzles in the newspapers and says she finds some of them pretty interesting, and occasionally some of them are puzzling.

She has no formula for others to achieve, happy, useful and successful lives. And at 88, it is no problem for her to be active, happy and content. Each individual must, she feels, find his own niche in life, especially at 88.

She's never sold a flower or plant, nor does she plan to. "They were all given to me, and I like to grow them and give them to my friends."

"I couldn't get along at all without my plants. One has to have something to do."



MRS. McGRATH  
Gardener at 88.



## Alice McGrath



**FLOWERS FOR THE LADY**—Florida Governor Reubin Askew took time out Thursday from his busy schedule to stop at Florahome to present daisies to Mrs. Alice McGrath and wish her a happy birthday. Mrs. McGrath will observe her 104th birthday today. In wishing her well, the governor told her it was a special day for him too, as it was his mother's birthday. When he told Mrs. McGrath his mother was 76, not quite as old as she was, the centenarian asked, "How are you old enough to be governor of Florida with such a young mother?"



Paran Cemetery:  
Grandin, Putnam County,  
Florida

"And speaking of burying  
grounds, when the  
pressures of the Twentieth  
Century become too great  
to bear, who needs a  
tranquilizer when there is  
Paran Cemetery to visit?

[from "Shadows on the Sand, A  
History of the Land and the  
People In the Vicinity of Melrose,  
Florida"]

By Zonira Hunter Tolles



# Resting Place of Arminda Alice