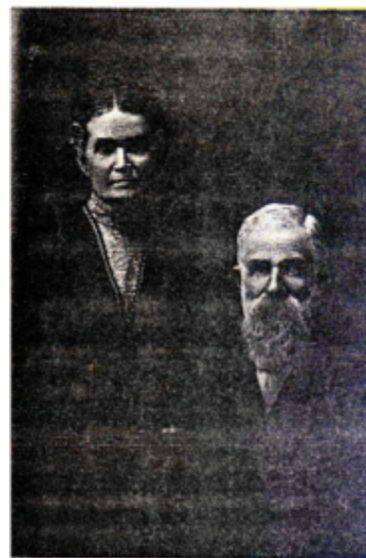


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GREELEY, COLORADO**PIONEER RECALLED**

Jonathan Lyman Dunham (1814-1886) was a son of Ralph and Melinda Hyde Dunham and brother of Francis S. Dunham. He was born in Mansfield, Conn. and married Abigail H. Eldridge in 1844. The couple had two sons, Edwin Lyman Dunham, born in 1845, and Sylvester Clark Dunham, born in 1846. In 1857 the family moved to Portage County, Ohio, and then in 1870 they pioneered in Greeley, Colorado. Mrs. Dunham's 1911 obituary recalls that there were only ten men and two women in Greeley at that time, but the wolf population was much greater. Mr. Dunham left for Greeley in May, and when Mrs. Dunham and their son arrived in July, their new home was ready for the lathers & plasterers, but was yet without doors or windows. Throughout her long life Mrs. Dunham (later known in the community as "Grandma Dunham") was an ardent gardener, and she always had the Dunham home surrounded by flowers. She is said to have planted more trees, many of them Cottonwoods, than any one else in town. The obituary also alludes to the many interesting stories that she told of the early days in Greeley when the settlement lived with fear of attack by hostile Indians and marauding wild animals. Unfortunately, these stories were not recounted in any detail, and so are lost. Several letters written by Jonathan Dunham and a copy of his will still survive and are included in the Kitson version of the DUNHAM GENALOGY. The photo at right, picturing Jonathan & Abigail Dunham is provided through the courtesy [\[of the\]](#) Greeley Historical Society.



Abigail & Jonathan Dunham of Greeley

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