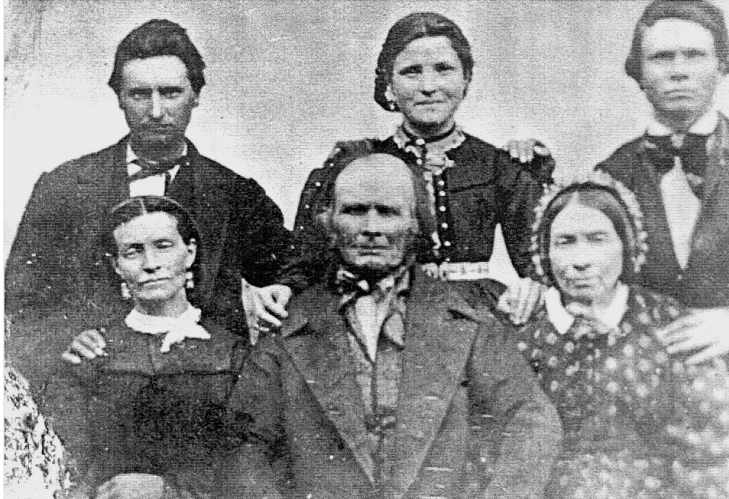# JOHN PARRY

John Parry was born on 22 October 1801, at Marion, Newmarket, Flintshire, Wales. He was the fourth of eight children born to John Parry and Winifred Barker Parry (Mary: 1796, William: 1798, Margaret: 1799, Elizabeth: 1806, Sarah: 1808, Winifred: 1811, and Jane: 1813).

He married Elizabeth Parry on 7 September 1834, at Newmarket. John was a stone mason by occupation. John and Elizabeth became the parents of six children: Mary (1834), Jane (1836), Winifred (1838), John (1841), Edward (1843) and Elizabeth Louise (1850). Jane died when she was about four years old.

John and Elizabeth and their family were taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ and were baptized members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. John was baptized on 30 March 1841. Leaving the Church of England made them 'non-conformists.' They were deprived of certain civil rights. They could not serve on a jury or hold public office or enlist in the armed forces. Becoming members of the church also made them objects of persecution.

The family, consisting of Winifred (18), John (14), Edward (12), and Elizabeth Louise (6), decided to emigrate to Utah. The oldest daughter, Mary, had emigrated in 1852. They left for America in 1856 on the ship 'Curling.' They arrived in Boston and then took the train as far west as it went – into Iowa. Part of the time they rode in cattle cars. They arrived in Iowa City, Iowa, and were assigned to the Edward Bunker Handcart Company. They left Iowa City on June 30. They were detained in Florence, Nebraska, from July 19 to July 30 to make repairs on their handcarts. They then continued their journey arriving in Salt Lake City on 2 October 1856. They were met by their daughter and sister, Mary. She had married Elias Morris at Winter Quarters when she was 17 years old. Mary and Elias lived in Cedar City and so the family went there to settle.

John Parry helped build many homes and public buildings in the area. He died on 23 October 1881, at Cedar City, Iron, Utah, the day after his 80th birthday.

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