

A SKETCH OF THE LIFE HISTORY OF ISAAC HILL
Utah Mormon Pioneer of 1850
(Originally assigned to the Ezra T. Benson Co.
Later joined with Captain Hooper co.)

Isaac Hill was born 28 Sept. 1806, in Brighton, Beaver County, Penn. He was the son of John Hill, Sr. and Nancy Warrick, daughter of Isaac Warrick and Mary Thatcher Warrick.

Two other children were born to this union of John Hill Sr. and his wife Nancy and were as follow. Nancy Hill - Born 20 Aug. 1804 - Place Brighton, Beaver Co., Penn. John Hill Jr.-Born 10 Sept 1810- Place Brighton, Beaver Co., Penn.

1810 - 20 March John Hill Jr. (Isaac's Father) died. And in April his mother Nancy Hill, moved to his Grandfather Warricks's to live. And the following 10 Sept. his brother, John Hill, Jr. was born.

1818 His mother was married to William Moon and moved to East Liverpool, Ohio to live.

1824 4 Feb He was bound as on aprentise to A. Hays to learn the black smithing trade and he continued on in this trade as long as he was able to work, for the rest of his life. He also followed the trade of a brickmaker.

1828 7 June He was married to Mary Bell-Date of her birth - 17 March 1806 Place-Crawford, Penn.

To this union of Isaac Hill and Mary Bell Hill the following daughters were born:

Nancy Hill - Born 4 April 1830 -Place-East Liverpool, Ohio

Lucinda Hill- Born 13 July - 1832 - Place-East Liverpool, Ohio

Mary Hill - Born 12 Dec. 1834, - Kirtland, Ohio

1822 2 Aug He joined the Methodist Church

1830 He and his family moved to Beardstown, Ohio

1833 10 Aug He joined the Mormon (LDS) church

Following is an account of Isaac Hill's conversion and baptism into the Mormon (LDS) Church.

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1833 Lorenzo Dow Young (father of Pres. Brigham Young) and his 2 sons, Phineas H. and Lorenzo D. Jr. (LDS Missionaries) and their wives and their families were enroute to Missouri with the intentions of joining the Saints there.

About 10 miles above Beardstown, Ohio, the Youngs, who were traveling by boat on the Ohio River, tied up their boats with the intentions of staying the night there, but circumstances compelled them to remain a few days longer.

However, as soon as it was possible for them to do so they continued on their way. But upon arriving at Beardstown, Persis (the wife of Lorenzo D. Sr.) who had been quite ill for some time grew so much worse it compelled them to remain at this town indefinitely.

The people of the town, upon hearing that the new arrivals were LDS (Mormon) Missionaries, came to hear them and expressed a desire to hear them preach. The next day, being Sunday, the Elders Young proposed to preach if a house could be furnished for the purpose.

Mr. Isaac Hill (since Bishop for several years of the 2nd Ward of what was formally SaltLake Stake but is now Liberty Stake) was then a resident of Beardstown, and through his kindly office the school house was opened for them. After the first meeting the people expressed a desire to hear more preaching, and in a few days five persons were baptised among whom were Isaac Hill and Peter Shirts, both since well known to many of the early pioneers of Utah. Date of baptism was 10 Aug. 1833.

After embracing the gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Isaac became a very faithful, devoted and active member of that Church, sharing the trials, Hardships, and persecutions the Saints were forced to endure as they were driven from one place to another by their enemies and mobs, because of their refusal to give up their religious convictions.

- 23-July The cornerstone for the Kirtland Temple was laid.
In Oct. Isaac bought a part of a city plot in Kirtland, Ohio, and in April 1834, he built a log house there and he with his family moved into it, and he helped to work on the Kirtland Temple.
- 12 Dec His Daughter Mary was born
- 1834 28 Dec He in company with Evan Green, left for his first mission for the Church (his diary does not state where they went or how long they were gone)
- 1834 25 July The Book of Covenants was compiled, and
- 1835 5 Feb the 12 Apostles were chosen
- 1835 May to Sept. his wife Mary was very sick and the first of Sept she died and was buried in Kirtland, Ohio. The 8th of Sept. his Mother came to visit him and his family and while visiting them she was baptized into the Church by an Elder Clumstead
- 1835 Dec. to Jan 1836 he worked on temple
- 27 March Kirtland Temple was dedicated . Isaac attended the dedication.
- 1836 26 April He was married to Eliza Wright
- 26 June He and his wife and children left for Clay Co. Missouri . Terrible fighting and mobbing of the Saints by their enemies in Missouri at this time. He and his family were forced to move on. They went to Caldwell to get away from the mobbing and persecutions of their enemies. He built a log cabin on Log Creek to live in that winter. First house to be built in Far West.
- 1837 Feb . Wife confined. Child dies
- March He built a log house on Stear Creek 4 miles northeast of Far West and moved into it. First Mormon settlement in Far West.
- 1837 4 May Foundation for temple in Far West was dug. Isaac and three other men dug the foundation. However, a temple in Far West was never built by the Saints.
- 1838 6 April Conference held in Far West. Sidney Righon made a speech that inflamed the minds of their enemies and persecutions of the Saints increased from this date.

- 1838 Sept The number of Mormon families in the county grew daily as trains of covered wagons continued to arrive from the east. The growing strength of the Mormons again aroused the jealousies of their neighbors. Night riders began to harass the outlying farms. Fighting erupted. The State militia was called out to exterminate the "detested Mormons."
- Isaac was chosen as a special body guard to the Prophet Joseph Smith.
- 1838 Oct Great excitement in Missouri. Many of the homes of the Mormons were burned in Davis Co. Missouri. Women and girls were dragged from their homes and were raped and killed. Many children were also killed.
- Oct 29 Hansmill massacre. 17 men and 2 boys murdered in brutal manner.
- 1838 31 Oct Far West given up by the Mormons. They were forced to sign away their homes and real-estate at the point of a bayonet and were ordered to leave the state in six months.
- Nov. Isaac made 14 trips to Davis Co. Mo. for provisions for the poor. Most of these trips were made in the night to avoid being shot by the enemies.
- Last trip he made was in the night and he swam through a river that was icy cold and full of mush ice. After leaving the river he ran through a cemetery and hid in an open grave and escaped being caught by the Mob who were after him. However, the weather was bitter cold and a severe spell of rheumatic fever followed as a result of his exposure to the cold in his wet clothing/
- 1839 Feb He sold his farm on Stear Creek for a horse and in March he left for Illinois with wagon and one horse of his own. He borrowed a horse from his brother John, and with his wife and 4 children he was forced to leave his home or be shot. He was also forced to leave the rest of this property behind. In April he and his family arrived at Quincy Ill. and from there they went to Nauvoo.

- 1839 30 July His son William was born
10 Sept He and his wife Eliza both were very sick with ague.
- 1840 12 March James Miller died
1 April Isaac helped to break ground for Nauvoo Temple
6 April Cornerstone for Nauvoo Temple laid. He worked on temple
this month. Nauvoo Legion organized. He joined the Legion
Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon re-baptized.
- 1842 9 March Isaac was ordained Priest. He received a Patriarchal Blessing
given under the hands of Hyrum Smith
The Mormon colony of 1500 people built substantial homes in
what they called "Nauvoo the Beautiful." and erected a temple
there. After a few years of comparative peace, however, they were
forced to leave. Their homes were destroyed and their temple
burned.
- 1842 They then fled to what they called "Winter Quarters." but
later known as Council Bluff.
- 1844 12 May Opposition printing press started by enemies. Press destroyed
by the mormons .
27 June Great excitement in Nauvoo. Mobs began to collect in several
places. Joseph and Hyrum Smith murdered in cold blood. Isaac
was there with others of the saints at the Carthage jail
trying to fight off the mob. He succeeded in rescuing John
Smith (Uncle to the murdered men) and took him home with
him.
- 1844 28 June The inhabitants forced to flee for their lives. The dead
bodies of Joseph and Hyrum brought to Nauvoo. Great Mourning
among the saints. Many members apostatized.
- 1844 8 Aug At a special meeting held in Nauvoo at 2 P.M. Brigham Young's
calling attested to by Heavenly Manifestation. Isaac Attended
this meeting and witnessed the mantle of Joseph as it rested
upon Brigham Young. Brigham's voice also sounded like that of
Joseph's. A wonderful testimony to all those present at this
meeting that he (Brigham Young) was the man chosen by the Lord
to be their leader.

- 1844 7 Oct Leadership of the Quorum of the 12 Apostles sustained at General Conference. Brigham Young sustained as President of the Church. Sidney Rigden turned out of the church.
- 1844 24 Mar Isaac's son Isaac was born and 20 Aug 1844 he died.
- 8 Dec Isaac was ordained High Priest by Isaac Higbee, 9 Dec he was ordained Counselor to Bishop Lewis
- 1846 1 Jan He received his Endowments
- 10 Aug He started across the plains with family with Capt Hooper Co. Had many mishaps and hardships along the way.
- 14 Dec His son Larmony was born
- 1847 2 May Son Larmony died. Was buried on the plains
- 1850 30 May Isaac and family started for Salt Lake Valley
- 15 June Cholera broke out in camp. Isaacs wife Eliza died with it.
- 1850 4 Sept Isaac and family first enter Salt Lake Valley- Was with Capt Hooper Co.
- 1850 12 Oct His daughter Elizabeth married to John Kite.
- 1850 20 Sept Brigham Young appointed governor of Utah.
- 1857 March Isaac built house in 2nd Ward and moved into it, 10 April He was ordained 2nd Counselor to Bishop Joseph C. Kingsbury (the first bishop of the 2nd Ward of what was then Salt Lake Stake. But is now Liberty Stake) Isaac served first as 2nd counselor, but later as 1st counselor. In all he served 3 years.
- Aug 20 His daughter Elizabeth died in childbirth. The baby (a girl) lived, was named Emily.
- 1851 28 Oct Isaac was married to Martha Ann Miller (daughter of James Miller)
- Nov He bought 15 acres of land in "Big Field".
- 1852 Feb His daughter Lusinda was married to John Kite.
- 28 Oct Isaac was married to Mary Jane Miller (Blizzard) sister of Martha Ann.
- 1853 22 Sep His daughter Elizabeth was born (daughter to Mary Jane)
- 1854 16 Jan His daughter Caroline was born (daughter to Martha)
- 1854 28 Dec Isaac was ordained Bishop of 2nd Ward and served as such for 10 years.
- 1855 25 June His son Jacob Brigham was born (son of Mary Jane)
- 1856 10 Sept His son Jacob Brigham died
- 29 Nov His son John was born (son of Martha)

- 1857 12 April Isaac received a call from Pres Brigham Young to go on a mission for the LDS Church to Canada.
 - 21 April He took his two wives, Martha Ann and Mary Jane, to the Endowment House in Salt Lake City and was sealed the both of them over the alter in good faith.
 - 1857 23 April Left with hand-cart and in company with 73 other missionaries for the states. Met up with many mishaps and hardships while on this mission.
 - 1858 12 June Returned from Mission
 - 6 Aug His wife Martha left home and went to live with her mother, taking her children with her.
 - 7 Sept He gave his wife Martha a divorce
 - 1857 6 Aug His son Isaac was born
 - 1860 3 Jan His daughter Eliza Homer born
 - 1862 11 Jan His son Samuel Robert born
 - 1864 Jan 21 His daughter Margret Ella born
 - 1864 1 March Settles tithing with ward
- Note:
(This was the last entry he made in his diary)

I Sept 1864 Isaac Hill and family, in answer to a call from Pres. Brigham Young, left Salt Lake City for the Bear Lake Region of Idaho to help in the colonizing of that section of the territory.

He died 25 June, 1879 at Fish Haven, Idaho, and was taken to St. Charles Idaho for burial.

Note:

Record of the marriage, Endowment and sealing of Isaac Hill to Amelia Arkartha Rassussen is to be found in geneological library Salt Lake City, Utah
Date of Endowment and sealing 13 Dec. 1862, Date of birth of son Charles 17 Sept. 1863 - Place- Salt Lake City, Utah

Isaac Hill was also sealed to Margret Faulknew, daughter of Alexander Faulknew and his wife Jane. Date of Margarets Birth -25 Dec 1809. Place of birth-Flawlob, Irel
Baptised 5 Dec. 1809 Endowed and sealed to Isaac Hill 5 Dec. 1863 Index-Bureau Geneological Library SLC, Utah

and Margret Faulkner, or of any children having been born to this union

Like most early Utah Pioneers, Isaac's family had to share the trials and hardships incident to that time, with the other families of the community.

As he was Bishop's counselor for 3 years, and then Bishop for 10 years, he had to spend a great deal of his time with the affairs of the ward and also with the time he spent while on his mission to Canada. However, he worked very hard in what spare time he did have, both at blacksmithing and brick making, in order to earn money with which to help support his family.

Isaac had a very strong faith in the healing influence of the Holy Ghost, and the power of the Priesthood manifested by the "laying on of hands," and administration by those having the authority to do so. and because of this strong faith, he was often called into the homes of the saints in company with other Elders to administer to the sick and afflicted. It seemed as if he had the "gift of Healing."

A faith promoting testimony of the healing power of the Priesthood and the influence of the Holy Ghost is related in the following incident:

While Isaac and his family were living in Salt Lake City and he, still serving as Bishop of the 2nd Ward an "evil spirit" manifested itself within the community and went from house to house taking possession of one of the members of each particular household.

Isaac and Bro John Chase, another Elder of the Ward with a very strong faith in the power of the Priesthood and the Holy Ghost and of administration by those holding the authority were called into administer to the ones thus possessed by this "evil Spirit."

And for three days and nights these Elders followed that "evil spirit" from house to house without having to be told where to go next only as they were directed by the inspiration of the Lord as they fasted and prayed all the while, stopping only long enough to kneel down in prayer asking God to direct them where to go next.

Finally the last place they had to go the person (a man) thus possessed by the "evil spirit" became so violent he threatened to kill Isaac and Elder Chase. But through the help of the Lord, they managed to get the chance to administer to the man, and they rebuked the "evil spirit" and demanded in the "name of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Priesthood which they held" to leave the man immediately

and to leave the man immediately and to get out of town and stay out. The man calmed right down and wept bitterly and begged Isaac and Elder Chase to forgive him for what he had said and done. But they told him not to feel so badly over the affair as he himself was not to blame for what had happened, but it was the "evil spirit" that had influenced him to say and act as he had done.

This was the last place they had to go, as it was the first time they had been inspired to rebuke the "evil spirit" and demand by the power of the priesthood which they held, for it to leave the man and to get out of town and to stay out. And it was a wonderful testimony to all those who heard of the incident as to what can be accomplished through faith and prayer and the power of the Priesthood and the Holy Ghost.

In Sept 1864, Isaac and his wife Mary ^Jane received a call from Pres. Brigham Young to go and help colonize the Bear ^Lake Region of Idaho. So together with their children and other members of the family they left Salt Lake City for this new section of the country.

They went to St. Charles, Idaho when they first arrived there. The trials and hardships they had to endure while living in Salt Lake City were nothing in comparison to what they met up with in this new territory.

Note:

An account of their lives pursuits and activities after moving to Idaho is given in (The Life History (of his wife) Mary Jane Miller Hill)

Isaac had been afflicted with rheumatism and arthritis for many years, brought on by hard work and extreme exposure to cold weather, and he finally became so lame he had to walk with the use of a cane.

However he used to walk a mile to Georgetown to bear his testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel of Latter Day Saints.

He died 25 June 1879 at Fish ^Haven, Idaho and was taken to St. Charles, Idaho for burial.

Signed - Stella J. McElprang