WILLIAM WALKER JEFFS

WILLIAM WALKER JEFFS, son of Richard Jeffs and Martha Walker, was born September 2, 1824, in Eydon, Northamptonshire, England. In 1853 William Walker Jeffs was married to Emma Summers, a sweet young girl of 27 years. She was a frail small featured delicate woman and was a ribbon weaver in England. She was the daughter of Richard and Ann Summers, also of England.

William was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter_day Saints for 15 years. He was a Seventy President in Staffordshire Branch in England and a missionary for 8 years. William and Emma were the proud parents of five children. Their first, William, died in infancy. Arthur James, born May 17, 1855, at Liverpool married Lucinda Seeley December 12,1876, at Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete County, Utah. He was baptized in 1868, endowed October 30, 1879,and sealed October 30, 1879. He died February 6, 1919, at Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah. Lucinda died January 5, 1925, also in Castle
Dale. Ephraim Erastus, born October 18,1857, at Liverpool, married Martha Jane Zabriski July 7, 1884, at Mt. Pleasant, Utah. He died September 23, 1910, at Mt. Pleasant. She died October 5, 1947, in Provo, Utah. Emma Elizabeth, born April 12,1859, at Foldshill, New Coventry, England, married Louis Avery Bunce, January 20, 1879. He died in 1862. She then married Martin Rasmussen June 17, 1890. He died March 11, 1924, in Mt. Pleasant. She died May 11, 1938, at the same place.
Lorenzo Uintia, born September 14, 1862, outside of Laramie, Wyoming, married Harriett Ann Truscott. He died March 7, 1921, at Idaho; and she died in Idaho also.

In the year of April 22, 1862, William and family, his brother Mark Walker and their father Richard and Martha, his wife, set sail from Liverpool to come to America on the ship "John J. Boyd". There were 700 Mormon emigrants on this ship, most of them receiving help to come to Utah through the Perpetual Emigration Fund. They had a fairly good trip across the Atlantic; although Emma Jeffs became dizzy and fell from the top deck of the ship to the bottom. This left a bad 'bump on the head which later turned yellow in color and turned soft.

They arrived in New York June 4, 1862. They crossed the plains in Captain John R. Murdock's company. The company consisted of 65 ox team wagons and 700 emigrating Saints. They left Florence, Nebraska, July 24, 1862. Of this company 384 were Scandinavians and the balance English and Americans. They had many hardships and trials along the way with most of them walking most or the way. William Walker Jeffs died September 17, 1862, from the black cholera on this journey. He left his wife with their four children to raise. The wagon train arrived safely in Salt Lake City, Utah, September 27, 1862.