TAYLORS

George and Mary Smith Taylor

The Taylor family dates back in English history. They were sturdy folk of old English stock. This bit of history dates back to the eighteenth centry.

George Taylor son of George and Mary Brown Taylor was born Sept. 30, 1810 in Arnold, Nottinghamshire England.

Mary Smith, daughter of William Smith and Anna Lee. Was born May 4, 1815 in Arnold, Nottinghamshire, England.

George and Mary Smith were married Sept. 5, 1836. There is very little known of Mary Smith or her mother. Mary was left an orphan early in life and lived with her married sister until she got married. She had to work for a living and it was while she was at work that she met her husband.

From this marriage were born six children; Kesiah, Thomas, Ann, Sarah, George, and Hannah.

George and Mary were not members of any church, and early in life they took a decided stand in regard to the doctrines being taught by the churches of that time. When the Gospel message of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints came to them about 1847, Mary accepted the gospel and was baptized into the church. A few months later George accepted the gospel and was baptized a member of the church on the 3rd day of June, 1847, at Nottingham, England.

After joining the church, the family began to prepare to go to Zion. They lived in a small town of Arnold during their early days in the church, and this was the birthplace of their children.

George was a Taylor by trade and while in Arnold, the family worked at the stocking trade.

About five years after joining the church, work began to fail. Many large factories had been built and machinery could do the work much more rapidly, and as a result the family became very poor.

At this time the English Government had placed such a heavy tax on it people that the poor people were unable to pay it. In those days, instead of selling the property for the tax, the people who were unable to pay their taxes were sent to prison. It made the family feel very badly for their father to be in this position. His wife and children begged him not to go and they would all work to pay the tax, but he told them not to worry for he felt that in doing so, the way would be opened for them to go to Utah.

His words were fulfilled, for on being freed he immediately obtained work in one of the large factories for himself and his family. They prospered quite well and he moved his family from Arnold to the city of Nottingham.

In the spring of 1858 the William Orton family, consisting of William, and Hannah Taylor(George Taylor's sister) And their children set sail for America. George was able to send his son Thomas Taylor, seventeen years, along with them. They arrived in New York May 29, 1858.

Thomas Taylor was in New York for about a year and a half; during this time, he and his father had saved enough money for his father to join him. George and his son Thomas worked another year and a half, during which time they saved enough money to bring the other members of the famiy to America.

The family arrived in New York early in the spring of 1861. They lived and worked in New York City for another yearto save money to bring the oldest daughter, Kezia, and her husband to America. They were also able to send for Ann Chadburn, the sweetheart of Thomas Taylor.

This last groupe arrived in New York in the winter of 1862, about the time of the Christmas holidays. Thomas and Ann Chadburn were married on New Years Day.

The family remained in New York for about eight monts longer. They all worked and together they saved enough money to bring them to Utah. They left New York in the fall of 1863 and traveled by rail to Fort Laramie, Wyoming. From this point they traveled by ox team to Salt Lake City.

Kezia and Sarah were hired as cooks by the Godby Mule Train and traveled with them. The other members of the family traveled in the Nebeker train. M. Thomas, George Jr. Kezia, and her husband, and Sarah reached Salt Lake city about a week before the George Taylor Sr. and his wife and children. It was the month of October of 1863.

George Taylor Sr. and the greater part of the family left immediately for American Fork, Utah, where they resided for a year. In 1864 George and Mary and their children, Sarah, Ann, George Jr. and Hannah, moved to the town of Summit, Iron County Utah. They lived in Summit for about eight months.

In 1865 the family mived to Parowan, settling on the corner which was later owned by their son Thomas. The log house which George and Mary lived in stood on on the corner for a long time and was used for a granary for many years. Thomas and family moved to Parowan in about 1870.

George and Mary lived the rest of their years in Parowan. Since he had no trade suitable for this country he did various odd jobs and was able to pay for his home and by a small farm in what is now known as the Parowan North Fields. George and Mary were very religious, and sturdy, hard working people. There was a small balance they owed on the emmigreation fund. so to meet this debt George Jr. was given the job og going back across the plains to help others emmigrate to Utah.

The Mother of this family Mary Smith Taylor passed away March 7th, 1871 at the age of fifty six. It was after this that a tumor appeared on his face. His family had married and he was left alone. He kept busy by herding the cows for the town people in the meadows by the crick.

Since George Sr. was now alone and lonesome he ask his daughter Ann, who had married Samuel Rowley, if he could have a home with her, it please her and was happy to care for him. He lived with them several years, He died in their home February 1st, 1876 at the age of sixty five years.

They are both layed away in the Parowan City Cemetary.

Their Children;

Kezia born Nov. 27, 1837 Married Archie Laycock lived in American Fork, Utah

Thomas born June 10, 1840 Married Ann Chadburn lived in Parowan Utah

Sarah born Oct.22, 1843 Married Alexander Orton lived in Parowan Utah

Ann born April 24, 1846 Married Samuel Rowley lived in Huntington Utah

George Jr. May 13,1850 Married Maria Coombs lived in Parowan Ut.

Hannah born March 1st, 1853 Married Niels Mickelson Parowan, Ut.