

History of my Grandparents Starb.

In the great struggle of life there is little room for sentiment; but wherein is man above the "beasts that perish," he has no sacred family instincts; no veneration or regard for kindred or ancestors; no pride at the recital of their noble deeds; no love for ancestral home & blood; ~~those ties that connect him with the generations whose~~ ~~time he bears & whose blood courses in his veins~~ - ~~our hearts glow with~~ of the past; no holy memories; no veneration for the father's whose name he bears & whose blood courses in his veins. Our hearts glow with pride & honest pride to know we belong to one of the oldest New England families & one that shows a good & honorable record for over ten generations. Edward W^m Starb, my grandfather is the son & second child of Jared Starb, a gun-maker & a soldier of the war of 1812, who was born in Groton Conn. 13 Jan. 1791 & married on 21 Nov. 1814 to Elizabeth Burdick, b. 10 Sept 1795 - New Port, Rhode Island. They moved to Westfield, Mass. about 1815. Later in 1817, moved to Union Co. Ohio. He was a member of the Christian Church but living in the vicinity of the Mormons & on seeing the true gospel joined them & was baptized Mar 1822. He held the office of High Priest & went thru the trials & suffering of the Mormons in Ohio & Ill. To

This couple were blessed with nine children - 1 - Almira S. b. 8 Sept 1815 Groton Conn. d. 13 May 1841 - 2 - Edward W^m S. b. 27 Feb. 1817 Westfield, Hampden Co. Mass. d. 9 Nov. 1889 St. George, Utah. 3 - Lora Ann S. b. 15 Nov. 1818, Burningham Ohio d. 22 Nov. 1876. 4 - Amanda S. b. 30 Sept 1821 Florence, Huron Co Ohio. d. 11 Sept 1853 - 5 - Courtland S. b. 9 Mar 1823 Burningham Co Ohio. d. 5 June 1851. 6 - Jane Augusta S. b. 6 Nov. 1824 Burningham

o. Mrs. d. - 9 Mar 1855. 7 - Alberts. b. 15 Dec 1830 Kirtland Ohio
19 Jan 1901. 8 - Maryette S. b. 18 Apr. 1832 Kirtland Ohio, d. 17 June
51. 9 - Amelia S. b. 10 Oct. 1834. Buringham Co. Ohio - d. 3 Dec. 1913.
of all the family wanted to come to Utah with the pioneers
herefor the mother ~~remained~~ ^{remained} with part of her children +
aid about 1840 in the East. The father Jared Star came to
Utah with the pioneers, where he died 31 July 1856 + is
buried in Salt Lake City Cemetery.

The first part of this history data I took from record of the
Star Family Book of New England from ancestor Dr. Comfort Star
Ashford Co. of Kent, England, who emigrated to Boston, Mass
in 1635 containing names of 6766 of his descendants + the Record
History of 1774 Families by Burgis Pratt Star. There were 500
pages printed. The Utah Genealogical + Historical Society has one
in their library, also one in the Conn. Historical Society
+ Hartford. All the names in the Star Family Book have been
photographed + allowed for in the Temple except just a few that
I have no record of their death + waiting until 100 yrs. from
with to do their work.

On the 14 of Oct 1841, my grandfather Edward W^{sr} Star married
Amanda Ann Duell Kellogg, daughter of Benjamin Duell,
who was drowned in river + Naomi Harris + adopted
daughter of Ezekiel Kellogg + Naomi Harris ^{Naomi was} b. 5 May
1800 in Palmyra New York + married Ezekiel Kellogg Oct 1826
to this union were born three children. Sophia R 28
July 1827 - 2 - Emer Kellogg b. 25 Aug 1831. 3 - Rhoda Elizabeth
8 Apr. 1837 besides my grandmother who was born 6
May 1824 at Palmyra New York.

Naomi H. was a sister of Marlin Harris, one of the three
special witnesses of the divinity of the Book of Mormon
had the privilege of being shown the gold plates by
angel Moroni, also privilege of supplying the money \$3000
to pay for the printing of first 5000 copies of Book of Mormon
one day while my grandmother Amanda was helping

her mother Naomi cook dinner for the prophet Joseph Smith
and brother Marlin Harris & their companions, who was
holding a meeting in Naomi's home was told to slice the
meat & put it on the table, as was nearing time to close
meeting, in doing so the knife slipped & cut an artery
in her wrist, the blood spouting high, first aid treat-
ment was given but could not stop flow of blood.

The Prophet Jos. Smith was called, he took her hand & ask
ed if she had faith it could be healed, she answered at once
yes I do. Then he administered to her & commanded the
blood to stop flowing & her arm to heal, which it did.

Edward Wm. Starr was a very faithful & devout man,
who answered all calls, made of him by his leaders.
They also suffered persecutions from the infuriated mobs
who drove them from Nauvoo. He attended the school

of the prophets. He recd. his endowments in the Nauvoo
Temple 6 Feb. 1846. He attended the meeting when Brigham
Young stood up & talked to the people & the mantle of Prophet
fell on him. I have no authentic information as to what
company they came in across the plains, neither of the
ardships they must have endured but to my grandparents

Ed. Wm. Starr & Amanda Ann Starr were born ten children
the names of the birth places & dates of their children give
the unwritten history of their travels across the plains
Sarah Jane S. b. Oct 18 Jan 1844 d. 18 Oct 1905 Quincy, Adams Co. Ill
13 Oct. 1905 Springville Utah.

Angelina S. b. 18 May 1843 Nauvoo, Hancock Co. Ill. died an infant
buried in Nauvoo. 3- Zebina S. b. 2 May 1846 Nauvoo, Hancock
Co. Ill. d. 16 Mar. 1926 in Springville Ill. 4- Orion Edward S. b. 16 Aug
1847 Council Bluffs Iowa. d. 16 Dec. 1883. in _____ where?

Eunice Ann S. b. 18 July 1850 Winter Quarters, Ash Hollow, Nebraska
15 Sept 1905 Revere Utah.

Benjamin Franklin S. b. 18 Jan 1853 d. 20 May 1864 Springville

Utah. 7 - Amanda Elizabeth S. b. 12 Feb. 1856 Springville Utah.
- 4 Nov. 1919 Springville Utah. (8) Rosa Ann Amelia S. b. my mother
- 5 Jan. 1858 Springville Utah, d. 19 June 1924 Rogan, Utah.
- William Albert S. b. 26 July 1862 St. George Utah d. 6 Aug 1862
an infant at St. George, Utah. 10 - Charles Willis S. b. 25 May 1864
St. George, Utah d. 19 Nov. 1865 St. George Utah.

When the Saints were driven from their homes in Nauvoo
they settled on the Indian reservation & called it
Winter Quarters. When it was decided a settlement on
the Missouri would have to be retained for several years
it was decided to move from Winter Quarters to the
east side of river. This was in fall of 1847. In Jan
1848 a petition, numerously signed was sent to
Iowa legislature, asking for an organization of
County. A postoffice was established with Edwin
H. Gentry as postmaster & subsequently a County
was formed, called Pottawattamie. On the 20 of Jan
1848 my grandfather Ed. Wm. Starr petitioned the govern-
ment at Council Bluffs, Iowa, for a postoffice on
the Pottawattamie lands. Of their journey west we
know only that they were among the early pioneers & had
the trials & pleasures of a moving band of exiles for their
religious ideals. The Desert News of Dec 27 1851, gives
his name Ed. Wm. Starr as a member of 27th Luvern
of Seventies & his residence as Utah Co. Utah. Judging
by this authentic date alone would place him, among
only arrivals in the Salt Lake valley. We have seen
the lovely tract of land owned by Edward Wm. Starr & wife
in Nauvoo along the banks of the beautiful Mississippi
River. In 1908 only land was to be seen, the house had
been destroyed or moved away long before. Upon enter-
ing Utah, Grandfather moved on to Provo & settled along
the river now called Provo River. They lived in the old
fort for protection from the Indians. Later because

It was that there was not water enough to supply all the families located there a few families were invited to move south to Springville, & a fort was built. All the families ^{lived} in the fort for awhile, then the land was divided & homes were begun - Grandfather had a plot on Main Street of to-day, plot still owned by the family.

Though when the family was called to go south they build up St George, ^{of the day} this lot was sold, later purchased by their daughter Zebina & her husband.

Concerning the move south, it was during a conference in the old tabernacle 1861 that President Brigham Young

read out the list of names of persons - who were to move south ^{to Colonize} & build the city later named St George.

Grandfather's name was among the ones chosen. Land was sold & preparations made to go south, which was

very hard & trying to himself & family as was quite comfortable at Springville but always being obedient to authority

& removed with his family to what was the outskirts of civilization for in those days St George was a week's

travel from Salt Lake City. They endured many, many hardships.

One was the hot dry winds & red dust as you see around there is red. I have heard my mother tell

that there, first it was a tent & the heat terrific in summer, children were born & died & the suffering from

heat & thirst were dreadful. In the summer all the drinking water was in the irrigation ditches & it was

so red, from the red soil, it had passed over, each ^{day} they would fill barrels with this water & let stand for the

red dust to settle, then pour the water off before it was fit to drink. Quite a difference to the clear cold mountains

of Salt Lake City. The summers were very hot & the dust storms would come whirling in & cover everything with red dust. They would have to clean up after each

down & they had many of them. They not only had difficulty with the wind & soil but the Indians were very troublesome. Here again Grandfather obeyed council of resident Brigham Young to feed rather than fight Indians. One day some Indians came to grandfather's home with a little Indian girl, they had stolen from another tribe. They were cruel to her & grandfather's tender heart was touched & he got her or at least traded rings for her. She was a great trial to my dainty grandmother, as she would catch mice in the barn & hold a fire behind barn & roast them, then stand before grandmother pull them to pieces & eat them. We thought it amusing to see her turn ^{she contracted} sick. When this little Indian girl was 12 yrs. old took diphtheria & died. I have heard my mother tell how frightened they used to be when they would see Indians coming to their home & not knowing what to expect as a rule they wanted something to eat. Mirrors were a particular curiosity would look at themselves, then behind mirror to see if another Indian behind etc etc. Mother has told of gathering & picking cotton, spinning & weaving it into cloth & of gathering barks & herbs to make dye to color cloth, to make the clothes they wore. Grandfather planted peach orchards & vineyards in a few years St George became well known for famous Dixie peaches & also their grapes. I have heard my mother tell how they used to get up at 4 o'clock A.M. & bring in load of peaches. Before sunrise it became too hot to work the heat of the day would set in & shade, cut peaches in half & lay them in the sun to dry. In the fall of year make trip to Salt Lake City to exchange fruit for goods. Several days were needed for the trip. Roads miserable, spoke of fear at Black Ridge & of other troubles making the trip. Several came at