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Biographical Sketch

of

William Julian

and

Jane Spencer Julian

By Nellie Julian, great granddaughter

Pioneer Year about 1858

Sailed on the Javenta

He was born 3 Aug 1795 in Shellford, Nottinghamshire, England

She was born 1 Jun 1798 in Bingham, Nottinghamshire, England

She died 18 Apr 1873

He died 10 May 1888

William Julian, son of James and Elizabeth Bouncer Julian, was born August 3, 1795 in Shellford, Nottinghamshire, England. When a boy he was apprentice to a tailor for seven years. He learned the trade well and followed that occupation. He was united in marriage to Jane Spencer, daughter of Richard Spencer and Elizabeth Harrison. She was born June 1, 1798 in Bingham, Nottinghamshire, England. To this happy union six children were born: James, Samuel, William, Edwin, Emma, and Ellen.

When the gospel of Jesus Christ was brought to their native land by humble missionaries their hearts were open to the truth for they soon applied for baptism and their whole family were initiated into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints December 16, 1853. They soon had a great desire to gather with the saints of God where they could serve Him more fully. Just fifteen months after their baptism, with their entire family, they left England for the gospel sake to come to the land of Zion. They set sail on the ship "Javenta." There were 375 on board the ship. They were near four months on the way. There were no deaths on the way, but three marriages and one birth. They had a rough voyage and one of these days while the tempest raged this one child was born and was named Javenta Tempest.

On arriving at St. Louis they found Elder Thomas Barratt and family, who had left England enroute to Utah a short time before detained on account of the sickness of his wife, who was a dear friend of their youngest daughter, Ellen. His wife passed away at St. Louis and before leaving there Ellen became the wife of Elder Thomas Barratt and became the foster mother of a boy, a child of a former marriage of his first wife. Their daughter, Ellen, left St. Louis with her husband but the rest of the Julian family decided to make their home, for a short time at least, in Grasslake, Michigan. After being there a season they were happy to resume their journey to Utah. They came direct to American Fork and made it their permanent home.

A few years after arriving here they received their endowments in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City January 26, 1861. They first lived in a small house north of the Stephen Mott home and later bought the lot now owned by sister James H. Barratt. They made

their living with their garden, cows, and chickens. William took great interest in gardening. At that time there were no horses, neither had he a plow, but spaded every inch of the ground and raised a wonderful garden. He was a tailor by trade before coming to Utah and did very find work and did what he could also in this line but in this early day few had means to pay for the making of clothing.

He loved music and took a great deal of pleasure in playing an instrument he owned called a Bozone but when he became ill and could not enjoy it longer he sold it to a man in Ogden. Jane, his wife, was a helpmate in every deed. In all the experiences of pioneer life, she took her part well. She loved her home and family and no sacrifice was too great for their comfort and happiness. By her unassuming loving disposition she made many friends and was beloved by all who knew her.

After she became unable to care for herself and husband, their granddaughters Ellen Barratt Gardener and Mary Barratt, in turn, took care of her with the greatest love and devotion, until father seen fit to release her April 18, 1873. After her death they took care of her husband in the same way until they took him to the home of his daughter, Ellen Julian Barratt, where they built a log room which still stands on the Barratt lot.

William lived to the ripe age of 93, fifteen years after the death of his beloved wife; he was called home May 10, 1888. A faithful Latter Day Saint to meet the reward of a well spent life.

By proxy, William and Jane were sealed to their parents in the Temple of God May 26, 1932. We love the memories of those who made it possible for us to have our beautiful homes in the valleys of the mountains, and who left for us examples of thrift, love, and devotion worthy of our utmost thought and emulation. Blessed be their memories and may our Father grant his spirit to all their numerous descendants that they may, when their time comes, be worthy to meet and dwell with them through out the countless ages of Eternity.

Wish I could give the number of the descendants. Their daughter Ellen alone had fifteen children, twelve of her own and

three adopted, 43 grand children, 152 great grand children, and 13 great-great grand children.

To these, so many could it be  
Their fondest wish be spoken  
'Twould be Live so that we can see  
Our family chain unbroken.