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Biographical Sketch

of

Joseph and Elizabeth Hobson Robinson

by Lot Robinson, his nephew

Pioneer Year 1852

He was born 25 Sep 1827 at Middleton, England

She was born 28 Mar 1830 in Cansborough, Yorkshire, England

Married 3 Feb 1850

She died 16 Dec 1907 in Shelley, Idaho

He died 25 Feb 1917 in American Fork, Utah

Joseph Robinson, son of George Robinson and Sarah Holt, was born September 25, 1827 at Middleton, England. Brigham Young and a number of other Elders of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints visited the Robinson home. They investigated the message they brought to them, and joyfully accepted the Gospel being baptized September 30, 1840 in England.

His father was ordained a priest. They soon received the spirit of gathering. Their heart's desire was soon granted for in the year 1846 the way was opened up for them and they set sail for America. It is said that there were 300 Irish on board the ship and during the voyage the sea was very rough and they thought their doom had come. The saints full of faith sang praises to the Lord, which made the Irish mad, and they went to the Captain with their complaints but he asked them if they had said their prayers. The captain seemed to feel safe in-as-much as there were Mormons on the vessel.

It is also reported that the same vessel sank on its return trip to Liverpool, England. They were five weeks and three days on the ocean when they landed at New Orleans. They then went by boat up the Mississippi River, which took ten days landing at St. Louis where they made their home until 1850. While in St. Louis he was set apart as President of the Teacher's Quorum.

Here Joseph married Elizabeth Hobson. They were married February 3, 1850. She was the daughter of William and Cardelia Hobson and was born March 28, 1830 in Cansborough, Yorkshire, England.

During the spring they moved to what is now known as Council Bluff, Iowa. While at this place a son was born to them, whom they christened Joseph Hyrum, but he lived only four months and nine days. They crossed the Missouri River and made their home at Winter Quarters, living in dugouts or log huts. They farmed here trying to make a livelihood and making preparations to move to the west. They landed in Salt Lake Valley in September, 1852.

Their journey was a long, tedious one, traveling by ox team. The Indians, buffalo stampedes, storms, rough roads, and high water

made their trip anything but pleasant but through it all their faith never faltered.

After arriving in Salt Lake City Pres. Young directed the Robinson family to American Fork where George Robinson, the father of Joseph, made his future home. Joseph, with his wife, moved to Tooele Co., where two more children came to bless their home: Sarah Elizabeth, born October 3, 1852, and William H., born March 4, 1855. They later moved to Ogden, Weber Co., where another son was born: George H. June 19, 1857.

In 1858 they moved to American Fork where the balance of their children were born as follows: Samuel H. July 27, 1859; Tempest H. November 21, 1860; James H. February 7, 1863; Mary Ann, May 19, 1865; Joshua October 21, 1867; Eliza Eleanor December 19, 1869; John H. May 11, 1852; Martha H. April 28, 1873.

As a young man he was ordained a seventy and belonged to the 67th quorum which position he filled with honor. He took an active part in the building of American fork having followed the carpenter trade. He, with his brother William W. owned at one time a furniture store making much of their own furniture and shipping the balance from the east. He was considered one of the best wheelwrights in the territory which trade he followed until he moved to Idaho.

He was a member of the first brass band in American Fork playing a brass horn, a flute, and other instruments. It was through Joseph going to Salt Lake and asking Brigham Young that William Grant to be sent to American Fork to lead the band that Brother Grant came here. Joseph was a member of the first choir in American Fork. He worked on the Salt Lake Tabernacle as a carpenter. He was chosen as one to go to Salmon River in Idaho to help bring some saints who were troubled with the Indians under the leadership of Captain Smith. He helped build the railroad up American Fork Canyon as a bridge builder.

He was of a kind and congenial nature and was respected by all who knew him. Elizabeth, his wife, was a real helpmate to her husband, a kind and loving mother, and a good neighbor. After their

children had left home to make homes of their own, except one daughter, Joseph and his wife and this one child moved to Shelley, Idaho, settling on a farm.

On the 16th of December, 1907, his faithful wife passed away and in 1908 he returned with his daughter to American Fork where he lived until the time of his death, the 25th of February 1917 in his 90th year.