

FAMILY HISTORY

John Jones Davis was the son of Benjamin Jones Davis and Elizabeth Thomas. He was born Nov. 2, 1831 in Yetgach Llanlling Carmarthen Shire, South Wales. He Joined the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, was baptized September 10, 1846 By Thomas Jeremy in the Tinie River. He then worked for Thomas E. Jeremy for one year. In the year 1848 he started for Utah in Company with Captain Dan Jones and seven hundred and fifty other saints, leaving all his relatives and friends in Wales. They left his home traveling in carts to Swensey, traveled on the Trumbadore for Liverpool, where they stayed over two weeks. From there they boarded the Buanabesta on which they traveled for seven weeks and three days before they landed at New Orleans. They traveled up the Mississippi River and on reaching St. Lewis Missouri. Many of the saints were sick with XXXXX Colara Marlus. 62 of the people died from the disease within 48 hours. My father (John Jones Davis) was sick at the same time with the disease, but his life was saved by the power of the Lord. Many others were saved by His power also. They reached Council Bluffs where they stayed for six weeks. They started across the plains for Utah with Ox teams. The men had to take turns standing guard at night. They had trouble with the Indians on the Platte River. The snow was four Ft. Deep, and loss of cattle was great. They landed in Utah Oct. 1849. My father stayed in Salt Lake for a few days. He worked in the canyon for Bro. Jeremy for fifty cents a day. After working for two or three weeks Bro. Jeremy told him that he didn't have any more work for him to do. He could go somewhere else to hunt for work. My father	couldn't speak a word of English at that time. He left Salt Lake with a man by the name of John Jones, they reached Ogden Hot Springs North of Ogden. They had had nothing to eat all day and were without any bedding. They crawled in a little stack of hay which was about two miles from the hot springs. My father asked his partner if he would join him in prayer before going to sleep. His partner said, (who could pray on an empty stomach?) My father prayed, crawled in the hay stack and slept all night. In the morning my father asked his partner if he slept. And he said no. My father said, (that is because you IA did not pray before going to bed.) They continued on their way and found work at about two miles north of the Hot Springs helping dig ditches with some Welch Brethern. They worked there for about two weeks. My father then went back to Salt Lake where he found work with a man named Orsen Spencer helping with Masonary for a \$1.25 per day. He paid a dollar for board. He worked at this place for one week. Then he got a job with Joseph Holbrook hauling logs to the saw mill. He worked there for one year for \$130 and board. After the year was up he worked in bountiful Utah making ditches. He worked there a short time and then returned to Salt lake. He got work making dobies, this was the year 1850. He made his home with Joseph Holbrook and attended school in the winter learning the English Language. In the year 1854 he came north to Willard, Utah and bought a farm. He met a young girl who had emigrated from wales named Mary Jones. He married her in the Endowment House, Jan 28, 1854. Apostle Wilford Woodruff performed the ceremony. Ten children were born to
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their union, four boys and six girls. In the year 1857 he married Sarah James, A girl from Wales, [my mother?]. In the council house. They were married by Pres. Brigham Young. Ten Children were born to this union,, five boys and five girls. Father came to Malad Valley and settled on a homestead in Cherry Creek. The land was covered with sage brush and was 160 acres of farm land when cleared for farming and stock raising. He also engaged in merchandising for a number of years in Cherry Creek. In the year 1880 Cherry Creek was organized into a Ward. My father was made Bishop of the Ward. He held the position for twenty years. He died Oct. 28, 1900. My father was a musician. He played the Violin and sang for the public. He, with his sons and daughters, furnished music ~~XX~~ for the Malad Valey in the early days.

HISTORY OF THE MOTHER OF JOSEPH A JONES

Sarah James Davis Jones was born 19 of April 1840, in swansey Glenmarthen Shire Wales, a Daughter of David James and Cathring Bowen James. A Pioneer of 1846, she came to this country aboard the ship Eluertis, Captain Bunker Co. of Cap. Dan Jones. Her Father died when she was three years old. After arriving here she went to work for John Jones Davis in Willard, Utah. After some time she married him as his second wife. She was 17 years old. They were married in the Salt Lake Endowment house or Council House in 1857, by Pres. Brigham Young. They lived in willard for sometime and then moved to Malad Valley in 1878. They settled in Cherry Creek on a Farm to this union five boys and five Girls were born. My Mother died at the age of 81 at Malad City Sept. 4, 1921 and was buried in Cherry Creek Cemetery.

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