

A short Sketch of The Life History Of

Henry Clegg

Henry Clegg was born June 7, 1825 at Bamberbridge, Lancashire, England. He was the youngest of (8) children, born to his parents, Henry and Ellen Cardwell Clegg. Highly respected people of the working class. He was a manufacturer of wooden clogs and shoes. Henry acquired a good education, and learned the trade of his father in the shoe business.

Henry, was 12 years old, when he first heard the gospel brought to them by Heber C. Kimball and other missionaries, but he didn't join the Church until he was 23 years old and married Hannah Eastman. 17, of March, 1848. They had the desire to immigrate to Utah and saved and worked together for this purpose. They, with their two young sons, Isreal, age (6) and Henry James, age (3) leaving behind another son Thomas age (9) who had died from burns, two years before, started on their journey on the Steamship Juventa, on March 31, 1855. Six weeks later, they landed in Philadelphia, then went by train to Pittsburgh, then by steamboat to St. Louis, at Mormon Grove, near Atchison ~~xxxxxxx~~ Kansas, they joined the Richard Ballantyne Co, of 402 Saints and 45 ox teams and wagons, Preparations were made, to start their long journey where they could enjoy their new found freedom of religion. The strenuous trip proved too much for the frail little wife and she died 28th of May 1855 and was laid to rest in an unmarked grave in Mormon Grove, Atchison, Kansas.

Three days, traveling time after this, Henry's little three year old son, Henry James, died, He promised himself that he would bury the boy in the arms of his mother, With only the faith and plea of protection from the most high, and leaving his boy Isreal with a friend, He started the return trip, resting here and there, with arms and back aching, and the howling of the wolves nearby, he continued his path, slowly and surely, arriving at the graveside of his wife, he dug his way to her, placed little James body in her arms, covered the grave again and with a lonely and broken heart, hurried to catch up with the saints, Taking little Isreal's hand in his, he looked toward the future, After long weary months, they arrived in the valley, in the fall of 1855. foot sore and ill, they were greeted by other Saints who had arrived

at an earlier date. Among them was a dark haired 19 year old Welsh girl, Ann Lewis. Her Father was well to do, and had come in first class style, with the Darwin Richards Co. and had sponsored 25 families to get to Utah, Ann was a beautiful singer, and Henry was a fine musician, playing the delcimar, their talent threw them together and a warm friendship was formed resulting in marriage, Dec 3, 1855, On Aug, 14, 1857, they received their endowments and on this same day, He took as a ~~pp~~urial wife, Margaret Ann Griffiths, who was born in Liverpool, and was 16 when she came with her Father, Step mother, brother Thomas and herbert and sister Jane, Their trek was illfated with the Martin Hand cart, she buried both brothers, 12 and six years old, her father died the morning after reaching Salt Lake valley, and she herself and sister Jane were in very bad shape, after some rest they were hired out, Margaret went ~~into~~ the Henry Clegg home, and she later married him. Henry was involved with keeping back Johnstons army, also involved with the Black Kawk Indian war, He then, took his two wives to Springville, where they tried to make a new life, Here again, he made friends easily and took a big lead in community affairs, Being a good musician, and two wives that could sing beautifully, they were in demand to sing together, and would accompany Henry on his engagements on speaking tours, He lectured on Psycodynamic, relating on mind and dreams and their effects. He organized a 60 voice choir and directed it. In between times he would make shoes, one pair a year for each child. Incidentally, each wife had 11 children a piece.

Seeing the need to have his sons work, they moved to the upper provo river area known as Heber City. where they farmed. operated saw mills, and worked in the rock quarry. Henry became active again in the welfare of the town, He went in to the mercantile business, , He taught school, organized a band called the Band Of Hope, Played in the Martial band, He was Bishop for ten years. Stake clerk, Sunday School Superintendent for 15 years, served on the Wasatch High Council, He was an expert mathematician and helped many in the town in this field, He was Justice of the Peace for a number of terms. And was always an earnest and hard worker in the Church. Never missing meetings unless he was ill. He was the first president of the Wasatch Canaan, for many years..

On Thursday Morning Aug, the 30, 1894. the townspeople were shocked to hear of his death, of a heart attack while working in his store.

In those days, funerals were nearly always held on Sundays, But conditions were such that

that the service had to be held on Saturday, It was held in the Stake house, draped in mourning, with the same material that was used, when President Garfield was assassinated. The procession from the residence to the Stake House, was headed by the Home teachers, followed by the Fall bearers, 12 in number carrying the casket, Preceded by the Patriarch Hicken, followed by the Stake Presidency, John Murdock, President Hatch, and T.H. Giles. Then came the chief mourners, followed by friends and relatives in wagons and horse drawn buggies,

The service and of his many accomplishments and noble deeds,

A long line of vehicles loaded with mourners, followed the remains to the cemetery, It was the longest procession ever seen in the county, consisting of a 120 wagons, besides all that marched in front, was a sight to see,

With faith and courage, his two wives carried on, Much could be written of the sacrifices and hardships they had to bear in rearing their families,, They were both blessed with a sense of humor, and that helped,. After 19 years of widowhood, Ann passed a way, April 11. 1913. (77yearsold)

Maggie was 89, Died July 29. 1929. she was widowed for 35 years.

Henry and his courageous wives are buried side by side in the beautiful Heber valley. Margaret experienced many modes of travel, from the walking, horse drawn carriages, boats, and to the Airplane, Saying, she would ride in the plane if they would let her keep one foot on the ground.

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DEATH DATE AND PLACE Aug. 30, 1894, At Heber City, Utah  
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MOTHER Ellen Cardwell  
WHO MARRIED AND DATE Hannah Eastman, 1848, England, --- Ann Lewis, Dec 3, 1855.  
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