

Isaac Jones Elkington

Isaac was born December 24, 1834 in Fennemere, Oxford, England, a son of Squire Jones and Saran Ann Elkington. After the last child, Fredric was born, the parents separated and his mother married Benjamin Heritage, who was a good father to them, but because Sarah Ann Elkington thought it best, the children did not take the Heritage name. They legalized the Elkington name and carried it as the family name.

Isaac was married on his 21st birthday, December 24th 1855, to Sarah French, a Latter-Day Saint girl from West Bromwich, Stradfordshire.

Isaac worked in the iron works and there learned brick work and plastering. He loved to hunt. There were restriction on hunting in England, but having a good knowledge of iron, he made himself an air gun in a cane, or walking stick. He would shoot rabbits. He also some where along the way learned shorthand and was competent with his skill.

About ten months after his marriage to Sarah, Isaac joined the Church, being baptized on October 8, 1856.

They left England in about 1867 or 68 (in the Hist. of Tooele, V II p. 450 it says Sarah was about ten years of age when the family left England) and moved to America, living first in New York. They lived in New York for seven years and were active members of the Church. Isaac was counselor to the Branch President and also secretary of the for a period of time, where Isaac taught a shorthand class. After moving west, in about 1875, and settling in Tooele, he also taught a class in shorthand there. In Tooele Isaac helped to build the Co-op store on the North East corner of Main and Vine. He also helped with the construction of the South Ward Building and the Old City Hall. He worked in many business houses in Salt Lake. At the house in Tooele he raised all kinds of fruits, walnuts, almonds and peanuts.

The family, when they first moved to Tooele, lived in a little house owned by Francis X. Lougy located at (). Isaac later built a home located at 334 South and First West St. This house still stands, but has been added on to.

Isaac died August 21, 1924 in Tooele.