

History of John Adams – born 1830

Written by his son, John Adams Jr.

(transcribed from the original text attached at the end
without correction of spelling or punctuation. *Words in italics are handwritten notes*)

My father, John Adams was born July 23, 1830 at Hazcross, Shropshire, England. His father dying when he was very young. His mother doing the best she could til he was about nine years old, the he had to do for himself as best he could. He had a very loving mother, but no means to school or give a trade to, so he became a farmers servant. He loved and served his master well. He first heard the gospel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints preached in 52. He believed the doctrine and was baptized by Elder Richard Howells in the year 51 or 52. He was working for a man by the name of John Beddoes, a better man had never worked for, it was with him he saved money to bring him to this country. He left much against his masters will, and the will of his mother, brothers, and sisters.

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September 14, 1857 John Adams was married by Elder John Shields to Mary Howells, daughter of Job and Mary Howells. In June my mother with the other saints was ordered South on account of the U.S. Johnston Armies, after the scare and on their return, I was born, July 22, 1858. Father was not home, the Indians that day in Settlement Canyon was driving off and killing cattle – father with others went to resuce them, found several dead, others with arrows sticking in them.

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October 10, 1860, Mary Caroline born.

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December 22, 1873 Mother died also her babe just born, which was buried in her arms. *She was named Emily.* Mother had been very poorly over three months. Father kept at home and we were close run for years. I would take a load of Ore or mullion to Salt Lake City from Stockton. I was on a trip when I heard of Mothers death. John McKeller told me, mother was dead. It was near sun down, we was some 10 miles from Salt Lake City, roads had and sure cold. Alex Frazier was very nice and we traveled most all night before reaching home. Had it not been for Bro. Frazier I believe I would have frozen, I become so give out walking. I bought, before leaving Salt Lake, a dozen oranges and picture thinking to please mother, but some miscreant took them from the wagon where I had placed them. We sure missed Mother. Polly bless her, took mothers place and cared for us wonderfully well.

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1889: *John Adams day by day account of his trip to England*

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Margaret Speak wife of William Adams died May 20, 1873
age 67 years at Church Stratten, Shropshire England after
her husband William Adams she married a man by the name of
Davis. G *John Adams*

Grand Father was a High Priest in good standing when
he died. *May 6th 1899. at Tocoele City Utah*