

Sketch of the Life of Dennis George Winn

Paternal Grandfather to Alyce Winn Ockey

Born at Norwich, Norfolk, England 6 August 1832. He had two wives – Hannah Crossley and Alice Cunliffe and twelve children. He was baptized 18 September 1847 by John Winn, confirmed the same day by John Winn, and ordained a priest in 1848 by Elder Crook. He emigrated to Utah in 1853.

Dennis George Winn left Liverpool on 15 February 1853 aboard the ship Elvira Owen. There were 345 saints with Joseph W. Young as their leader. They arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana on 31 March 1853. The company he was in arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in October 1853. He had walked across the plains driving a milk cow.

He was a miller by trade, and lived at Bountiful, Payson, and Nephi. In 1887 he was called to settle the Bear Lake Valley. He lived there the remainder of his life, running a mill for Heber C. Kimball.



On Tuesday, 26 February, 1856 John Catlin and another man were killed and Dennis George was seriously wounded by Indians near Kimball Creek, southwest of Utah Lake. In that same year he was one of the number who volunteered to go to meet the Edward Martin Handcart Company that was detained at the Platte River. In this company were his mother, Jane Broughton, and his sister, Mary Ann, who had emigrated from England. Jane died there on the plains of Wyoming, so Mary Ann had lost her mother, but found her brother when he arrived. It was also in this company that he met his first wife, Hannah Crossley. His second wife came in the John W. Young Company, but she was only 8 years of age at that time. He had another sister who remained in England.

Dennis George is credited with having some qualities of clairvoyance – or maybe it was an uncanny ability to put facts together and thus reach conclusions. Many people would come to him for advice in finding lost articles, livestock and such things. He was a highly respected citizen and a man of good moral character. He died 16 August, 1910, in Sharon, Bear Lake, Idaho and was buried 20 August, 1910, in Lake Charles, Bear Lake, Idaho.