

Jane Gibbons

Jane was born in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England May 3, 1830. Her parents were Samuel and Sarah Holland Gibbons. We have record of her father and 2 older sisters joining the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cheltenham in 1841. Other members of the family were members also. Samuel and Sarah had christened their older children in the Cheltenham Church of England Parish but Jane and the later children were christened in a nonconformist church, Independent Chapel, in Cheltenham.

By the 1851 census, her mother has died [1846] and the family is in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England. Birkenhead is located just across the river from Liverpool. The census record reads that her occupation was a milliner and dressmaker and she is 20 years old.

The records of the LDS Branch in Birkenhead indicate that Jane emigrated 18 May 1856. She sailed to the United States on the ship *Horizon* which left Liverpool 25 May 1856 with 856 immigrants and Edward Martin as their leader. They arrived in Boston 30 June 1856. She was part of the Martin Handcart Company and arrived in Salt Lake City after great hardship, 30 November 1856. In order to verify that she did actually survive the trek, a record of her being re-baptized is found in the Brigham City Ward on 24 May 1857 by John A. Lewis.

Jane's two older sisters also emigrated to Utah. Her eldest sister, Louisa, came in 1849 [Silas Richards Company] and married Simeon Carter who was called to settle the Brigham City area. Her sister, Lucy, came following the death of her husband, John Hill, with her two children in 1868 [Edward T. Mumford Company] and settled in Bountiful..

Family tradition has Jane not willing to enter polygamy and thus returning East. She was married in the Trinity Church in St. Louis, Missouri to Thomas Gibson 20 September 1864. You find Thomas and Jane in the 1871 Census in Liverpool and in the 1901 Census in London. Thomas died 4 February 1904 and Jane died July 1908. Both deaths are found in the Civil Registration records of Islington [London]. At present we know of no descendants.

Maurine Hill Richards, niece
Great, great granddaughter of Lucy Gibbons Hill
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