

A Sketch of the life of Nathaniel Edmunds & his wife Jane Jones Edmunds

Nathaniel Edmunds was born Sep 6th 1827 at Dowlais or Merthyr South Wales. (Great Britain) Jane Jones Edmunds was born at Merthyr Tydfil S. Wales March 29th 1832.

They left Wales in April on a sailing vessel in 1856 took 6 weeks to cross the Atlantic Ocean & came by rail to Iowa where they stayed 8 weeks to make arrangements to walk & pull a handcart into Salt Lake City. They suffered many hardships on the way & run short of food, their allowance of flour each was 1 pint a day on the end of the journey. They arrived in Salt Lake Valley on the 2nd day of October 1856. Taking them 6 months to make the journey from Wales G. B. They had one child a boy who had his first birthday anniversary on the sea on May 17th named John. Their first home was at Spanish Fork where they got a lot & made a dugout & lived there until 1859 when they moved to Wales Sanpete Co. or (Coalbed) While at Spanish Fork Father got work at Camp Floyd & Thomas was born at Spanish Fork on March 11th 1859.

After moving to Wales the Indians caused much trouble & on May 7th 1866 Brigham Young issued instructions for all the people living in small settlements to move together so the people of Wales moved their log huts to Moroni San Pete Co. where they lived until the Indian troubles were over. Then returned to Wales. Nathaniel Edmunds was one of the men who pioneered the coal industry in Wales & was the first man in Utah to burn Coke. He & his brothers Thomas & Edmund discovered the first coal at Morrison in six mile canyon Sterling Sanpete Co. They were the parents of 8 children. David, John, Thomas, Mary Jane, Charlotte Anne, Sarah, Hannah, & Eliza.

After going through all the hardships of pioneer life with Indian troubles & crickets & grasshoppers. They died at Wales. Nathaniel on the 22nd of Jan. 1916 aged 88 yrs & 4 months. Jane Jones Edmunds on 12th Dec 1891 aged 59 years 9 months.

They joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints in their native land before coming to America.

Written by their daughter

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