

WILLIAM GARRETT, JR.
Great-grandfather of Mrs. Pearl Dahlen

William Garrett, Jr. was born 26 December 1817 at Willinshall, Warwickshire, England. His father, William Garrett, Sr. was born about 1775 at Warwickshire, England. His mother's name was Susannah Walding. She died when William Jr. was only a few years old, leaving a family of eight children. A few years later William Sr. married Hannah Lamb. To this union were born two sons.

As a young boy William Jr. worked in a brickyard and when he grew to manhood he operated a brickyard of his own. On the 4th of April 1841 he married Miria Maycock who was born 2 February 1823 at Willinshall, Warwickshire, England also. This couple raised a family of ten children, four boys and six girls.

William Jr. first heard the Gospel in England in the year 1851. He accepted the Gospel and he and his family were baptized and joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints that same year. His father and wife, Hannah, were both baptized 22 October 1852 by William Speakman. They were confirmed the same day. At this time a branch of the Church was organized at Coventry, England. William Jr. was called to preside over this branch. He presided over this branch and kept an open house for all the Elders who came to that area from there until he immigrated to Zion in 1866.

Among the converts who attended the meetings at the Coventry Branch was Elizabeth Wilkins and her two daughters, Priscilla and Elizabeth. A small choir was organized and they sang the Church hymns at the meetings of the branch. The two daughters of Elizabeth Wilkins and the sons of William Jr. sang together in this choir.

Soon Elizabeth and the two daughters were baptized and joined the Church. It was because of their choir association that William Alfred Garrett, the oldest son of William Jr., fell in love with Priscilla. They were married in the year 1861. They went aboard the ship, "Underwriter", April of 1861 and were married the first day out by Elder Milo Andrus. Charles W. Penrose was also present. The ship left Liverpool April 23rd, the saints on board under Elder Andrus's leadership.