

William Garrett History

My grandfather, William Garrett, was born about 1775 (sic) in Winnenhall (sic) near Coventry, Warwickshire, England. He was a soldier and was away from home a great deal of the time. He was a shoemaker by trade. He married Susannah Walding of Longbuckly; her parents were wealthy and did not favor the marriage of their daughter to a poor soldier and shoemaker, therefore they withheld their consent to their marriage. These young people left their homes and were married in opposition to her parents wishes, and for this her parents never did forgive them for so doing. They disinherited their daughter and although she and her husband struggled through poverty, they did not contribute anything to help them along. And this daughter was their only child. Their money came to her children as an inheritance, years after her death, but because someone had cut out their names from the Register, they did not get it and the money and property went into chancery.

They had eight children, (my father) was about five years old, the mother died and was buried in Coventry. After her death, my grandfather married Hannah Lamb, and two sons were born to them. Grandfather died about the year 1826 (sic) and was also buried in Coventry.

My father, William Garrett, was the youngest son of Susannah Walding. He was born December 17, 1817, in Willenhall, Warwickshire, England. His father and mother both died before he was nine years old and he suffered their loss a great deal. As a child he went to live with his older brother and from there he went to work for others. He had very cruel masters and was compelled to work very hard. His brother was a brick-maker and he learned from him the art of making bricks. When he was grown, he followed that trade. He was manager of a brickyard in Derbyshire, at Manchester. At his home in Willenhall, he did not join any Church, but had his children christened at Coventry. He was the first of his family to join the Latter Day Saints Church and was baptized in October 1852. He was married to Maria Maycock on the 4th of April, 1841. She was baptized in October 1852 and was the first one of her father's house to join the L. D. S. Church. My father was President of the Branch in Coventry and kept an open house for the Elders among whom were many of the men of high office, in the Church.

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