

David Ellsworth (1809-1875)

LIFE SKETCH OF DAVID ELLSWORTH By Mabel Allen Lines, a great granddaughter (1959) David Ellsworth, son of Israel Ellsworth and Prudence Stevens, was born 8 October 1809 in Pittsford, Rutland Co., Vermont. Later the family moved to Canada, but returned again to the United States to escape the Orange and Troy War. During the winter of 1829 they crossed the St. Lawrence River of Ogdensburg, New York. We read in the "Life of Heber C. Kimball," page 80, that Apostle Kimball and Elder Luke Johnson left the town of Hewton (Western New York) early one morning and "a walk of six miles brought them to Esquire David Ellsworth's, where they were warmly welcomed and hospitably entertained. The apostles blessed the kind souls who thus administered to their wants, and who on bidding them farewell gave them money, wished them God-speed, and wept at their departure. About one year later the family embraced the gospel" David was probably the first Ellsworth to join the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. David attended the dedication of the Kirtland Temple in 1836. The family moved in about 1841 to Nauvoo, Ill., making their home across the Mississippi river in Iowa. The family participated in the vicissitudes of the Nauvoo period of the Church. David's wife Diana Livingston died 15 November 1843 in Nauvoo, Illinois. He married Catherine Lancaster McGilvery, a widow. David was ordained to the office of a Seventy in 1845 by George A. Smith. David and his wife took part in the impressive ceremonies in the Nauvoo Temple just before the exodus of the Church from Illinois in February 1846. The family moved west with the Church, arriving in Utah in about 1848. David lived in the area of Salt Lake City for a while, later moving to Payson, Utah County, Utah, where he became known as an authority in horticulture. On 28 March 1857 David married Mrs. Nancy Jane McFerren McCleve, a widow. In 1862 he answered a colonization call of the Church and moved his two families to Leeds, Washington Co., Utah. About 1872 the family moved to Kanab, Kane County, Utah, again in response to a call of the Church. There, as in previous places David exerted his skill as a horticulturist in planting fruit trees, grapes, berries, etc. He died in October 1875 in Kanab, Utah. It is said he is buried in his orchard near Kanab. End of Life Sketch by Mabel Allen Lines Added by Mary E Pletsch: CHILDREN OF DAVID ELLSWORTH AND DIANA LIVINGSTON 1. Lucinda Ellsworth – born 1 Sept. 1834 in Oswego, New York. 2. James Henry – born 12 Jan. 1832, Oswego, New York. CHILDREN OF DAVID ELLSWORTH AND CATHERINE LANCASTER (MCGILVERY) 1. Hannah Ann Ellsworth, born 1843 Iowa 2. Ephraim William Ellsworth, born 10 Nov. 1841, Lee, Iowa CHILDREN OF DAVID ELLSWORTH AND NANCY JANE McFERREN 1. Diana Jane Ellsworth, born 14 May 1858 in Payson, Utah. 2. Davisel Ellsworth was born 2 April 1860, Payson, Utah.