

BELL FAMILY

1. JAMES BELL was born Jan. 2, 1805 in Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Scotland. About 1825 he met and married Mary Lemon(Leamon) She was born Dec. 1, 1807 in Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Scotland. This marriage produced 9 children. While living in Linwood, Renfrewshire, Scotland 7 children were born. They were; Elizabeth 1828, John 1830, JAMES 1832, Margaret 1834, Twins Joseph & Robert 1836, and Hugh 1838. After moving to Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland their last two children were born, Mary 1839 and Archibald 1840. All of their children died before 1843 except James, Mary, Elizabeth, and Archibald.

This family was baptized into the CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS in June 1841. At this time the members of the church were preparing to travel to the United States. In the church historical records it lists a James Bell receiving a letter of reference from the presiding elder of the church in Glasgow to be presented at their arrival in the United States. They left from Liverpool on the ship CLAIBORNE March 21, 1843. They reached America at the port of New Orleans.

The family then proceeded to Nauvoo. While in Nauvoo they purchased land on the plot listed as the Barnett 14 parcel on the Western half. While in Nauvoo the family became part of the Nauvoo 10th ward with Hezekiah Peck as bishop. James Sr. received his patriarchal blessing Jan. 29, 1844. Mary Sr. received her patriarchal blessing Aug. 19, 1845.

James Sr. died Aug. 1844 in Nauvoo at age 41. They had come to America with their four living children. In June 1845 their daughter Elizabeth died with the fever. Mary Sr. was now left alone with her three remaining children James Jr. Mary Jr. and Archibald.

In Feb. 1846 Mary Lemon Bell took her family to the Nauvoo temple and had them sealed to her and her husband. Hezekiah Peck stood in as proxy for her husband and was also sealed to Mary on that day.

Mary Lemon Bell died in Aug. 1846 at the age of 39. James Sr, Mary Sr. and Elizabeth are all buried in Nauvoo. She left three orphaned children, except for their step father Hezekiah Peck.

The church members were preparing to go west to Utah and the Bell children were going too. The three Bell children set off for Utah with three different families, and three different companies. Mary Bell went with the Joseph L. Heywood family in 1848. She was only 9 years old. They left June 30, 1848 from Winter Quarters, Nebraska and were in the 3rd Division of the Willard Richards Company, which arrived Oct. 19, 1848 in the Salt Lake Valley.

Archibald Bell went with the David Moss family. They left in 1848 with the 1st Division or Brigham Young's Company as members of the 2nd ten of 2nd 50 of Amasa Lyman's camp with William McBride as captain. They arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in 1848. Archibald was only 3 years old.

2. James Bell Jr. who was 16 at the time also left for Utah in 1848. He was probably with the Joseph Thatcher company. James drove a team and arrived in the Salt Lake Valley probably in 1848. He then went back to Nauvoo. He took a boat down the Mississippi River and through the Gulf of Mexico, got off at the Isthmus of Panama, and walked across land to the Pacific Ocean and boarded a dhp to San Fransisco, California.

In looking at a book of passengers arriving in San Fransisco a J. Bell is listed as a passenger on the "Monumental City" (a propeller ship) which left Oct. 19, 1851 and arrived Nov. 18, 1851 in San Fransisco. James took out his citizenship papers in El Dorado County, California Sept. 11, 1856.

James stayed in California for some time mining gold during the GOLD RUSH. By 1857 James was back in Salt Lake. He had been baptized in Scotland in 1842, but was rebaptized in Salt Lake Aug. 24, 1857. in the 17th ward.

In 1858 James met and married Annie Louisa McGregor. Annie was the youngest of four children born to John and Ann Miller McGregor. Her father was a landscape gardener for a castle. Annie was born in Essex, England July 15, 1833. The other three children were: John 1828, Elizabeth(Lizzie) 1830, and Francis (Fannie) 1834.

Annie was well educated and attended a lady's Seminary. It was a privelege in those days for a girl to have an education. She was baptized with her mother and brother John March 26, 1848 into the CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS. After joining the church the family wanted to come to America and Salt Lake Valley. The mother and 4 children came in 1853 and settled in St. Louis. Her father came a year later in 1854 and was baptized in St. Louis, Missouri in 1854.

Her sister Lizzie came to Salt Lake early in 1854. She later married Issac R. Wilson, who was a coach driver for Brigham Young. They built a home on 33rd So. just east of 5th east, and owned at one time all of the property that the Granite High School is built on. They sold this home to Bleazards who in turn sold to the Granite District and the new beautiful Granite Auditorium now stands on that spot.

In 1854 a Cholera Plague broke out, and Annie's mother caught it and died very suddenly. Before dying she insisted that her girls go on to Salt Lake. In 1855 Annie and Fannie were heading off to Salt Lake. Their brother John stayed in St. Louis, dying in 1857. Their father also stayed in St. Louis, and remarried.

Annie and her sister Fannie were equipped with an ox team, and they came to Salt Lake in the first Independent Company under the supervision of Captain John Hindley leaving St. Louis, June 1855. Annie was 19 and Fannie was 21. Crossing the plains Annie was so frail she was allowed the privelege of riding all the way. Her health was restored after she had been in Salt Lake for a while.

Annie and Fannie were very good seamstresses, and worked at this trade for many prominent families.

James and Annie were married in Salt Lake Feb. 15, 1858, and they took out their endowments Feb. 17, 1858 in the Endowment House.

Family stories have it that James sent gold dust home from California. He purchased the Heywood property kitty cornered from the McEwan School of Music, 1st North and Main St. where he lived for some time. He sold this property to Zeb Jacobs for \$1100.00 and bought a farm out on Cottonwood stream at West Temple and Gordon ave. (approx. 41st South) just west of the Murray Laundry. He built a lovely 2 story brick home on this property with gold brick he brought from California. It was furnished very nicely. The D&RG bought a piece of this land to run their tracks on.

James Bell, John F. Snedaker, and John Carlisle were in the dairy business for years. They delivered milk to hotels, St. Marys of the Wasatch, Towns House, and Arbergast Candy Co. They had one light spring wagon and team. one heavy one, and a single wagon for delivery of cream. Arbergast used to send scraps of candy home with James and the children were delighted. This was around 1874 and after.

There were eleven children born to James and Annie. They were: JOHN, James, Franklin, Josephine, Charles, Mary, Elizabeth, Annie, Willard, and Rob Roy who died in infancy. All of these children were born in Millcreek, Salt Lake, Ut.

James was ordained a 70 Feb. 25, 1859, and a High Priest in 1891.

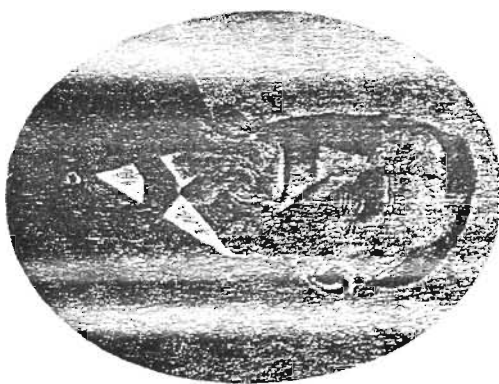
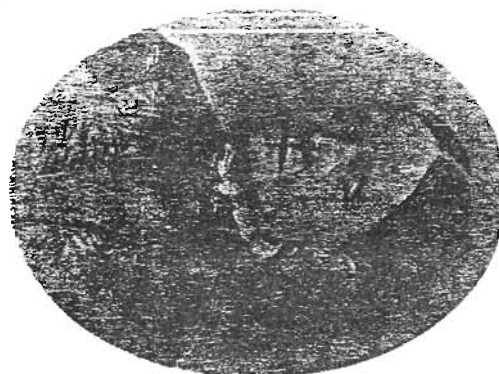
Annie never went in for public work of any kind, and managed to keep busy raising her family on this farm. She died Nov. 21, 1889 in Millcreek Salt Lake County, Utah, and was buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

James remarried after Annie's death to Ellen R. Quinn on May 25, 1898.

James was killed in a train-horse and buggy accident Oct. 4, 1900. He is buried at City Cemetery 4th No. and N st. Salt Lake City, Ut.



ANNIE BELL
1889-1889





James Bell Family

Front row left to right: Charles, Edmund: Middle row: Elizabeth, James, Father James Bell, Willard, Mother Annie Louise McGresor, Annie: Back row: Frank, Josephine, John, Mary.



James



John



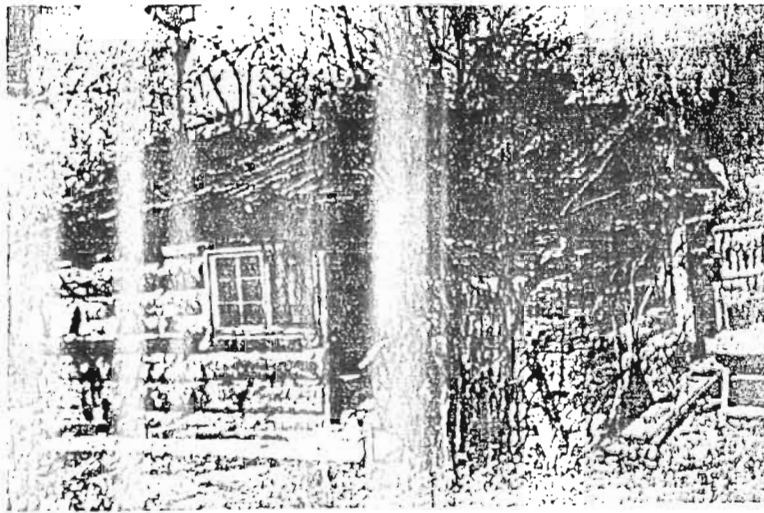
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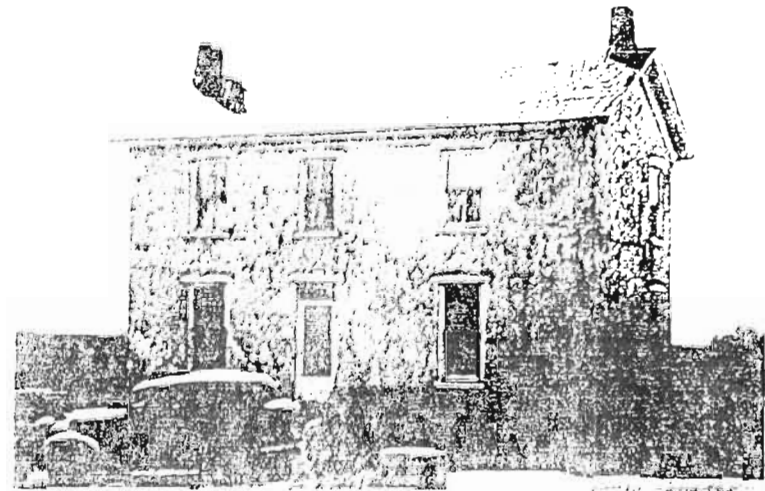
Frank



Annie B. Morgan



FIRST BELL HOME ON 1ST NO. AND MAIN
IN SALT LAKE CITY



SECOND BELL HOME ON CENTRAL AVE.
NEAR MURRAY LAUNDRY



Charles



Mary



Edward



Elizabeth B. Shurtleff



Willard