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HISTORY OF PHILLIP DE LA MARE

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PHILLIP DE LA MARE, MY GREAT GRANDFATHER, A MAN WHO MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE HISTORY OF UTAH, TOOELE COUNTY, AND THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATER DAY SAINTS.

AS A YOUNG MAN HE LIVED ON THE ISLAND OF JERSEY, AND AT THE AGE OF 26 BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH. HE WAS A SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR WITH HIS FATHER AND PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN BRINGING THE SUGAR BEET MANUFACTURING PLANT FROM EUROPE TO UTAH.

HE WAS BORN APRIL 2, 1823 AND DIED OCT. 16, 1915 AT THE AGE OF 92. THE DE LA MARE FAMILY HAD ITS ORIGIN IN NORMANDY, FRANCE AROUND 1600, WHEN HIS ANCESTORS LEFT FOR THE ISLAND OF JERSEY TO ESCAPE THE BLOODY REVOLUTION TAKING PART IN THAT COUNTRY.

HE WAS THE FIFTH CHILD IN A FAMILY OF FOURTEEN.

HIS EDUCATION WAS LIMITED AND AT THE AGE OF 10 HE BEGAN WORKING ON A FARM, AND TWO YEARS LATER SECURED A FIVE YEAR APPRENTICESHIP IN A BLACKSMITH SHOP. HE WORKED TWELVE HOUR DAYS, SIX DAYS A WEEK, AND WALKED SIX MILES EACH WAY TO AND FROM WORK. THE FIRST YEAR HE RECEIVED NO PAYMENT, THE SECOND YEAR THIRTY CENTS A DAY, THE THIRD YEAR THIRTY SIX CENTS A DAY, THE FOURTH YEAR, FIFTY CENTS A DAY, AND THE FIFTH YEAR SEVENTY FIVE CENTS A DAY. THE SIXTH YEAR HE RECEIVED JOURNEY MANS WAGE OF FOUR SCHILLINGS A DAY.

WHILE WALKING TO AND FROM WORK HE COMPOSED A POEM, WHICH IS WELL KNOWN TO MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

LET EACH MAN LEARN HIMSELF TO KNOW,
TO GAIN THAT KNOWLEDGE ALL SHOULD LABOR.

TO MEND THOSE FAULTS, BE NOT SLOW,
WHICH YOU CONDEMN SO IN YOUR NEIGHBOR.

HOW LENIENTLY OUR FAULTS WE VIEW,
AND GENTLY CONSCIENCE TRY TO SMOTHER.

WHILE THOSE SAME FAILINGS WE PURSUE
WE CENSURE HARDLY IN ANOTHER.

OH IF YOU MEET AN ERRING ONE
WHOSE DEEDS ARE BLAMABLE AND THOUGHTLESS,

ERE THE JUDGES MANTLE DON,
CONSIDER, ARE YOU FREE AND FAULTLESS,

LIST TO THE STILL SMALL VOICE WITHIN
CONSCIENCE YOUR SOUL HAS OFT COFOUNDED,

THEN TRUMPET ON ANOTHER'S SIN,

WHILE YOU BLUSH IF YOURS WERE SOUNDED.

IF IN SELF JUDGEMENT YOU CAN FIND,
THAT YOU TO OTHERS ARE SUPERIOR.

SHOW YOU POSSESS A NOBLE MIND,
AND TREAT WITH DEFERENCE EACH INFERIOR,

EXAMPLE SHEDS A GENIAL RAY,
WHOSE LIGHT MANKIND ARE APT TO BORROW.

SEEK TO IMPROVE YOURSELF TODAY,
AND THEN IMPROVE YOUR FRIEND TOMORROW.

THESE WORDS MUST HAVE HAD A GREAT EFFECT UPON HIS LIFE, AND HELPED HIM
OVERCOME DISAPPOINTMENTS AND HARDSHIPS HE FACED IN THE FUTURE.

THE POEM HAS BEEN SET TO MUSIC AND IN THE HYMN BOOK CARRIES THE TITLE
"LET EACH MAN LEARN TO KNOW HIMSELF."

PHILLIP WORKED FOR HIS FATHER BUILDING BRIDGES UNTIL 1845, WHEN HE
TRAVELED TO ENGLAND, AND WORKED FOR THREE YEARS. HE MET AND MARRIED
MARY ANN PARKIN IN 1846. IN 1847 HIS FATHER CALLED HIM HOME, AS HE HAD BEEN
AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO BUILD THE ALBERT PIER. HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH
HIS FATHER IN ITS CONSTRUCTION, ONE THOUSAND MEN WERE EMPLOYED FOR FIVE
YEARS. THE TOTAL CONTRACT WAS 548,000 LBS, OR APPROX \$2,745,000.00 DOLLARS.
PHILLIP, HIMSELF MADE A PROFIT OF AROUND \$10,000.00 DOLLARS.

WHILE WORKING ON THE PROJECT THAT ONE OF THE WORKMAN, JOHN D.
COCHRAN TOLD HIM OF NEW RELIGION THAT WAS BEING PREACHED IN TOWN. HE HAD
ALWAYS BEEN OF A RELIGIOUS NATURE, AND SEIZED THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO
INVESTIGATE. HE HEARD ELDER WM DUNBAR PREACH A SERMON, AND UPON
HEARING IT WAS IMPRESSED TO REQUEST IMMEDIATE BAPTISM. HE WAS BAPTIZED
IN 1849, ONE WEEK LATER HE WAS ORDAINED AN ELDER AND HE BEGAN PREACHING
THE MESSAGE OF THE RESTORED GOSPEL.

PHILLIP AND MARY ANN WERE BOTH TWENTY SIX, WITH TWO CHILDREN.
SHORTLY AFTER MARY ANN MARRIED PHILLIP SHE CAUGHT A HEAD COLD, WHICH
RESULTED IN HER LOSING HER HEARING . THIS HANDICAP REMAINED WITH HER FOR
THE REST OF HER LIFE.

PHILLIP BEGAN SOON AFTER HIS CONVERSION TO USE HIS MEANS, TIME AND
TALENTS FOR THE UPBUILDING OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

IN JUNE OF 1850, ELDER JOHN TAYLOR OF THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE ARRIVED WITH
OTHERS ON A MISSION TO FRANCE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

IN AUTUMN OF 1850 ELDER TAYLOR VISITED THE ISLAND OF JERSEY, AND MET PHILLIP
DE LA MARE. ELDER TAYLOR PLANNED TO RETURN TO PARIS TO SUPERVISE THE
TRANSLATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK OF MORMON IN FRENCH. HE ASKED
PHILLIP TO ACCOMPANY HIM, HE NEEDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND AID IN THE
TRANSLATION.

IT TOOK FIFTEEN DAYS FOR THE TRIP TO PARIS, AND PHILLIP HAD TAKEN ALONG HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.

MISSIONARY WORK IN FRANCE WAS VERY DIFFICULT. THEY HAD TO BE CAREFUL TO AVOID PERSECUTION AND ARREST. HE BEGAN HIS WORK AS A MISSIONARY, AND HAD MANY EXPERIENCES. HE WAS EMPLOYED OFF AND ON BY HIS FAHER TO GAIN FUNDS TO CONTINUE HIS MISSIONARY EFFORTS.

APOSTLE TAYLOR VISITED PHILLIP AND HAD RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHURCH TO PURCHASE A MACHINE TO DEVELOP AND MANUFACTURE BEET SUGAR. AS A COUNCILOR TO APOSTLE TAYLOR THEY VISITED ARRAS, FRANCE, HE ASSISTED IN SEARCHING , AND LAY PLANS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A MACHINE IN MARCH OF 1851.

IN DEC 1851 TO ENGLAND TO ORGANIZE A CO. TO PURCHASE THE MACHINE, AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO TRANSPORT IT AMERICA, AND ON TO SALT LAKE VALLEY. THE COMPANY WAS CALLED DESERET MFG. CO.

WHILE PHILLIP AS IN LIVERPOOL HE MET MARIE CHEVALIER, A YOUNG WOMEN FROM THE ISLAND OF JERSEY. SHE AND PHILLIP WERE CONVERTED IN JERSEY , AND BAPTIZED BY THE SAME ELDER THE SAME MONTH, AND YEAR.

PHILLIP AND MARY ANN HAD 3 CHILDREN, AND OFFERED TO PAY MARIES FARE TO AMERICA IFSHE WOULD CARE FOR HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN, AND SHE ACCEPTED.

PHILLIP HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO PROCEED THE SHIPMENT OF THE SUGAR BEET EQUIPMENT TO AMERICA, AND PREPARE TO TRANSPORT IT TO UTAH ON ITS ARRIVAL.

THEY SAILED IN 1852 FROM ENGLAND TO NEW ORLEANS.

WHILE PHILLIP WAS IN ST LOUIS, MO TO TRANSACT BUSINESS TRAGEDY STRUCK. THE CHOLERA PLAGUE HAD HIT THE COMPOUND OF SAINTS, AND ALL THREE CHILDREN WERE ILL. MARY JANE DIED AND WAS BURIED IN WESTON, MO. NEAR ST. LOUIS.

IT WAS ABOUT THIS TIME PHILLIP AND MARY ANN HAD BEEN TALKIG ABOUT CELESTIAL MARRIAGE, AND AS A RESULT PHILLIP PROPOSED TO MARIED, AND SHE ACCEPTED. THEY WERE MARRIED IN APRIL 1852 IN ST. LLOUIS , MO.

THE SUGAR BEET EQUIPMENT LEFT LIVERPOOL IN MARCH 1852, AND ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS IN APRIL 1852. J. H. RUSSELL ACCOMPANIED PHILLIP, AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BUILDING OF 52 WAGONS, AND PHILLIP STARTED SEARCHING FOR OXEN. AT ONE TIME HE CARRIED \$6,000.00 DOLLARS IN A MONEY BELT. IN THE END HE PAID \$6,000.00 FOR 200 YOKE OF OXEN.

ON JULY 4, 1852 THE WAGONS LEFT FOR SALT LAKE VALLEY, AND CONTINUED ON TO DEL THEE EQUIPMENT TO PROVO. THE MACHINERY WAS RETURNED TO TEMPLE SQUARE. THE ATTEMPT TO MAKE SUGAR FAILED, THE COMPANY WAS HOPLESSLY IN DEBT, AND OWNERSHIP PASSED ON TO THE TRUSTEE, WHO WAS THE CHURCH.

FOR THOSE INTERESTED THE HISTORY OF THE SUGAR CO., ARE AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS PUBLICATIONS. A MONUMENT WAS ERRECTED IN SUGAR HOUSE, AND THE NAMES OF THOSE INVOLVED ARE ON THE STONE. THE PROJECT HAD FAILED BUT THE ATTEMPT STIRRED INTEREST AND POINTED THE WAY FOR SUCCESSFUL MANUFACTURING VENTURE BY THE CHURCH IN THE 1890'S.

HE WAS NOW THIRTY YEARS OLD, IT HAD BEEN A LITTLE MORE THAN FOUR YEARS SINCE THIS SUCCESSFUL YOUNG ENGINEER FROM THE ISLAND OF JERSEY HAD JOINED THE CHURCH. AT THAT TIME HE HAD ACCUMULATED A SMALL FORTUNE OF TNE THOUSAND DOLLARS. NOW, FOUR YEARS LATER, HE WAS THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HIS BIRTHPLACE, AND COMPLETELY PENNILESS.

SEVERAL OF THOSE WHO HAD LOST MONEY IN THE VENTURE WERE GRUMBLING.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CONFRONTED THEM, AND ASKED. "WHAT DID YOU COME TO THE VALLEY FOR?" THEY REPLIED " WE CAME TO BENEFIT OURSELVES. BRIGHAM YOUNG TOLD THEM, " WELL, YOU HAD BETTER GO BACK." HE THEN TURNED TO PHILLIP , WHO HAD LOST MORE IN THE VENTURE THAN ALL, AND SAID. "WHY , DID YOU COME?" PHILLIP ANSWERED, ' I CAME FOR MY RELIGION", BRIGHAM YOUNG PATTED HIM ON THE SHOULDER AND SAID. "YOU'L BE ALL RIGHT, WE DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT YOU."

PRESIDENT YOUNG OFFERED HIM A JOB IN THE PUBLIC BLACKSMITH SHOP OF THE CHURCH, HIS PRIMARY DUTY WOULD BE TO SHARPEN TOOLS FOR THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE AFTER CONSTRUCTION HAD BEGAN. HE DID NOT ACCEPT THE POSITION, BUT TOLD PRESIDENT YOUNG THAT HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN HIS OWN MASTER. PRESIENT YOUNG SLAPPED HIM ON THE BACK AND TOLD HIM TO GO BE HIS OWN MASTER.

LHE AND HIS FAMILY REMAINED IN SALT LAKE UNTIL THE SPRING OF 1853. HE OPENED A BLACKSMITH SHOP ON SECOND SOUTH BETWEEN MAIN AND WEST TEMPLE. HIS WIFE MARY ANN SOLD MANY OF HER PRICELESS POSSESSIONS TO RAISE THE MONEY TO PURCHASE TOOLS HER HUSBAND NEEDED.

WHILE IN SALT LAKE CITY, PHILLIP AND HIS FAMILY ATTENDED THE IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY OF THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONES FOR THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE.

PHILLIP HAD BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH JOHN GILLESPIE OF TOOEELE, UTAH. MR GILLESPIE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE WAGON TRAIN WHICH WAS SENT TO ASSIST CAPT. DE LA MARE'S COMPANY ACROSS THE GREEN RIVER.

HE PERSUADED PHILLIP TO MOVE TO TOOEELE. TOOEELE HAD BEEN SETTLED LESS THAN FOUR YEARS .

EARLYT IN THE SPRING OF 1853 THE DE LA MARE FAMILY LEFT FOR TOOEELE IN A WAGON PULLED BY FOUR HORSES. THEY MADE EXCELLENT TIME AND ARRIVED IN TOOEELE THE SAME DAY.

SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL HE CONSTRUCTED TWO LOG HOUSES FOR HIS WIVES ON NORTH MAIN. HE ALSO CONSTRUCTED A BLACKSMITH SHOP BETWEEN THE TWO HOMES AND DID BLACKSMITHING FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE VALLEY.

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IN 1854 COL STEPTOE'S COMMAND LEFT KANSAS BOUND FOR THE PACIFIC COAST. THEY HAD 450 MULES AND 300 HORSES. MOST OF THESE WERE TO BE DELIVERED IN CALIF. BECAUSE OF CHANGE IN ORDERS IT WAS NECESSARY FOR STEPTOE TO REMAIN THRU THE WINTER IN UTAH. THEY ARRIVED IN SALT LAKE CITY, AND REMAINED FOR TWO DAYS, RESUMED ITS MARCH TO FIND A SUITABLE LOCATION. THEY CHOSE RUSH VALLEY, ABOUT TEN MILES FROM TOOEELE.

THE COMMING OF STEPTOE WAS A GREAT BLESSING FOR THE DE LA MARE FAMILY, AS THEY WERE STRUGGLING AS PIONEERS, SOMETIMES NOT KNOWING WHERE FOOD WAS COMMING FROM.

ON RECOMMENDATION OF BRIGHAM YOUNG , PHILLIP WAS HIRED BY LT COL STEPTOE. THE EXACT DATE IS NOT KNOWN, PHILLIP MADE 3000 MULE AND HORSE SHOES TO BE HAD IN READYNES FOR THE TRIP TO CALIF. HE WAS TO TRAVEL WITH THEM AS BLACKSMITH, AND MECHANIC.

THE TRIP OF OVER F1000 MILES TOOK TWO AND ONE HALF MONTHS .

SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING IN CALIF. HE SENT ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS WITH A MAN FROM CALIFORNIA TO HIS WIFE., WHICH NOT ONLY HELPED HIS FAMILY , BUT MANY OF THE SAINTS IN TOOEELE.

LEAVING STEPTOES COMMAND HE WAS EMPLOYED BY A GOVT. EXPEDITION TO THE CASCADE MTS, IN WAHRT IS NOW WASHINGTON STATE. BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WITH THE EXPEDITION THEY RETURNED TO CALIF.

HE STAYED FOR A SHORT TIME IN SCOTT VALLEY WHERE HE OPENED A BLACKSMITH SHOP.

WHILE IN CALIF. HIS FAMILY AND OTHER RESI0ENTS WERE SUFFERING FROM SEVERE FAMINE CAUSED BY THE SHORTAGE OF WATER AND INFLUX OF GRASSHOPPERS AND CRICKETS.

WHEN WORD REACHED PHILLIP HE LEFT IMMEDIATELY FOR HIS HOME, HE HAD MADE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY WHILE WORKING FOR STEPTOE, AND IN THE NORTHWEST, AND IN CALIF. THE AMOUNT HAS BEEN PLACED AT BETWEEN \$9,000.00 AND \$12,000.00. THE MONEY WAS IN SQUARE ONE OUNCE GOLD PIECES.

LHE TRAVELED TO SAN BERNARDINO, A MORMON COLONY, HE PURCHASED A SUPPLY OF FOOD, AND CLOTHING, WHICH HE TRANSPORTED TO TOOEELE.

NOT ONLY DID THIS FOOD AND CLOTHING PROVIDE FOR HIS OWN, BUT HE ALSO GENEROFUSLY DISTRIBUTED TO MANY OOF THE OTHER FAMILIES WHO WERE SUFFERING FROM WANT OF THE NEEDS OF LIFE.

HE ENJOYED BEING BACK WITH HIS FAMILY, AND RE OPENED HIS BLACKSMITH SHOP. HE BECAME ACQUANINTED WITH A YOUNG LADY, JENNETTE MICKLEJOHN, WHO HAD EMIGRATED FROM SCOTLAND IN 1855. SHE HAD BEEN THE FIRST WOMAN TO GO TO STOCKTON, UTAH WHERE SHE COOKED FOR MEN CUTTING WILD HAY.

SHE AND PHILIP WERE MARRIED IN 1857 IN THE SALT AKE ENDOWMENT HOUSE. SHE WAS SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF THEIR MARRIAGE.

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WITH THE COMING OF JOHNSTON'S ARMY HE JOINED TO HELP DEFEND DEFEND. HE WAS MADE A CAPT. OVER A COMPANY, AND SPENT THE WINTER OF 1857 IN ECHO CANYON PREPARING TO DEFEND.

HE REMAINED IN TOOELE DURING THE YEARS OF '1858-1859, WHEN HE RECEIVED A MISSION CALL TO THE BRITISH MISSION, WHAT WAS TO TAKE HIM AWAY FROM HOME FOR THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS.

FOLLOWING HIS MISSION HE WAS RE-UNITED WITH HIS FAMILY

IN 1864 HE OPENED A BLACKSMITH SHOP IN SALT LAKE BECAUSE OF THE SMALL AMOUNTS OF WORK IN TOOELE. HE STAYED A SHORT TIME, AND RETURNED TO BE NEAR HIS FAMILY. WHEN THE COOPERATIVE BLACKSMITH SHOP WAS OPENED IN TOOELE HE WAS HIRED TO MANAGE IT, HE ALSO MAINTAINED HI OWN SHOP.

HE HAD A BLACKSMITH SHOP IN STOCKTON WHICH HE CONTINUED TO OPERATE UNTIL 1898 WHEN HE WAS SEVENTY FIVE.

HE PURCHASED A 40 ACRE FARM, AND PURCHASED A THRESHING MACHINE. HE DID THETHRESHING OF WHEAT FOR TOOELE CITY, STOCKTON, OPHIR, ERDA , LINCOLN, LAKE POINT, ST. JOHN , CLOVER AND VERNON.

SERVED TWO TERMS AS MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

IN 1875 UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP AND OTHERS THEY ENGAGED IN A MAJOR PROJECT TO GET RUNNING WATER IN THE HOMES.

PHILLIPS THREE WIVES BORE HIM TWENTY ONE CHILDREN.

HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE TOOELE STAKE HIGH COUNCIL IN 1882.

AT THE AGE OF 76 HE WAS ORDAINED A PATRIARCH IN THE LDS CHURCH BY APOSTLE FRANCIS M. LYMAN, HIS GOOD FRIEND, AND APOSTLE JOHN HENRY SMITH. HE SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1915.

MY FATHER LIVED WITH PHILLIP DE LA MARE , FOR A PERIOD OF TIME AFTER MY GRANDMOTHER HAD DIED. HE TOLD HIM ON TRAVELING TO SALT LAKE CITY, THAT ONE DAY LIGHTS WOULD EXTEND FROM SLC TO TOOELE, AND THAT IS TRUE.

MY COUSIN, BARRY DE LA MARE, FROM THE ISLAND OF JERSEY HAS TRAVELED TO UTAH SEVERAL TIMES TO SEE US. HE IS A DIRECT DECENDENT, AND THOUGH NOT A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH WE ARE HOPING.