

## William Ainscough (Dwelling #663)



William Ainscough was born March 18, 1818 in Eccleston, Lancashire, England to Thomas and Alice Chew Ainscough. He and his brother, Richard, were baptized by Heber C. Kimball in 1837. When their parents heard this, they told them to leave the house and never return.

In 1840, several Saints emigrated and arrived in New York. William and Richard came with them. From New York, they went to Keokuk, Iowa and then to Nauvoo. Work was obtained at a flourmill in Warsaw, Hancock County, Illinois.

Richard was caught by a mob and whipped because he would not deny that Joseph Smith was a Prophet. He died from those wounds in 1844 and was buried in Nauvoo.

William met a widow, Mary Clarke Wakefield, while living in Nauvoo. She was the widow of Thomas Wakefield who had died in 1842. William and Mary were married in Nauvoo in 1843. She had three daughters—Lucinda, Mary Elizabeth, and Jane Ruth.



Mary was born on July 7, 1817 in Wheatfield, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Bracken Clarke.

When the Saints were driven out of Nauvoo, William and his family settled in Ferryville, Pottawattamie County, Iowa Territory. It was here that Nephi was born on January 17, 1847. Shortly after that, the family moved to Big Pigeon. Nephi died in September 1849, probably at Big Pigeon. It was here that Lucretia was born on May 6, 1850.

The family went westward with the Uriah Curtis Company leaving on June 28, 1852. When they reached the Valley, they settled in Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah Territory. William was a farmer and a freighter. While here, they had four more children—Mary Emelia, William Thomas, Sarah, and David William. Both Sarah and David William died and are buried in Big Cottonwood.

William then took his family to Smithfield, Cache County, Utah where they remained the rest of their lives. It was here that their last child, Cordelia Theresa, was born. Mary died on November 22, 1885 and William on November 24, 1893.