

JOHN BROWN, PIONEER.

KANAB, Utah, Oct. 28, 1893.

I left my home in Pleasant Grove, Utah, on the 27th of June last in very poor health. I spent two months on the Sevier river and at Panguitch lake, then passed over the rim of the basin down to this place, meeting with many old friends and relatives all along the route, with whom I have had a very pleasant visit. My health is much improved, but I am still very feeble.

I see in the index of Bancroft's History of Utah John Brown, who ascended the Twin Peaks in 1847, also John Brown, Pioneer of 1847, who was cut off the Church. I wish to say that J. Brown who ascended the mountain called Twin Peaks in 1847 and John Brown, Pioneer of 1847, is the same individual, but up to this date he has not been cut off the Church; he is the one who writes this article.

It was stated in the obituary of the late Robert T. Thomas, who died in Provo a year ago, that he was the last of the advance party of Pioneers who entered the valley on the 22nd of July, 1847, with Orson Pratt. That is a mistake. John S. Gleason, Henry Walker and myself, all now living in Pleasant Grove, were of that party.

There is some dispute as to who plowed the first furrow in Utah. That I cannot decide, although I was there. I was the first man who mowed grass with a scythe to clear off a piece of ground for a turnip patch. This was on the 23rd of July, 1847. How easy it is for errors to get into history.

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DEATH OF W. W. WILSON.

William W. Wilson, a resident of Manti who was recently kicked by a vicious horse at that place, and who was brought to this city for treatment, died at the Holy Cross hospital Nov. 5th, after a delicate surgical operation performed as an act of last resort. His body was forwarded to Manti last night for burial.

DEATH OF JAMES BUSH.

James Bush was born in Wallingworth, Suffolk, England, on the 29th day of March, 1842. His parents embraced the Gospel when he was two years old. When eight years of age Mr. Bush was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For twenty-eight years he was employed as a hansom cab driver in the city of London, where he was respected by all who knew him. For a number of years he was an active member of the North London branch of the Church. For a long period he acted as clerk of the same. He left Liverpool on the 19th of October, 1886, and arrived in Salt Lake City on the 9th of November, the same year. For the last few years he was employed as night watchman at the DESERET NEWS office. He was a genial associate, and always proved himself faithful in the discharge of his duties. He was on duty as usual on Saturday evening, when he manifested great interest in the parade, and assisted the boys in the fire displays.

About noon Sunday, Nov. 5 he was

stricken with paralysis while apparently quite well, and while at the office in the discharge of his duty. Last evening he passed away at the age of fifty-one years, seven months and six days.

Elder Bush will be well and favorably remembered by many of the Elders who labored as missionaries in England and who oftentimes were warmly welcomed and cared for at the home of the deceased.

DEATH OF ALEXANDER GARRICK.

Alexander Garrick, first counselor in the Bishopric of the Twenty-second ward, this city, died at his residence, 404 west Fourth North street, at 2.35 this morning, Nov. 3, 1893, aged 62 years, 10 months and 1 day.

Elder Garrick was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, Jan. 2, 1831, and was the son of John and Esther Whitford Garrick. He buried his first wife, Agnes McGibben, in Hull, England, and was married again to Jane Hunter Riley in Glasgow, Scotland; she was better known by the Elders and Saints as "Janie Riley."

He embraced the Gospel in the fall of 1849, and emigrated to New York in 1865, where he remained until he emigrated to Salt Lake in May, 1878, where he had been an active worker in the Church ever since. Shortly after the organization of the Twenty-second ward he was chosen first counselor to the Bishop and acted as Bishop for two years ending July 4. During the entire time of his kind service in the ward he had proven himself a father to all.

Elder Garrick was employed as boiler maker in the U. C. and U. P. shops from the day following his arrival in the city until 1889, when he and Samuel Holmes entered into partnership in a general boilermaking business at the rear of the Silver Ironworks. He retired from his employment the 3rd of June of this year, and gradually faded until the latter part of August, when he took to his bed. He was loved by his shopmates and associates, and highly respected by all who knew him.

He leaves a wife, four sons and three daughters and nine grandchildren. The two older children from the first family are in the east.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Alexander Garrick of the Twenty-second ward took place from the meeting house of the ward Nov. 5th, at 11:30 a. m. The remains were carried from the deceased's residence to the meeting house by six district Teachers. The house was filled to overflowing. Remarks were made by Elders Alfred Solomon, John Crawford, Peter Reid, George G. Bywater, James Sharp and Angus M. Cannon, president of the Salt Lake Stake. All testified to his good qualities and noble traits of character. The floral decorations were numerous and beautiful. Thirty carriages followed to the cemetery. The singing, under the leadership of H. Gardner, both at the meeting house and the grave, was very appropriate and touching.

There are now 107 prisoners in the Wyoming State penitentiary.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

BUSH.—In Salt Lake City, November 5, 1893, of paralysis, James Bush, in the 52nd year of his age.

O'KEEFE.—At Holy Cross Hospital, Nov. 1st, 1893, Cornelius O'Keefe, a native of Ireland; aged 64 years.

CUMMINGS.—In this city, October 29th, immediately after birth, Emily, daughter of B. F. Jr. and Emily W. Cummings.

CANNAN.—Of cerebro-spinal meningitis, in this city, November 3, 1893, Clarence, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Cannan, aged seven months and ten days.

TURNBAUGH.—At South Beautiful, Davis county, on Tuesday, Oct. 31st, at 12 o'clock noon, of lung disease, Isaac Turnbaugh. Deceased was 78 years old.

WHITECAR.—Died suddenly of blood poisoning, Monday, Oct. 30, 1893, Emma J. Whitecar, relict of the late Isaac A. Whitecar, aged 65 years and 6 months.

POLLOCK.—In Salt Lake City, October 30, 1893, Frank, son of S. J. and Ella Pollock; aged 4 years and 1 day. Funeral, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from residence of parents, 273 west Second South street. Friends of the family invited to attend.

With profound sadness we record the death of another of God's noble women, Sister Esther Bathsheba Wright Fletcher.

Sister Fletcher was born at Groton, Middlesex county, Mass., Jan. 15, 1823; was married to Francis Fletcher July 3, 1839; was the mother of nine children—seven sons and two daughters; five sons and the two daughters survive her and all have families. She also has forty living grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and a large circle of friends who deeply mourn her loss.

The Gospel having come to Brother and Sister Fletcher's neighborhood, they embraced the opportunity and united themselves with the Church of Jesus Christ in 1841, and gathered with the saints at Winter Quarters, Aug. 25, 1847. In 1851 they emigrated to Salt Lake City, joining the Eighth ward, in which they lived until their death. Shortly after arriving in Salt Lake City Brother and Sister Fletcher were called upon to lay away their young son in death. In 1854 Sister Fletcher was again called to pass through the scene of death in losing her faithful husband, and soon after this deep trouble another son was taken, in death. In July, 1857, she was married to Royal Barney, and her last son and daughter were by this marriage. In the spring of 1860 he died.

In all these sore afflictions and severe trials she trusted in God, saying, "Thy will, not mine, be done; I know whom Thou lovest, Thou dost chasten." In 1856 she became an active worker in the Relief Society of the Eighth Ward, having held the office of teacher, secretary, second counselor and was president at the time of her death. She was also a diligent teacher in the Sabbath school, in which place she is greatly missed. In 1868 she opened a private school and taught till 1878; afterwards she taught the Eighth ward district school for one year to support herself and family. As an instructor of the young she proved a natural teacher and endeared herself to the hearts of the children.

The primary association being organized in 1879, Sister Fletcher was chosen the president and continued in this office until called to the presidency of the relief society, in 1881. In all these callings she proved faithful and true to the principles of the Gospel and the covenants she had made, and died a faithful Latter-day Saint. During her last days, almost up to the time of her death, she labored for her dear relatives and friends in the House of the Lord, and had a strong desire for the faithfulness of her family to go on with the work she had commenced.

Sister Fletcher departed this life Sept. 30th, 1893, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The funeral was held in the Eighth ward assembly hall, at which a large gathering of relatives and friends met to pay their last respects and listen to consoling remarks of Elder J. D. T. McAllister, Bishop Samuel A. Woodley, Counselor Joseph McMurrin, Bishop Elijah F. Taylor, all speaking in high terms of the esteem in which the deceased was held by all who knew her, the record she had made, the sure crown of bright glory that awaits the faithful, the assurance that her work here was well done and that a starry crown will be her reward. The day before she died she sang the first verse of the hymn beginning, "Come let us anew, our journey pursue."—[Com]