

ALEXANDER ROBINSON & MARY ELLEN WAGAMAN
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ALEXANDER ROBISON was born 23 Oct 1800 at Harrisburg, Franklin Co., Pennsylvania. His wife NANCY ELLEN WAGAMAN was born 1801 at Quincy, Franklin Co., Pennsylvania. Her father was ANDREW WAGAMAN and her mother was CATHERINE ROCK, Alexander and Nancy had ELEVEN CHILDREN, NANCY, HANNAH, DAVID, WILLIAM, DANIEL, CATHERINE, ELIZA, LEANNA, FRANNEY, EPHRAIM, MARY ANN. From histories I have received these children were born at THOMASTOWN now known as FAIRVIEW about 50 miles South West of Harrisburg. This makes me wonder of Alexander and Nancy were born there also. Max Rogers says it is a very beautiful hilly country, similar to Utah. It has a lot of hardwood, clumps of trees, and the beautiful Sesquahana River runs near by.

Alexander was converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1854 by Elder Angus M Cannon, a Mormon missionary from Utah. Nancy Ellen was baptized and confirmed by Elder William Tarmen, a missionary from Utah on 15 May 1854. It is believed that they were QUAKERS as the story is told of their daughter Franey joining the church with her friend, after hear a missionary preaching on the street corner. Francs was 16 years old and went to work for an Latter Day Saint lady who made her a pretty ruffly print dress with blue buttons down the front. This was Franny's 1st colored print dress and she loved it so very much as she always wore black and white being Quaker.

On the 7th of may 1860 Alexander and Nancy Ellen and their families left all their worldly possessions and started west for Zion. They traveled ny rail and water 2000 miles. They camped at Council Bluff, Nebraska two weeks while preparations were bring made for the CHARLES RICH HANDCART CO. This was the 9th or next to last hand Cart Co. to cross the plains. These tracks with 10 hand cart companies lasted 4 years and 3,000 people were transported to Utah and Zion in this manner. It was their faith and love for their God and one another that brought then threw.

A Mr. Green, a merchant from Salt Lake City, Utah, who had several wagons of merchandise to take to Salt Lake invited Alexander and Nancy to drive a team of horses and 4 oxen with a load of merchandise. They were not only furnished with transportation but good food as well. So they didn't have to walk s step across the plains. Alexander was 60 years old and Nancy was 59 years old.

When they arrived in Salt Lake City, Mr Green gave them a nice comfortable place to live and some food. All Alexander had to do was care for Mr Green's buggy team. They lived in Salt Lake City that winter. In the Spring of 1861 their youngest son, EPHRAIM tool them to Farmington. Here they rented a one room dobe house, one window and a small fireplace to do the cooking

had one old home made table, they made some chairs and bunk beds. Times were very hard and food very scarce. they ate mostly boiled potatoes with salt. Their neighbors felt sorry for them and gave them their small ones. When they would go to the mountains to get wood they would take their pockets full of small cold boiled potatoes and salt.

It took Alexander and Ephraim from 1861 to 1864 to scrape up enough money to buy a yoke of oxen sand the front running gear of an old wagon. On this they built a small cart. They put all their belongings on the cart and Grandma Nancy sat on the top of it all. Ephraim got on one side of the oxen and Alexander on the other side of the oxen. They walked over the *mountain* all the was of 20 miles to Morgan, Morgan Co., Utah.

ALEXANDER Robison died in Morgan, Utah 23 January 1878 and was buried at North Morgan Cemetery. NANCY Ellen died 14 November 1883 and was buried by her beloved husband Alexander-in the north Morgan cemtery in Morgan, Utah.