

ROBERTS FAMILY IN WALES

The following is copied from the records compiled by my cousin twice removed, David R. Roberts, of Ogden Utah. David R. was the son of Robert D. Roberts, who emigrated to America from Wales with his father David Roberts 1856. In his record he has the following, which should be of interest to the descendents of Daniel Roberts, brother of David, and father of my own father, John Lloyd Roberts.

By Jesse L. Roberts (10 June 1957)

By Robert D. Roberts:

Between the years 1845 and 1846, or thereabouts, there lived in the beautiful valleys, among the hills of North Wales, three brothers of a family of seven children, David Roberts, Daniel Roberts and John Roberts, all of whom at that time were young men, full of life, health and vigor, and each of whom had selected the beautiful girl of his choice and each with his respective choice had entered into the bonds of wedlock for all time.

They were frugal and industrious men, each of whom had received in boyhood days, a meager education, such as the ordinary poor country folk of the time received. They were strong characters, had independent natures with high ideals, were strongly inclined toward religious matters and had deep convictions of an over-ruling providence, who loved His children.

There was considerable agitation throught Wales relative to religion during these times, brought about through the efforts of certain persons calling themselves Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints commonly called "Mormons", who were proselyting and seeking converts to their particular and peculiar faith. Finally, after hearing the doctrines of Mormonism, as taught by these Elders, the three brothers, David, Daniel, and John became converted to that faith and joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, being baptized and confirmed members of the same, and their wives and some of their children were also baptized and confirmed members of the Chruch. This act on their part brought upon them contempt and ridicule of their old neighbors and some of the other members of their family, and families with whom they were connected, for the reason that Mormonism was a very unpopular religion, all manner of evil being spoken against it. The main body of that Church was located in the midst of the Rocky Mountains, the then wilderness of North America. The joining of the Mormon Church by these men and their families created in them the desire to go to where the main body of the Church was located, that they might escape the contempt and ridicule of their friends, meighbors and relatives who were not members of the Church, and in order too that they might enjoy the religion in peace and fellowship with those of the faith that they had espoused.

Consequently they determined to leave their native land and all that was dear to them by ties of nature, and move to America. Daniel and his family were the first to make this journey, which was begun in the year 1850 being followed by David and John and their families in the year 1856.